Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 30, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Some who have been on the brink of death and then have been given a new lease on life are wont to state that when death seemed inevitable, they experienced deep regret for not having spent their lives more profitably. They were determined to change their ways radically, should life be extended for them. It can also happen that a person comes to the very depth of a sinful life before he or she comes to his or her senses and resolves to start anew, like the Prodigal son who in the depth of his misery turned back to his father.

In the Gospel this weekend, two persons seek healing from Christ. Jairus represents the realm of people and the woman her own realm. Both come to Jesus in extreme need, one for his child so dear to his heart, the other for herself. Jairus knows that his child has not long to live, and indeed the messenger reveals to him the sad news. The woman was at her wits end what to do next for she had used up all her resources to obtain a cure but in vain. In these last extremes, both came to Jesus, the source of health and new life. They came with genuine confidence and humble prayerful petition.

All of humankind needs Christ. His sacred Heart is the refuge of every person in need, young and old, rich and poor. Like the woman in distress, so mankind is often subject to lingering bad habits, to evil ways he or she finds impossible to conquer. He or she longs for health of spirit, but of himself or herself he or she is unable to obtain it. Like Jairus, he or she must seek the help of the all-powerful Savior, whose Sacred Heart is the foundation of life and holiness. Even when the life of the spirit has almost been extinguished, and sin holds him or her in its deathly clutches, mankind can always find new strength, new life in the heart of Christ. From him alone comes the spiritual resurrection from an evil way of life that even the greatest sinners sometimes long for.

The Heart of the Savior understands the heart of mankind for he became man to experience all the ups and downs of our human existence. Nothing pleases him more than the repentant sinner's confidence in him, the Savior, to heal him or her.

To overcome evil habits, it will be necessary to strike out in a more positive direction, finding ways of doing good to others, or helping them with good ones. The energy once spent in sinful ways will then be channeled to positive projects and profitable undertakings, so that evil is overcome by good. Yet alone humankind cannot accomplish this. It is only with the help of the Sacred Heart of the Savior of all, that good can be carried out.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**July 2**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**July 3**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Thur.	**July 4**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**July 5**	**11:00AM**
Joseph Tonda †		Bill & Diane
Sat.	**July 6**	**4:30PM**
Rich Gill †		Lydia Bañaga
Sun.	**July 7**	**9:00AM**
Joseph Tonda †		Franca
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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