Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Who is not horrified on seeing a driver of a car who, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, smashes at top speed into the car of a law-abiding citizen and thus deprives a wife and family of its only means of livelihood? Who is not angry at the irresponsible husband who gambles away his weekly salary leaving his family in dire need, or at the irresponsible mother who lets the small children run wherever they want to, regardless of speeding cars or other dangerous situations? And who can condone the reckless youth who courts danger to himself or herself and to others by his or her careless habits? It is only responsible action that will build a better world and serve humankind properly.

This weekend's gospel demands such responsible action in the use of God's talents and gifts which he has given to each one, to share the responsibility of the world in which he has put us. The leaders of Israel of old showed a great lack of responsibility in the charge entrusted to them, though the Lord sent them reminder after reminder, as we heard in the reading of the gospel. God is all-kind and generous but he will not be mocked. He does demand a proper use of his gifts and a proper return of his talents. He does expect the fruit of our labors. Today too, God sends us many reminders of our duties and obligations to serve him with a deep sense of responsibility, by serving well our fellow human being. Again, and again we hear his message from the lips of his representatives, both religious and civil. Then too his voice can be perceived in the signs of the times: the agony of nations troubled for years by wars and blood; the specter of high inflation and lack of employment; the threat of a global nuclear war.

The Christian calling is a great gift of God. He expects all to be the salt of the earth in order to give it a Christian savor. Responsible Christian living demands that each one work in the Lord's vineyard according to the role and the capacity he or she has been given from on high, be it a professional one, such as doctor, nurse, lawyer, architect, teacher, security guard, police officer or public official; or be it the role of housewife and mother, day laborer in office or farm or bus driver. All make up God's kingdom on earth, and are working in his vineyard to bring him the desired results of their labors, the fruit that he expects of them. We do not want him to reproach us as he did Israel in the reading, when he said: "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?" We do not want the punishment meted out to Israel's leaders for their lack of cooperation with the Lord's gifts, for their refusal to carry out their responsible role.

If we really endeavor to carry out God's will. When we realize what a privilege it is to work for Him, to share his responsibility for building our world, will we put forth all our efforts with responsible action, then the Lord will receive the proper return of the fruits of our labors.

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

Tues.	**October 6**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**October 7**	**N/A**
Elbren Adgdeppa Jr. † (death anniversary)		Bernardina†
Thur.	**October 8**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**October 9**	**N/A**
Elliott Avery		Lolo & Lola
Sat.	**October 10**	**4:30PM**
Romeo Ritto †		Imelda Ritto
Sun.	**October 11**	**9:00AM**
Maria Craig		Mariano Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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