# Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 10, 2024

## *From the Desk of Fr. Leo*

In all our Churches and chapels, the candle continues to symbolize Jesus who gave himself up for the sake of humanity. Like the virginal bees wax, Christ is virginal. He is on fire with love from the heavenly Spirit, as the candle gives light and warmth by burning itself out more and more, so Christ by burning himself out in self-immolation gives life and warmth of love to all who come to the Light. The candle shows the way and saves us from dangers of darkness, so Christ himself is the Way and the Savior from all the powers of evil.

For several Sundays in the second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews has sketched in a particularly appealing manner the image of Christ our High Priest. Priest means mediator, and as such Jesus is truly a man, one of ourselves; he offers no other sacrifice but himself for his fellowmen and women; and his sacrificial oblation is everlasting.

In order to become our High Priest, Jesus took on our flesh and blood from the Virgin Mother, for only as man could he be mediator between God and humankind. He chose to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, living the life they live, putting up with all the demands of this daily existence for several decades, so that he would understand the needs and problems of his brothers and sisters. In that way he could plead for them with the Father and be "a merciful and faithful High Priest before God in their behalf, to expiate their sins."

But Jesus is at the same time the Victim for our sins. It took every ounce of strength to take upon himself the shame of the scourging, the ignominy of the crucifixion, the agony of hanging long hours on the cross, exposed to the gaze of all.

Finally, Jesus is the Perfect man. All holiness abides in him. He always did that which pleased the Father. Never for a moment was any thought or word or act of his displeasing to God. Innocent and undefiled Lamb that he is, he offered himself for his fellowmen and women. Countless animals offered in sacrifice could not blot out a single sin, but the Precious Blood of Christ, offering himself unblemished to God, completely takes away all sin, and enables mankind with purified conscience to worship the Father in a manner worthy of him. Once he had consummated his sacrifice, he became the source of holiness for all who approach him with confidence. Christ now lives forever to make intercession for his brothers and sisters.

Ever before the Father's throne, Jesus's sacrifice is present, a constant plea for those who approach him with faith and confidence.

***Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion***

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

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| **Tues.** | **November 12** | **11:00AM** |
| Thanksgiving | | Ed & Mae |
| **Wed.** | **November 13** | **11:00AM** |
| Adoracion Gomez† | | Marcella de Leon |
| **Thur.** | **November14** | **11:00AM** |
| Alma Cristobal Fernandez † | | Buenaflor Roth Family |
| **Fri.** | **November 15** | **11:00AM** |
| Special Intentions | | |
| **Sat.** | **November 16** | **4:30PM** |
| People of the Parish | | |
| **Sun.** | **November 17** | **9:00AM** |
| Jorge, Tomasa, Jose & Manuel † | | Family |
| **Port Costa** | | **11:00AM** |
| Marcelina Morales † | | Your children |

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