

Twenty Eigth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

How often those who are exceedingly rich find life extremely boring, despite the fact that they have everything that money can buy. Youth from well-to do families are found involved in drug addiction and exotic experiences just to relive the monotony of their lives. Some years ago, a famous inventor in one of the Eastern United States was found dead in his bed. He had built up a great business empire and had become a multi-millionaire. They found the revolver next to him and a note that read: "My work is done. Why wait"? Of what use to him was all his wealth, the great name, the world- wide prestige?

Is not the attitude of the Lord toward riches unexpectedly harsh? In themselves, riches are not evil. Whatever is in the universe is good, coming as it does from the creative hand of God. Temporal goods were often allotted to humankind to assist him in his tiresome journey toward the spiritual and the eternal. This weekend's gospel states that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man



to enter the kingdom of God. Some have thought that the eye of the needle was a low gate leading to Jerusalem, and a camel would be able to pass though it only with great difficulty. But

there is no such gate with that name. Jesus words are to be taken literally. One who has his or her heart set only on the goods of this world is aiming in the wrong direction, and it does not lead to the kingdom of heaven. Moreover, all the money in the world will not be able to purchase entrance into that kingdom. Salvation is God's gift to humankind, and no one relying on his or her riches will attain it.

In the eyes of Jesus, there is only one Good, that is God. That is why his exhortation is to all his followers: "Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also" (Matthew 6:19- 21). The rich man in the parable of the beggar Lazarus lay helpless at his gate, not even

receiving the left overs from the rich man's sumptuous banquets. But in the next life the tables were turned. The rich man turns beggar and asks for a mere drop of water, which is denied him. (Luke 16:24f.) Therefore, the Lord exhorts his disciples to make use of the goods of this world to come to the aid of others, and to help those in need, for these in turn will befriend them at the judgment seat of God.

Jesus invited the rich man in the gospel to total renunciation in order to obtain the Supreme Good which is God himself. But the man preferred his worldly goods. What will our response be if Christ invites us in the same manner? Or what is our response if his Spirit deep within our hearts inspires us to use the goods of his world to help the poor and the needy and to champion the cause of those who are oppressed? We leave behind our material goods when we die, but the good use we make of them will last forever. In the Kingdom, many who were last shall be first and the foremost here below will be among the last. God is never outdone in generosity.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 12	11:00AM
Dolores Koehne †		Your brother
		Mike
Wed.	October 13	11:00AM
Natalie Scheflo		Olivia Austria
& Baby		Edwardes
Thur.	October 14	11:00AM
Manuel Morales †		Your
Children	(Happy Birthday)	
Fri.	October 15	11:00AM
Joe Quiapo †		Quiapo Family
Sat.	October 16	4:30PM
Robert & Lydia		Banaga Family
Sun.	October 17	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM
Frances Hallekamp †		Family
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Sunday Collection - October 3

St. Rose, Crockett \$3160

\$240

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Current Mass Protocol

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

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.



OFFICE CLOSED, MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY!



Ideas Please

The Finance Council would like to ask our parishioners what fundraisers they would be interested in helping with or participating in. With COVID, St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission have not been able to have any fundraisers this year. As we get into the end of the year, and a new season, the finance council is looking for a Fall/Winter fundraiser, but they would like your help coming up with a fresh idea! Please let them know what comes to mind- you can call the office (510-787-2052), send an email (strosecrockett@comcast.net), drop a note in the collection basket, or even send us a message on Facebook!



All Souls Mass

We are happy to announce that we will be able to hold our traditional All Souls Mass. This will be held Saturday, November 6th. More details to come!

