

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

During World War II, some pilots stationed in England had trained their dogs to pick up the sound of Nazi bombers crossing the English Channel, and to utter short, sharp barks when it did so. It was uncanny how quickly the extremely sharp ears of the dogs could pick up the sound of enemy bombers when they were still far away. At once it sounded the alert. The Allied pilots rushed to their planes, and were often able to meet the enemy half way, and thus ward off much destruction of the mainland.

Be on the alert! That is what the Lord is telling us in this weekend's gospel message. On the alert for his coming. For come again he will without any doubt, be it in the consummation of time, or for every one of us at the moment of death. But even the People of God who have heard this warning again and again so often let themselves be wrapped up in business pursuits, engrossed in educational progress, or enmeshed in pleasurable amusements, that their whole effort goes into the things of this life, good though those things may often be. Yet the Savior in his proclamation of the Good News continually tries to raise humankind's minds and hearts to the realization that life is but a preparation and a pilgrimage for the real life to come. Christ himself will come again to take his Bride, the Church, to the eternal wedding feast, but he will come suddenly and when least expected. That is why he sounds the alert.

When St. Aloysius as a youth was engaged in a game of billiards, someone asked him what he would do if death summoned him at that moment. He replied that he would continue to do what he was doing, for it was being done for the love of God. Aloysius was always prepared for the Coming of the Savior, because he always endeavored to live in utter simplicity in union with Christ.

For the Christian, death is not the end. It is but the passage-way to true and lasting life. The Christian's real hope is not merely in a ripe old age, spent in happy retirement, but above all in the resurrection which Christ has put before our eyes in his own glorious resurrection. The risen life is a total transformation of the whole man, fitted out with the splendor and glory of Christ. Very well can we apply the words of St. Paul: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what God has prepared for those who love him." (I Corinthians 2:9).

Then it will be seen and experienced how worthwhile was the preparation on earth of always being on the alert.

No one knows but God alone what the night will bring. How often people are whisked into eternity by a sudden fire, earthquake, landslide, epidemic or similar catastrophe. How often we read of road accidents or plane crashes! What a boon if humankind has always been on the alert. An act of sincere contrition or love of God each night on retiring, and each time one enters upon a journey, can insure a happy eternity for the pilgrim on this planet earth.

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.	November 10	N/A
Special Intentions		_
Wed.	November 11	N/A
Special Intentions		
Thur.	November 12	N/A
Special Intentions		
Fri.	November 13	N/A
Special Intentions		
Sat.	November 14	4:30PM
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Sun.	November 15	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM
Mahoney Family		Alice Marshall
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Sunday Collection - November 1

St. Rose, Crockett \$935

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$205



Indoor Mass!!!

Late last week we were given the okay by the Diocese to head back inside for Mass at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission! Those who were able to attend Mass last weekend were in for a surprise when Fr. Leo welcomed them back into our traditional worship space. As long as our county allows, we will remain inside, especially since the weather has begun the change. For those who were not at Mass last weekend, the protocol we submitted to the Diocese is available on our website (https://stroseoflimacrockettca.org); take a look. Of course, we are still enforcing social distancing, face coverings and a limit of 50% each building's normal capacity.

We also understand that some may not be quite comfortable with being inside again, and that is okay. Please know that until you feel safe, you are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass, and if you would like to talk to Fr. Leo give us a call at 510-787-2052.



New Way to Donate

St. Rose is trying to move up with the times, and has finally been able to create an account with Amazon Smile!

When you shop smile.amazon.com, which is the same company as Amazon with your same account, just select St. Rose Of Lima Church, Catholic Diocese of Oakland (because there are a lot of St. Roses) as the organization you are supporting. A small portion of the purchase you were going to make anyway is donated to St. Rose. It is that simple, and no extra charge to you!

Spread the word!



Thank You!!!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out with the Thanksgiving Drive Thru Dinner! A huge thanks to Ricky Gomez who made this possible with all the safety measures that need to be applied in this time; without Ricky and his crew we would never have been able to take on such a feet. Another thank you to Robert Triglia for the generous pie donation. Bob can always be counted on to help out his community, whether personally or through his real estate services. And of course, everyone who took the time to pick up a delicious plate of food!

Next week we will share our net profits!

Office closed Wednesday, November 11th to recognize Veterans Day.

