

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Our Lord uses very severe words in this weekend's gospel toward those who mislead others so that they lose the faith and turn away from good morals. He depicts a violent tragic death as punishment deserved by such offenses: hanging a large rock or millstone around the neck of the offender and throwing him into the sea. Death is here the temporal punishment in question, carried out for the good of others. There is no mention here of eternal damnation. Jesus is in dead earnest, because simple people often have a deep faith, but it is not an educated faith, so they are quite easily led astray. The Good Shepherd goes out of his way to save even one of these little ones, like a lost sheep. He is understandingly angry at those who even cause the sheep to go astray.

How well the words of Jesus could be referred today to those educators and leaders of groups who deride the faith of the simple believers, or claim that the moral teachings of the Church are outdated and no longer applicable. These are the worldly wise who prefer to follow the norms of a neo-pagan world, and have no qualms of conscience in watering down serious sin, or in favoring premarital relations, divorce, contraception and abortion. People are confused because many so-called "teachers" are not upholding the faith, but belittle it, watering it down. They are a stumbling block to the youth in their lax interpretation of the moral law under the guise of progress and advanced thinking. How well the severe judgment of the Lord applies to them! Their bad example, manifested in their words and actions, lead astray many for whom the Lord suffered and died.

From time to time we ought to examine our hierarchy of values. What do we consider of greatest worth in life? Are we willing to let companionship jeopardize our eternity, evil literature separates us from our highest Good, shoddy business associates keep us from lasting association with Christ who alone can make us fully successful and happy? There is always a time for house cleaning. So, there ought to be a time also for spiritual house cleaning: cleaning up our values, our associations; getting rid of objectionable literature; books, pictures, taking a firm stand on ourselves to see if the path on which we tread leads to heaven or deviates to eternal frustration. In the matter of eternal life one cannot be two-faced. God is all knowing.

The severe punishment threatened by the Lord ought to stand as a constant warning and a strong incentive to give good example in all things so that by the light of our works, people are led to God.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 28	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
		44.00	
Wed.	September 29	11:00AM	
Sienna Jackson		Olivia Austria	
Thur.	September 30	11:00AM	
Sean Murphy †	Morales/Gomez		
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		Families	
Fri.	October 1	11:00AM	
Thanksgiving		Mae & Ed	
Cot	October 2	4:30PM	
Sat.	October 2		
Thanksgiving		Mae & Ed	
Sun.	October 3	9:00AM	
Miville Cristobal	October 6		
		Lily Militar	
(birthday)			
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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Sunday Collection - September 19

St. Rose, Crockett Priest Retirement Fund	\$1691 \$341
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$231
Priest Retirement Fund	\$120

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!

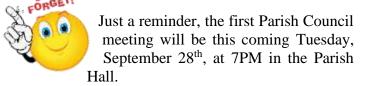
CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every Sunday after 9:00AM Mass.

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.

Parish Council



Garden Project!!!

For those who were able to participate in Mass last weekend, if you noticed the beautiful lilies on the altar, those are Father Leo's first fruits from our garden! His hope is that he will be able to continue this sustainable source of flowers so that we can purchase fewer 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!

<u>Ideas Please</u>

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!

