

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Stalin who led communist Russia for many years was an altar boy in his youth and later a seminarian. The story is told that at one time he received a well-deserved rebuke from his superior, but was unwilling to take the correction. He left the seminary. Would he have turned out the way he did, had he taken the correction humbly, and learned by it?

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" is an old adage born of experience and proven again and again by fact. Today parents are often reluctant to correct their children when they stand in need of correction, either because they are victims of today's permissiveness, or because they fear to lose the love and affection of their offspring. Teachers condone what ought not be condoned but needs to be corrected, because they think they will lose the good will of their students. The Lord acted differently and he is the Master Guide.

It was the will of the heavenly Father to redeem humankind by the suffering and death of his Son. In no better way could he manifest his great love. Jesus Crucified is the way he chose to prove to the world that he is a God of immense love, sacrificing his own Son, giving him up to such torments out of love for humankind. But the Apostles found a suffering Messiah repugnant, and a stumbling block to their preconceived notions of a glorious Messiah-Conqueror. St. Peter even took it upon himself to object what Jesus had just foretold about his passion and death. He remonstrated with Jesus saying that such things would never happen to him! But the Lord sharply rebuked St. Peter. He called him by an undesirable name, namely Satan, the arch enemy of Jesus. And this just right after St. Peter acknowledged him as Messiah-King in the name of all the others. Jesus not only called St. Peter Satan, which meant that he is entirely averse to the Father's saving plan, sharing the very ideas of Satan himself, but he orders him out of his sight, plainly telling him that his thoughts were farthest from the thoughts of God. Jesus found it necessary to correct St. Peter's attitudes and views and correct them bluntly, sharply and publicly in front of all the others, knowing that such wrong ideas had to be corrected promptly if St. Peter was to be the leader and guide of others.

In the Book of Proverbs, we read: "He who loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid." (Proverbs 12:1). And again: "A wise son loves correction, but the senseless one heeds no

rebuke." (Proverbs 13:1). Our age of permissiveness does well to heed these admonitions of the word of God and learn again from the example of the Master. The purpose of letting the young find their way was to make them reliable persons who could stand on their own feet and make their own decisions.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 14	11:00AM
Ma'am Aquilina Cr	uz †	Bob & Lydia
Wed.	September 15	11:00AM
Mary Lou Austria †		Olivia
Thur.	September 16	11:00AM
Aurora Fran †		Perlas Family
Fri.	September 17	11:00AM
Angelina Francisco	`	Bob & Lydia
(Peaceful birthday Sat.	September 18	4:30PM
Alice Littleton †		Family
Sun.	September 19	9:00AM
Eliseo Villanueva		Lily Militar
(birthday) Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish	1	
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Sunday Collection - September 5

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2207
St. Patrick Mission. Port Costa	\$140

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Current Mass Protocol

Our Churches no longer have government-restrictions on capacity, but many of the practices we have come to see as normal are changing again due to the increase in COVID cases. With this in mind we must remember that we still need to do our part to keep everyone safe.

- All persons need to wear masks indoors; currently no one is required to wear masks outdoors.
- Social distancing is not required, though we do ask to keep others in mind as we work our way back to "normal."
- Although the Diocese has okayed the use of worship aids, such as the missalettes, it is still recommended to stick to single use items. As there is no good way to clean the missalettes and prayer cards without wearing them down St. Rose/St. Patrick will not be setting these back out just yet.
- The Sign of Peace will still be without physical contact.

Contra Costa County and the Oakland Diocese now require masking indoors for everyone as a precaution against increased circulation of COVID-19.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program will begin the first Sunday in October; REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH!

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every Sunday after 9:00AM Mass.

CONFIRMATION: Registration is now open. Classes will be every Sunday after 9:00AM, taught by Ms. Jensen.

R.C.I.A. for adults wanting to become Catholics, or complete their sacraments. Please contact Father Leo.

For more information, please contact the office, 510-787-2052.

<u>Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual</u> Help

With the uncertainty of the pandemic, we are adding the Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help to our monthly devotional services. It will be every third Wednesday of the month following the 11:00 A.M. Mass. We invite you to join us and ask our Blessed Virgin, Mother of Perpetual Help to intercede for us especially for healing in the world.



Garden Project!!!

The planters and areas that Father Leo has developed over the last few months will soon be flowering (despite the havoc of the racoons and squirrels)! His hope is that he will be able to create a sustainable source of flowers for our altar so that we do not need to purchase as many as we decorate throughout the seasons.

We would like to involve our parishioners in this process, so any words of advice, including what cut flowers may do well, are greatly appreciated. Any donations of excess bulbs, plants, dirt, etc. would also be very kind. This is a great project that could bring us together and help us become a little more self-sufficient!