From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Lord is coming! That was the the watch word of the early Christians. Full of expectations, they eagerly awaited the grand event which would be the crowning victory of the Savior. At times there were false prophets. This weekend's gospel speaks of the Coming of the Lord. It will be when no one is expecting it, and those who are not prepared will have a tragic end of life, for they will not be prepared to meet their Judge. His coming will be preceded by all kinds of trials, and great distress will be experienced by all nations. This is symbolized by the heavenly bodies which are depicted as no longer giving their light, so that mankind is in total darkness, anxiety and fear. These expressions of the heavenly bodies are not meant to be taken literally, for it is apocalyptic language, and it is figurative, to describe the fearful happenings on earth before the Coming of the Lord. But there is a bright side to the picture. These are the birth pangs of the real event which is about to break upon the world: the glorious Re-entry of Christ to planet earth, which will be witnessed by all the nations of the world.

At last the Son of God who became our Savior and Brother comes into his own. The humble carpenter of Nazareth is acknowledged as the Architect of the universe. The despised Crucified One will be seen as reigning in power and majesty. He who lived in utter obscurity and lowliness will be hailed as the one to whom all mankind owes its redemption and eternal salvation. The faithful followers of the crucified will be at his side, gloriously reigning with him, clothed in light and splendor. Those who have rejected him, or never bothered to know and love him while on earth, will be covered with shame. They will be filled with fear and trembling for the utter lack of cooperation they manifested all throughout life with the promptings of divine grace and the voice of the Spirit. The great event for which the whole world waited for centuries is finally at hand. Time is no more. Judgment is about to begin.

As to the time of his Coming, it is foolish to speculate, as many do. Did Christ not say that it was communicated to the angels nor to him to disclose it to mankind? Only the self styled prophets seem always to know the very year and the day, and throw people into fear and consternation. They always foretell "the end of the world" but it is rather the consummation of all things that the Lord has in mind. This will be a very joyful event for those who have faithfully tried to follow the Master, and have suffered with him by bearing their cross patiently. Live the Christ-life as he expects of you. Live every day that way so you will be prepared when he comes.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 19**	**11:00AM**
Jun Agiao †		Ed & Mae
Wed.	**November 20**	**11:00AM**
Living Memorial		
Thur.	**November 21**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**November 22**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Sat.	**November 23**	**4:30PM**
People of the Parish		
Sun.	**November 24**	**9:00AM**
Minas Buenaflor †		Buenaflor Roth Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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