



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Many today pray or sing the excellent prayer of St. Francis Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..." One Christmas, this prayer was printed in the secular newspapers of a certain country and brought a great response. One person wrote thus: "Last Christmas you printed a prayer by St. Francis Assisi. At that time, life looked glum for me. That prayer hit me between the eyes. I cut it out of the magazine and thumb nailed it to the wall of our living room. I read it over and over and finally put it to a test. I lived by those words for one brief week and found already the most tremendous joy and peace. I am still living gloriously by them.

It is the great Heart of the Savior that is making this grand appeal: an appeal to all who are weary from labor and are over-burdened: "Come to me, and I will refresh you". He meant first of all his contemporaries who were preoccupied and weighed down with the Law and all its prescriptions, which was an impossible burden even to the best of them. But he meant also all who are weary in the constant struggles of life, parents with their children, youth with the battles and disappointments of life, husbands and wives in their daily striving to make ends meet, professionals in the competition with their peers, the working person with his or her constant worry how to maintain his or her family, the oppressed, the discouraged. To one and all the loving Heart of Jesus offers His invitation: Come to me and I will give you rest.

Jesus will give rest, for He is the source of all strength and refreshment. He imparts the refreshing Living Water which is the Spirit, to enable the faltering steps of humankind to plod courageously on toward higher goal. He is the source of that inner peace which the world cannot give, for he can impart that peace that becalms the troubled soul, and serenity which gives renewed vigor to humankind on his journey towards the Father's house. He asks us to shoulder his yoke. It is his yoke, and it is not a heavy one, for he has made it light by the indwelling Spirit that he has given us. His yoke does not consist of a thousand and one prescriptions like the Law of old, but of one Law, that of love, love of God and love of our fellowmen and women for the sake of God. With the strength imparted by the Spirit of Christ, we will be able to shoulder the yoke of Jesus, which becomes easier and lighter the more it is carried out gladly and willingly.

The prayer of St. Francis is worth knowing by heart: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, and Intention. Rows include Tues. July 7, Wed. July 8, Thur. July 9, Fri. July 10, Sat. July 11, Sun. July 12, and Port Costa People of the Parish.

Sunday Collection - June 28

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1015); St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa (\$85).



St. Patrick Mission

Father Leo will be including St. Patrick in our outdoor Masses! Starting Sunday, July 5, St. Patrick will have an outdoor Mass at 11:00AM. Mass will be held in the parking/street area just in front of the church. Please bring your own seat if possible because very few chairs will be available. Space is very limited. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion starting with the back row and keeping 6 ft apart at all times! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.



St. Rose of Lima

Please bring your own seat and stay on the marked spots in front of the church. We will only be able to accommodate 25% of the space in the courtyard. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion starting with the back row and keeping 6 ft apart on the markings! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

With the constant change that is occurring around us, the Diocese is still adhering to the following protocols:

- All social gatherings that can be rescheduled, postponed or cancelled, should be.
• All public Masses are suspended, or must be conducted outdoors with no more than 100 participants.

With this information, and the Contra Costa County announcement that in church services may resume on July 1st, we are so close to welcoming back our parishioners for Mass! The Diocese has asked each of its parishes to put together a reopening plan (inside Church service) and submit that with a permission form for the Bishop to approve. We have already accounted for most of the guidelines, but would like to hear from our parishioners as well. So, we would like to hear from our St. Rose and St. Patrick congregations, what steps would you like to see taken before we resume masses? What would make you feel a little more at ease to attend? Please let us know! Call the office (510-787-2052), send an email (strosecrockett@comcast.net) or even just mention it to Father Leo or Christina. Masses at St. Rose will probably be outdoors (bring your own seat) as long as the weather permits, and we are still devising the plan for St. Patrick.