From the Desk of Fr. Leo

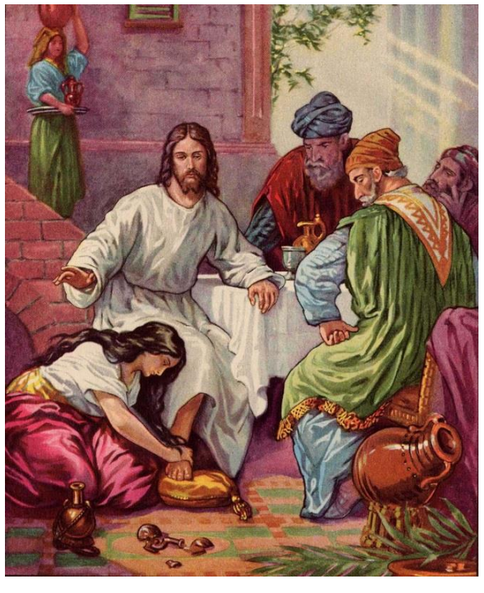
It is extremely difficult for us to form an accurate picture of God. We have been taught that God is all-knowing, all powerful and all-wise. This Sunday's reading suggests a somewhat less awesome and much more touching picture of God. They seem to indicate that God is eager for our love, that he has an urgent desire and an ardent hope that we will respond freely to his goodness.

Jesus himself exemplified his Father's ardent desire for our love, in the gospel scene this Sunday. The woman who washed and perfumed the feet of Jesus, as a sign of reverence and love for him, was a well-known sinner. She had experienced the merciful compassion in the teaching and actions of Jesus. She knew in her heart that he was her savior bringing her mercy and forgiveness. Her response of love was so great that she could not restrain herself even in the presence of Simon the Pharisee. Simon was abashed as well as indignant. He could not understand how Jesus, acknowledged to be a prophet and a rabbi, could tolerate even the presence of the woman, let alone her touch. Jesus attempted to explain to Simon what he had failed to grasp about God. Jesus made it clear that the woman was so responsive in love because her many sins had been forgiven her. Simon was apparently smug and complacent. He saw himself as superior to the woman, and not in need of forgiveness. He wanted no part of a God who would be quick to forgive in order to be loved.

We ourselves are weak and we are sinners. The woman shed her tears as a sign of love for Jesus, but we must remember that Jesus shed his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The great act of love on our behalf should beget the love in us for God.

The Mass is our constant reminder that God is eager for our love and that he seeks to draw us by the grace of forgiveness. Every Mass is the living memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and in every Mass, we hear the words proclaimed, "This is the cup of my blood...shed for you and for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins." God is the Father of forgiveness, and his forgiveness should lead us to love him completely.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Coffee and Canvas

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH AT 10:00AM!!

Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for $30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 28**	**11:00AM**
Pedro C Medina†		Gina Peña
Wed.	**June 29**	**11:00AM**
Aida Zafra †		Priscilla
Thur.	**June 30**	**11:00PM**
Maria Victoria Velasco†		Peña Siblings
Fri.	**July 1**	**11:00AM**
Leoncia Manigbas †		Priscilla
Sat.	**July 2**	**4:30PM**
Mary Pagni † (Birthday)		June Gallo
Sun.	**July 3**	**9:00AM**
Johanna Ochinero†		Costa Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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