From the Desk of Fr. Leo

If you think our readings this weekend are readings that we religious leaders need to reflect on, you are right. But in some ways, they contain lessons for anyone who calls himself or herself a Christian.

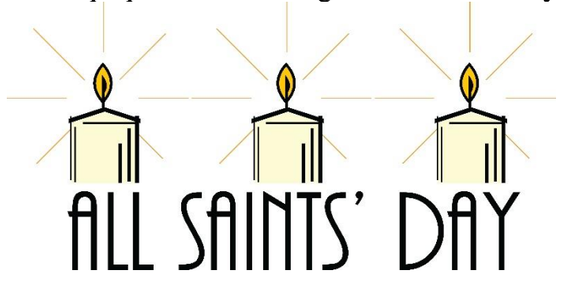
My article this weekend consists of two or three different thoughts that occurred to me when I read this weekend's scriptures. Jesus in the gospel is condemning phoniness. One of my friends who is a truly spiritual person shared with me that someone told her she was a phony. She felt hurt by the comment. I told her, we are all phonies to some extent, in that we all fail at times to live up to our ideals, or values and our principles. The important thing is that we are honest with ourselves, that we recognize when we are being phony and make every effort to be better. Part of being honest means being open to feedback others give us about ourselves, no matter who says it or whether we like it or not. Whenever a person says something that hurts, we should examine it to see if there is any truth in what was said and if there was, we should try to benefit from it. Jesus, while He condemned the Pharisees and the scribes for their phoniness, told the people that they should follow what they say, because the scribes and Pharisees were speaking truth as they taught God's word, even though they were not living it.

Sometimes we have to teach others what is right or wrong, while we are not so perfect ourselves. But we have to realize that we teach not only by what we say. There is a story about a father who punished one of his children for smoking and using foul language. But he smoked and used bad language himself. He was right in trying to guide his child correctly, but he will probably not be very effective. Children learn more from what they see than from what they hear.

On a slightly different topic: one of the frequent excuses people use who do not go to church is that they don't want to be with all those phonies. Why should a person deprive themselves of the graces of the Mass because of what they judge someone else to be or to do? I have talked to people who have quit going to church since the scandal of priest sexual abuse. There is no excuse for what some priests have done, but that doesn't mean all priests are bad, or that going to church now has no value.

On the other hand, we have to keep remembering that any of us who call ourselves Christians can lead people toward Christ or away from him by our lives. Mahatma Gandhi put it very forcefully when he said: "I like your Christ, but I don't like your Christians because you Christians are so unlike your Christ." For better or for worse, it's not just priests, but all of us, who show the face of Christ to others.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon.	**November 2**	**9:00AM**
	All Souls Mass	
Tues.	**November 3**	**11:00AM**
Mia Orillaneda (birthday)		Vilma
Wed.	**November 4**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**November 5**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**November 6**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Sat.	**November 7**	**4:30PM**
Sheila Elliott †		Family
Sun.	**November 8**	**9:00AM**
Robert Y. Bañaga Sr. † (birthday /thanksgiving)		Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

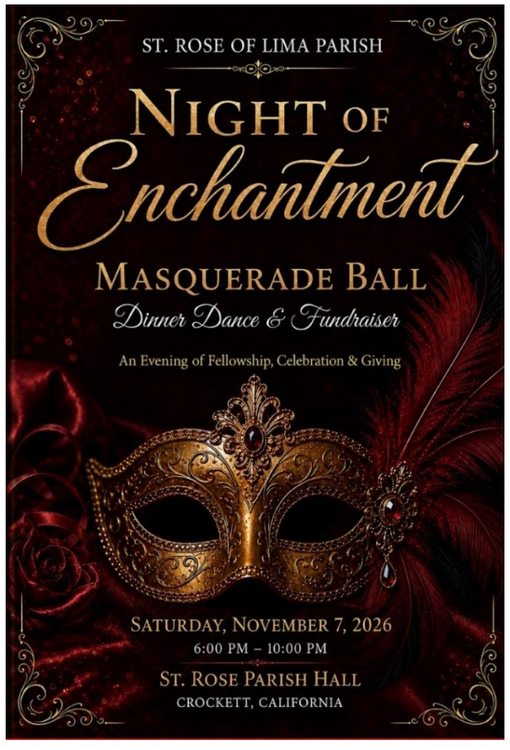
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Sunday Collection -October 25th

St. Rose, Crockett	$1587
St. Patrick Mission	$286

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***In able to meet our 2026 budgets, we would like to remind parishioners that we will need a minimum of $2,100 for Sunday plate collections at St. Rose every weekend, and $250 every Sunday at St. Patrick Mission. **



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Just a reminder that Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. Mass at St. Rose will begin at 9:00AM that morning!

