

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In the gospel story this weekend, some of the scribes and Pharisees hoped to make Jesus look bad in the eyes of the people. They presented him with the case of a woman they said they had caught in the act of adultery. Just how they managed this apprehension induces the imagination to consider their perversity, and perhaps Jesus himself did not fail to attend to that aspect of the situation. It is possible that it was one of the thoughts in his mind when he said to them, "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

Of course, their perversity was obvious in the question they proposed to Jesus. It was meant to be a dilemma so that whatever Jesus answered, they hoped to use his statement against him. If Jesus were to indicate that the woman should be released, he would be made to appear in defiance of the law of Moses. If Jesus were to consent to the stoning, he would be made to look like a dissembler who preached forgiveness but did not practice it.

"Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her." The challenge was such a shock that even the scribes and the Pharisees not have sufficient hypocrisy to pretend did innocence. The words of Jesus must not be interpreted as indifference to sin. His point was simply that they had no right to judge and condemn a fellow human being, both because of their own sinfulness and because they could not possibly see into the heart of the woman. And his refusal to condemn the woman himself does not mean that he condoned her sin. He did know what was in her heart and he saw here the spark of repentance. He put into words for the woman what her repentance should be: "From now on, avoid this sin." Jesus was understanding and forgiving, while the scribes and the Pharisees were self-righteous in their condemnation of the woman.

One thing we should learn from this gospel is that we must not judge others. In the news media we hear many horrible things about the evils people are guilty of. Though we realize that while condemning the sin, we are not the ones to condemn the sinners, we usually find it pretty hard not to sit in harsh judgment on others. Maybe that is one reason we have some fear about the judgment we will receive from God. Perhaps subconsciously we project upon God our own manner of judging. In one sense we ourselves are a foil to God.

More importantly, what we should learn from this gospel is to be overjoyed that it is God who will judge us and not one of our fellow human beings. Jesus reveals to us that God is infinitely more understanding and forgiving than human beings could ever possibly be. He sees the temptations to which we are subject. He understands the weakness of our human condition. And he knows the secret workings of the human heart. *Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion* 

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 5	11:00AM
Solomon Lacsina Jr.		Val & Dolly
Wed.	April 6	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Thur.	April 7	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Sevidal Family
Fri.	April 8	11:00AM
Neil Desmond †		Bill & Diane
		Thomas
<u>Sat.</u>	April 9	4:30PM
Johanna Ochinero†		ICF #14
Sun.	April 10	9:00AM
Carlo Lacsina		Lacsina Family
(birthday)		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

## Sunday Collection - March 27th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1910
Bishop's Overseas Appeal	\$ 328
St. Patrick Mission	\$340
Bishop's Overseas Appeal	\$52

### Thank you again to all who support our Parish



Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way Mary Pagni. Her service will be held Saturday, April 9th<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM.

### <u>Upcoming Projects</u>



Some of you may remember a couple years ago before Covid, though it feels like eons, we had the air conditioning unit for the church serviced and found that one of the air compressors was no longer working. The repair was

put on hold due to cost, which was then compounded by Covid. As we resurface and begin to move forward, our Maintenance Committee has put this project at the top of a long list of things to do. KelAire came out to take a fresh look at the unit and give us new quotes for repair and replacement. The Pastoral Council reviewed

these quotes and felt that replacement, for \$5,980 was the best choice, especially since the unit is from the late 90's. With this in mind, we are asking parishioners if they would



consider donating specifically to this project so that we can hopefully reach the goal of \$6,000! We hope to have the system up and running in a couple months.

#### March Financial Overview **St. Patrick Mission Expense:** PG&E \$94.99 DayNite Pest Control \$158.00 \$908.00 Liability **Property Tax** \$1343.09 Diocesan Assessment \$302.75 Total: \$2,806.83 **Income:** Sundays Plate \$1549.00 Ash Wednesday \$10.00 Maintenance \$20.00 **CCD** Envelope \$30.00 Donations \$50.00 \$248.00 Bishop's Appeal Rebate (2021) \$1907.00 Total

## March Financial Overview

## St. Rose

Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2456.36
Secretary Wages	\$1627.24
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$280.20
PG&E Classrooms	\$52.69
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1401.97
Comcast	\$255.56
Garbage	\$279.96
EBMUD- CCD Building	\$57.96
EBMUD -Church/rectory	\$230.00
Health Insurance	\$1105.48
EDD	\$117.27
IRS	\$1231.79
Diocesan Assessment	\$3215.25
Liability	\$1986.20
1 <sup>st</sup> Com/Confir Supplies	\$110.02
Pascal Candle	\$237.31
Envelope Service	\$153.63
Property Tax	\$2154.63
<u>Total</u>	<b>\$9,446.11</b>
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$9487.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1282.00
Maintenance	\$227.00
CCD Envelope	\$150.00
Donations	\$115.00
Facility Use – Parking Lot	\$300.00
Missal Donation	\$10.00
Sacramental Services	\$300.00
RCIA Tuition	\$60.00
Initial Offering	\$30.00
Bishop's Appeal Rebate (2021)	\$931.00
Amazon Smile	\$14.11
Total	\$12,906.11
Thank Vou	

## <u>Thank You</u>

A special thank you to Jesse for spending Saturday evening installing new microphones in the choir area and on the altar! It will be great to better hear the sweat sounds from our choirs!



# Second Collection for Easter Flowers

Church environment is vital for a conducive worship. There will be a second collection next weekend for Easter decorations and flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.