Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 20, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This weekend's Gospel not only lends itself to the Church at large in times of storm and distress, but to everyone who is endeavoring to journey onward toward the goal. Jesus knew that the storm was about to come, and yet he sent his disciples into it. He does the same with us. In order to test our faith and confidence, he allows storms to overtake us. Sometimes it is in the form of clouds of doubt and hesitation as to our situation in life or our calling. Sometimes it is the storm of passion. Again, it can be a wave of discouragement or thoughtless mistake which brings on unexpected consequences of great proportions.

What the Lord expects of us is staunch faith in his divine power and confidence in his immediate presence. "I am with you" should ring in our ears in every trial and tribulation, "I, the Lord, who loved you unto death, I who have conquered Satan and every evil power, I who am Master of the sea and Lord of the universe. If I allow the storm to toss the boat of your heart, it is because I want you to turn to me more earnestly in prayer and not rely on yourself alone." It will be necessary to remain calm and unperturbed, unshaken and unmoved. Then Jesus will not chide us for our lack of faith and lack of confidence in him as he did his own chosen disciples in the lake of Genesareth.

When Jesus chooses to rise and calm the storm, it will be over. He wants our faith to blossom forth to maturity so that our lives will not be founded on sentiment and emotion, but on the solid rock of faith in the indwelling Christ. The life of deep faith is the secret of the serenity of the saints. St. Therese of the Child Jesus illustrated this very well in her autobiography, when she said: "So few let the Lord Jesus sleep in their little boat, but immediately become worried and anxious when they do not experience God's favor".

Yet, storms and trials are the sure signs of God's special love, else he would not let them come to his own Son and to all who strive to become more like him.

We are living in an imperfect world, and must be ready for any eventuality. Fear paralyzes and will prevent us from doing much good. Confidence and faith strengthen the spirit against losing heart, and brings us inner peace and tranquility. On the stormy sea, St. Bernard of Clairvaux would cry out: "Look up to the Star, call upon Mary". That Star of the Sea will be our joy and our trust.

Try as we may, we cannot avoid the storms of life that God intends to send us for our own good. But faith in the indwelling Christ and prayerful confidence in Mary will bring us safely through every storm. "Walk on, walk on, with faith in your heart."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 22**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Wed.	**June 23**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Thur.	**June 24**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Fri.	**June 25**	**11:00AM**
Gerardo & Maura Bernardino †		Bob & Lydia
Sat.	**June 26**	**4:30PM**
People of the Parish		
Sun.	**June 27**	**9:00AM**
Marvin Edwardes (birthday)		Olivia
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection - June 13

St. Rose, Crockett	$1947
Bishop's Appeal	$249
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	$276
Bishop's Appeal	$30

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Mass Changes!!! PLEASE READ

We are all excited as the State of California has lifted the color tier system!

Our Churches no longer have government-restrictions on capacity, and many of the practices we have come to see as normal are ending. With this in mind though we must remember that we still need to do our part to keep everyone safe.

- Fully vaccinated persons no longer need to wear masks; and 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.

The Oakland Dioceses is still following the recommendations of the CDC and Contra Costa Health Services. For a letter from the Bishop, and a full list of the updated guidelines regarding the Oakland Diocese, please visit:

https://www.oakdiocese.org/news/message-from-bishop-barber-concerning-june-15-2021-covid-19-updates-eng-esp

Above all, during this transition phase, please remember that St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission are open and accepting communities. We are a family that wants to make sure that all are comfortable and at ease, so please refrain from making any judgements/comments about the decisions of those around you. We need to continue to think of ourselves as larger communities where we're each trying to protect each other.

Special Second Collection Next Week

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit *http://www.peterspence.va/en.html*.

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