

September 6, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

How often in everyday life misunderstanding arise! A certain action or even a word is interpreted as a deliberate offense, and the result is anger, coldness, avoidance of communication and company. Yet, the offense may never have been intended and could have been so easily cleared by a confrontation. A newly appointed Spiritual Director of Religious Brothers once went to the infirmary to visit an elderly Brother who had been sick. Entering the room, he approached the bed and called by name. There was no response, though it was repeated twice. The sick

man seemed to be coldly staring at the ceiling, refusing to speak. Troubled, the Spiritual Director withdrew wondering what he had done to deserve the treatment. Only later he earned that the sick Brother had a glass eye which never went closed. He had been fast asleep, and no offense had been intended at all.

Our Lord Jesus knows well that in our daily lives there will occur now and then misunderstandings, offenses against charity, even deliberate sins, but we are to always keep in mind that we are brothers and sisters of the one family of God, and members of the believing community, not strangers or foreigners as actions sometimes seem to indicate. If someone has done something offensive to his community or even to you in particular, if false rumors have been circulated, and a certain aloofness or coldness has set in, the simple advice of the Savior is to have a brotherly or sisterly encounter. Ask for the reason of his behavior is. Find out what causes the rift. This may take courage but the very fact that such an approach is made may settle the matter at once. An imprudent action may have given a false impression, one that was never intended. Words taken out of context can at times have a completely different meaning than the original one. Not to endeavor to settle such trifles can be the beginning of serious breaches of charity. That is why the Lord wants us to use all means at our disposal to bring about a quick reconciliation. The humble person is willing to forgive. We may need the Spirit of divine Love to carry out the advice of Jesus, but this divine Spirit we can always obtain by asking, for the Lord said: "Ask and you shall receive." Meanwhile our prayer for the offender may bring about a richer harvest than our mere words. God can soften the heart where human words do not succeed.

True love is the epitome of all the commandments regarding our fellow human beings. It is not quick to take offense, it does not brood over injuries, there is no limit to its forbearance. Love alone makes us worthy followers of Christ, who gave his life for us while we were sinners and his first word hanging on the cross was one of forgiveness

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 8	N/A	
Lily Militar		Lily Militar	
(birthday) Wed.	September 9	N/A	
Maura Bernardino †	September 9	Bob & Lydia	
Thur.	September 10	N/A	
Special Intentions		_	
Fri.	September 12	N/A	
Special Intentions			
Sat.	September 13	4:30PM	
Ann Brown		Trudi Jensen	
Sun.	September 14	9:00AM	
People of the Parish			
Port Costa		11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
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Sunday Collection - August 30			

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1163
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$185

St. Patrick Mission

Mass will be held in the parking/street area just in front of the church. Please bring your own seat if possible because very few chairs will be available. Space is very limited. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time, Father will invite participants up to receive communion **keeping 6ft apart at all times!** After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

St. Rose of Líma

Please bring your own seat and stay on the marked spots in front of the church. We will only be able to accommodate 25% of the space in the courtyard. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion **keeping 6ft apart on the markings!** After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

<u>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> <u>Precautions</u>

With the constant change that is occurring around us, the Diocese is still adhering to the following protocols:

- All social gatherings that can be rescheduled, postponed or cancelled, should be.
- All public Masses are suspended, or must be conducted outdoors with no more than 100 participants.

With this information, and the Contra Costa County announcement that in church services are currently not allowed. It has been verified that our outdoor Masses may continue, BUT ONLY AS LONG AS EVERYONE PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTION! SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED! Please follow these directions or we will discontinue Mass.



August Financial Outlook (St. Rose)

\$2556.36

\$8197.00

ExpensesPriest Salary

Secretary Wages	\$1531.07
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$474.80
PG&E Classrooms	\$180.01
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$601.09
Comcast	\$212.83
Garbage	\$256.72
Health Insurance	\$1065.48
Taxes (IRS)	\$1066.70
EDD	\$107.27
Liability Payment	\$2572.13
Printer Service Contract	<u>\$21.98</u>
	\$10728.61
Income	
Sunday's Plate	\$4737.00
Holy Days	\$275.00
Donations	\$1010.25
Maintenance	\$200.00
CCD Envelope	\$125.00
Facility Use (Parking lot lease)	\$600.00
Reimbursment (admin from St. Patrick)	\$1250.00