January 15, 2023

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When Jesus Christ was destroyed by crucifixion, his disciples were destroyed also. Both the human and the divine vanished for them. In the Gospel descriptions, they are empty, empty of him. They have the love, but it is a love with no one there. When he is restored to them, they know him from what he looks like and from what he feels for them and for the world. From then on he is always there to love, in everyone they see, in everything they touch. They become him, the way the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant became God visible., the way Israel became God's light to the world. The ancient Christians do no evil in return for evil, but good instead, wherever they go.

Those who see them are like the Baptist at the Jordan when Jesus comes to be baptized. John senses the coming of God, so the Gospel says. John also senses that he himself is precious to the one who comes, that Jesus brings out in him everything that he, John, has ever wished, and John has wished that the world be holy with the holiness of God.

When Christianity was at its best, when it is at its best now, it has the face and heart of Jesus Christ. It brings out the best in everyone and everything. When it is at its worst, it is faceless and heartless, like idols, or forces of nature, or warriors. The world watches the faces of things, to see if things have a heart. And we do too, but for a different reason. Once we have seen Jesus, we have seen what everything else can become. His whole being is so inviting! He tells us we can invite in his name: not to a submission, but to family with God, and family with this world.

We are like the man who was walking by a department store one day. Belief or unbelief made little difference to him. The peaceful life did. A bomb blew up in a litter barrel and hurled him forward into a woman walking in front of him and took both some yards down the street where they fell to the sidewalk. He had shielded her from the blast, and she had cushioned his fall. It had just happened that way. He rolled off her and while still on the concrete felt himself for damage. None that he could tell, some blood on his fingers, but not from a gusher. She was not harmed either as he looked. But she was pregnant, very pregnant, and she knew the blast and fright had begun the process of birth. The man saw her contractions and he looked around for help., but the pandemonium was so great he could not catch anyone's attention. It took twenty minutes before a medic arrived, and he and the medic had to deliver that baby in the middle of a scene from the end of the world. The man was on his knees helping the medic, holding the woman's hands; so he saw the birth and the woman giving it so vividly that the scene of carnage around him seemed to disappear until both woman and child were gone in an ambulance and he realized he was slightly wounded himself and asked the medic to help him. He saw the face of God that day, in the woman, the baby, the medic, in his own hands. And he saw the face of evil in the carnage. But it was the beauty of birth that stayed with him, not the horror of death. And he saw Scripture as he had never seen before.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	January 17	11:00AM
Jose Quiapo Jr.		Ed & Mae
Wed.	January 18	11:00AM
Vicente Pena		Pena kids
Thur.	January 19	11:00AM
Erlinda Cruz		Gina
(healing) Fri.	January 20	11:00AM
Flora Orsi †	De	onna & Pauline†
<u>Sat.</u>	January 21	4:30PM
Special intentions		Alma
Sun.	January 22	9:00AM
Asuncion O. Balagot ·	ł	Arturo Balagot
Port Costa		11:00AM

People of the Parish

Sunday Collection - January 8th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$5030
Seminary Collection	\$614
St. Patrick Mission	\$255
Seminary Collection	\$28

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

2023 Fish Fry-March 31st

Only one person has signed up to help so far!!!

You will find a tentative sign-up sheet in the vestibule asking about volunteers for all the different areas of the fish fry. We ask everyone to take a minute and see if there is any area that you could donate a little time to. With all the changes in our environment and prices we are still on the edge about whether or not this event can take place; the biggest issue is the number of helping

hands. If we find that we cannot get enough volunteers to sign up on these sheets we will have to cancel this tradition. The Fish Fry is still our biggest source of



fundraising income, and it would be a shame if we cannot come together to continue it. So, please take a moment to check out the list and sign up if you can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come by the office (M-Th, 8:30-2), send an email (strosecrockett@comcast.net) or call (510-787-2052).

<u>November Financial Overview</u>			
St. Patrick Mission			
Expense:			
PG&E	\$83.70		
Liability	\$908.00		
Diocesan Assessment	\$302.75		
CCWD	\$265.43		
Bi-Annual St. Rose Reimbursement	\$1500.00		
Total:	<u>\$3143.58</u>		
Income:			
Sundays Plate	\$1145.00		
Christmas	\$65.00		
Holy Days	\$140.00		
Maintenance	\$103.00		
CCD Envelope	\$25.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$116.00		
Total	\$1594.00		

December Financial Overview

St. Rose

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Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2456.36
Secretary Wages	\$1752.59
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$538.02
PG&E Classrooms	\$53.44
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1416.37
Comcast	\$255.97
Garbage	\$290.21
Health Insurance	\$1107.48
EDD	\$114.44
IRS	\$1206.86
Liability	\$1986.20
Employee Pension	\$548.38
Diocesan Assessment	\$3215.25
Cleaning Church	\$340.00
Cleaning Rectory	\$260.00
Stamps	\$94.00
Bookkeeping	\$150.00
Annual Choir help	\$500.00
Hall Fan installation & supplies	\$3214.80
Office supplies	\$182.94
Hosts	\$61.22
Total	<u>\$19,744.53</u>
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$7595.00
Holy Days	\$356.00
Christmas	\$4085.00
Maintenance	\$455.00
CCD Envelope	\$545.00
Facility Use (Hall/Parking lot)	\$1600.00
Missals	\$220.00
Donation (ICF & \$ for Tables)	\$1250.00
Christmas Concert	\$2265.00
Sacramental Services	\$850.00
Christmas Flowers/Decorations	\$479.00
Microgrant for hall fans	\$1000.00
Total	\$20,700.00

Office closed Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr!

