



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is usually said by commentators that the union of the faithful in Christ is a spiritual one, created and sustained by the Holy Spirit. That is certainly true; but that is not the whole story. What we have in common is not merely faith in a body of truth, though we do have that. Nor is it even a common spiritual experience, of the kind that we employ in the great festivals, like Easter. Let us be more precise and say that we enjoy God together, our communion consists in our mutual enjoyment of the third person of the Blessed Trinity. The Spirit dwells in each of us and among us as a community. St. Paul says that this community is so intimate that we are actually one body in Christ. What makes us one is more than a doctrine, more than a creed, more than a force or an ideal or a philosophy of life; it is God' in all of God's fullness, power, and love. God shall be with you and shall be in you, said our Lord, promising to send the Counselor.

Last Sunday, we observed the anniversary of the Spirit's coming. The Spirit came, as Jesus has said. The Spirit has since then not withdrawn from the church, but is still personally and powerfully present, not as a vague abstraction, existing in some no man's land of infinite space, but definitely localized in our own souls and bodies, and in that other body which is the church. Individually and collectively, we enjoy a person – to-person association with this Spirit who proceeds from the father and the Son.

If what Christians have in common is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, they certainly enjoy the association of the Lord Jesus Christ. For the whole work of the Spirit, in these New Testament times, is to bring to bear on human beings the full force of the work of the Savior. The Spirit is sent to bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever Christ has said to us. Note the time sequence: the Spirit was not poured out on the church until our Lord had ascended into heaven, for it was to be the Spirit's function to testify of the completed work of Christ, which obviously could not be done before that work is finished. So, the Spirit brings about our fellowship with Christ by establishing the mystic union, as is adumbrated in that beautiful verse from Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if there are any who hear my



voice and open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me" - a verse which, incidentally, has marvelous overtones for our experience in holy communion.

And so, we become members of the Christian family; by this means we come back to the Father of us all. Such fusion of human beings into community, the coming together of people in a holy communion, is God's own solution to the problem of world peace. That is why also every one of us who continues in the communion is thereby making a contribution to the peace of the world, and everyone who brings a stranger into the communion makes an even greater contribution.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. June 6 11:00AM, Wed. May 31 11:00AM, Thur. June 1 11:00AM, Fri. June 2 11:00AM, Sat. June 3 4:30PM, Sun. June 4 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

Sunday Collection - May 28th

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include St. Rose, Crockett \$1424, Bishops Appeal \$235, St. Patrick Mission \$108, Bishops Appeal \$25.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Bankruptcy

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland announced May 8, 2023, that it has filed for Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code to manage legal expenses and facilitate settlements with abuse survivors. While all the parishes in the Diocese are included in the filing, the celebration of sacraments and other aspects of regular parish life will be unaffected by the action taken. For information, visit www.oakdiocese.org. RCBO has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at 888-733-1425 (U.S./Canada) or 310-751-2631 (international). For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit: http://www.kccllc.net/RCBO.

Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is June 18th. Father's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your father or father figure, living or deceased, in the Father's Day Novena, June 9th thru June 18th. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office by Thursday, June 8th.



Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is our monthly in parish collection. This month is for CCD at St. Rose and the anniversary celebration at St. Patrick Mission.

Eucharistic Renewal

We invite those in the diocese of Oakland to visit the churches in their region to spend an hour with Jesus and with each other. This hour will open with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration before and after a short talk by an invited clergy, and concludes with Solemn Benediction. The entire time, confessions will be available. Our area will be on June 8th, St. David of Wales, Richmond at 5:30pm with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and Father Erick Villa.



St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission on August 20th! With that being said, we need your help. The parish is starting to put together a committee to help plan the festivities, so if you would like to be involved, or know someone that would be, please sign up in the vestibule. Also, we are looking for any pictures, memorabilia, etc. to help give a whole picture of our beloved little church, so please spread the word. All items would stay with their owners, we would just like to scan copies of images and even jot down old stories of activities, priests and anything from the past.



The next meeting is Monday, June 12th at 7:00PM!