



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Probably our first awareness of this world came with the sound of our mother's voice. We could hear before our eyes were opened. Certainly, the first awareness others had of our arrival was the sound of our crying. It is one of the great cliches of the film world. The good news is always relayed to the anxious father by the sound of a baby crying off-camera. Voices dominated our earliest years, loving, soothing, pleading voices.

Hush! little baby. Do not cry.

Mommy will sing you a lullaby.

Latter came sterner voices, commanding, scolding and threatening. But we gave as good as we got with our push-button tantrums. School introduced us to a whole new world of sound, the jingles and nursery rhymes of the classroom and the high pitched squeals of the playground. As life progressed, more and more voices competed for our attention. Soon we learned to distinguish the familiar from the strange, the friendly from the menacing. Later our antennae would be refined enough to discern voices as nuanced as those of the cynic and the sarcastic and as diverse as those of the sincere and the sycophant.

The second half of this century has experienced an enormous media explosion. The airwaves have become cluttered with myriads of voices clamoring to be heard. The Tower of Babel has come back with a vengeance. It is a far cry from the world of Millet's evocative painting "The Angelus", depicting peasants in the fields, heads bowed in prayer. It is hard to believe now that the world depicted there is only mid-nineteenth century. God be with the days when the voice of God calling his people to prayer with the ringing of the church bells had no greater competition than the occasional town-crier even in cities as large as London, Paris or Rome. But enough of this nostalgia. This brave new world of ours, loud as it may be, is just as much God's marvelous creation as those quieter worlds, and we should cheerfully echo the words of this weekend's psalm: "What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad." His voice sounds just as clear today as it did to Adam in the Garden of Eden or Moses on Mount Sinai. Or the voice of John the Baptist, "crying in the wilderness", announcing the coming of Christ. The Good Shepherd himself has assured us that we will know his voice and

his promise holds good even in these cacophonous times.

All great religious experiences begin with hearing a voice. So it was with St. Paul on the road to Damascus and St. Patrick and the voice of the Irish' seeking conversion and St. Joan of Arc. Such spectacular occurrences would be more likely to guarantee insanity rather than sanctity nowadays. For us the voice of God is relayed more unobtrusively through the quiet promptings of the Holy Spirit. In this noise-filled world of ours, our greatest concern should be to listen to and follow the voice of our Master.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with Mass Intentions for the week: Tues. Dec 10 11:00AM, Wed. Dec 11 11:00AM, Thur. Dec 12 11:00AM, Fri. Dec 13 11:00AM, Sat. Dec 14 4:30PM, Sun. Dec 15 9:00AM. Includes names like Ray & Mary Lou, Austria, Edgar Allan, Clare & Dave Alvarado, Jorge, Tomasa, Jose and Manuel.

NO MASS

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE FAR-LEFT GARAGE DOOR! THANK YOU

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL BE MOVING TO A SATURDAY EVENING THIS YEAR. THE CONCERT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 6:00PM!

Sunday Collection -December 1st

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. St. Rose, Crockett CCD \$2473, St. Patrick Mission CCD \$410.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

Food Drive

This year, our food drive will be helping to support the Holly Day Coalition. St. Rose will serve as a drop off spot from now until December 15th! Please see the flier below for more information.

Holly Day Coalition Serving those in need in our community

Holiday Toy and Food Drive

Holly Day Coalition serves seniors, families and children from Crockett, Rodeo, Tormey, Port Costa and families within JSUSD.

Nov. 15 - Dec. 15

- Canned goods such as: Corn, Green beans and Cranberry Sauce, Box of Mash Potatoes, Jar of gravy, Box of Macaroni and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, Bag of marshmallows, Bag or Box of Stuffing

Toys for children 16 years and under - \$20 Gift cards

All toy donations must be unwrapped and new, all food donations should not be expired, thank you!

Drop Off Locations: Aimee Henry, Phillips 66, 1380 San Pablo Ave, Rodeo; Crockett Lions Club Wednesday Meetings; Carquinez Women's Club Membership Meetings; Questions? Email Aimee.M.Henry@p66.com

Sponsored by: Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex, Carquinez Women's Club, Crockett Lions Club, Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Patrick Church Rodeo-Hercules and Sunoco.

Guadalupe Celebration



On Sunday, December 15th, we will be having our celebration for the Virgin de Guadalupe. Before Mass we invite everyone to participate in the beautiful procession led by the mariachi. We will meet in the parking lot at 8:15am, and begin the procession at 8:30am. After Mass, everyone

is welcomed to a fellowship down in the hall. We are asking parishioners to help out by bringing a dish to share. It can be whatever you would like: dessert, side dish, etc. Let the office know, 510-787-2052. Our Guadalupe group has worked hard to make this event a success, and would really like everyone to come, so please spread the word. This is a wonderful celebration that was started many years ago by a late parishioner from St. Patrick Mission, and we would love to see it continue and grow. At last year's celebration, it was such a beautiful sight to see so many participate and enjoy!



This year St. Rose would like to support Consider the Homeless (CTH), a grass-roots organization in Berkeley that reaches out to men and women living out on the streets by providing them with food and clothing. One item that is always in need are thick warm socks. If you are able to help support CTH in their effort to those in need, there is a box located in the vestibule of the church where you can drop off your donation of warm men's and women's socks.

Second Collection

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Monday, December 9th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and St. Rose will be having Mass at 11:00AM that morning.