Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

During World War II, some pilots stationed in England had trained their dogs to pick up the sound of Nazi bombers crossing the English Channel, and to utter short, sharp barks when it did so. It was uncanny how quickly the extremely sharp ears of the dogs could pick up the sound of enemy bombers when they were still far away. At once it sounded the alert. The Allied pilots rushed to their planes, and were often able to meet the enemy half way, and thus ward off much destruction of the mainland.

Be on the alert! That is what the Lord is telling us in this weekend's gospel message. On the alert for his coming. For come again he will without any doubt, be it in the consummation of time, or for every one of us at the moment of death. But even the People of God who have heard this warning again and again so often let themselves be wrapped up in business pursuits, engrossed in educational progress, or enmeshed in pleasurable amusements, that their whole effort goes into the things of this life, good though those things may often be. Yet the Savior in his proclamation of the Good News continually tries to raise humankind's minds and hearts to the realization that life is but a preparation and a pilgrimage for the real life to come. Christ himself will come again to take his Bride, the Church, to the eternal wedding feast, but he will come suddenly and when least expected. That is why he sounds the alert.

When St. Aloysius as a youth was engaged in a game of billiards, someone asked him what he would do if death summoned him at that moment. He replied that he would continue to do what he was doing, for it was being done for the love of God. Aloysius was always prepared for the Coming of the Savior, because he always endeavored to live in utter simplicity in union with Christ.

For the Christian, death is not the end. It is but the passage-way to true and lasting life. The Christian's real hope is not merely in a ripe old age, spent in happy retirement, but above all in the resurrection which Christ has put before our eyes in his own glorious resurrection. The risen life is a total transformation of the whole man, fitted out with the splendor and glory of Christ. Very well can we apply the words of St. Paul: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what God has prepared for those who love him." (I Corinthians 2:9). Then it will be seen and experienced how worthwhile was the preparation on earth of always being on the alert.

No one knows but God alone what the night will bring. How often people are whisked into eternity by a sudden fire, earthquake, landslide, epidemic or similar catastrophe. How often we read of road accidents or plane crashes! What a boon if humankind has always been on the alert. An act of sincere contrition or love of God each night on retiring, and each time one enters upon a journey, can insure a happy eternity for the pilgrim on this planet earth.

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.	**November 10**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**November 11**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**November 12**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**November 13**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Sat.	**November 14**	**4:30PM**
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Sun.	**November 15**	**9:00AM**
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
Mahoney Family		Alice Marshall

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