



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When Apollo 13 was shot toward the moon, something went wrong. It was on an erroneous course and unless a corrective could be computed, it would never return, and the lives of the three men were doomed. For three days and nights dozens of people at the Space Control Center at Houston in Texas worked frantically while time was quickly running out. Tensions mounted as relatives at home failed to understand the long absence of husband or father, and relations strained. But these men put aside all personal references. They were men for others. Totally unmindful of their inconvenience and distress, they succeeded in bringing the three astronauts back safely and alive. Though the names of the ground crew are hardly known, they had done a singular service to all. They had slaved those three days and nights to save the precious lives of others.

Three times Jesus announced to his chosen band that his was a life of sacrifice, a life of total service for humankind, climaxing in his death for them. Each time they failed to enter into his thoughts. After the first announcement of his passion, St. Peter even remonstrated vigorously with Jesus, only to be sharply reprimanded by him. After the second announcement, the disciples seem to ignore what he told them, and begin to argue among themselves as to who was the greatest. Jesus chided them by saying: "If anyone wants to rank first, he must remain the last of all, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:15). But the lesson was lost on deaf ears. Now after the third announcement of the passion comes the gross misunderstanding from the side of two favorite disciples, James and John, who strike out for highest honor and glory, while Jesus himself had told them he was giving himself to ignominy and death. He had come not to be served but to serve his fellowmen and women. His favorite disciples crave to be served in the highest places of the kingdom. Their ambition is for worldly honors, his one ambition is for the glory of the cross.

Of course, this was against all that mankind in his pride had hitherto done. It would take a new way of thinking. Only the gift of faith could provide such sentiments and stamina. That is why a birth was necessary, and the disciples were to become like little children again in their attitudes and appreciation of values. It would take faith-values to enable them to live

up to this new pattern which he was giving them. What a striking contrast he then drew on the one hand of despotic rulers and a picture of the willing servant on the other. A despot rules through oppression as did the great despots of ancient and modern times as well. Authority is exercised by sheer power and force. All this was farthest from the mind of Christ.

There is no need to go beyond our scope of activity to exemplify this principle of service. Everyone is inclined or at least tempted at times to be selfish, to shut oneself up in an ivory castle and live only for one's little ego. But real nobility and greatness of everlasting value throws open the doors and seeks to do all in its power to come to the aid of others.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. October 15 11:00AM (Anne Marie Nunez, Lily Militar), Wed. October 16 11:00AM (Living Memorial), Thur. October 17 11:00AM (Malou Carpio), Fri. October 18 11:00AM (Vicente B Pena), Sat. October 19 4:30PM (Sandy Edmondson), Sun. October 20 9:00AM (Jorge, Tomasa, Jose & Manuel), and Port Costa 11:00AM (People of the Parish).

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Office closed Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sunday Collection -October 6th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1930), Faith Formation (\$317), St. Patrick Mission (\$121), Faith Formation (\$65).

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

October Mass Count

Not many may realize it, but every October the Diocese asks its parishes to count the number of participants at each weekend mass for every week. We thought it was time to make sure that all our parishioners are aware of this! So, now is a great time to check in on those you may not have seen at Mass for a while and encourage them back, invite someone new to come along or even just try to carve out some time in your busy schedule to make it to one of the masses yourself!



Advertisement for I.C.F. Crockett Branch #14 Polenta & Sausage Dinner on October 19, 2024 at 6:00PM for \$25. Includes details about the menu (Antipasto, Salad, Polenta, Sausage, Bread, Dessert, Wine) and contact information for Donna Hoffmann.

September Financial Overview

Table for St. Rose Expense: Priest Salary (\$2660.91), Secretary Wages (\$1980.46), Priest Food Reimbursement (\$471.40), Health Insurance (\$1289.48), PG&E Classrooms (\$55.94), PG&E Church/Rectory (\$1147.61), Comcast (\$293.63), Garbage (\$338.54), EBMUD (\$687.88), EDD (\$126.29), IRS (\$1392.52), Liability (\$1925.45), Church cleaning (\$340.00), Rectory Cleaning (\$260.00), Mass Coverage (\$885.62), Sacramental Books (\$53.43), Envelope Service (\$129.44), Assessment (\$4991.50), Termite treatment (\$4300.00), Hall supplies (\$83.83). Total: \$18,913.93.

Table for Income: Sunday's Plate (\$9682.00), Holy Days (\$30.00), Maintenance (\$623.00), CCD Envelope (\$200.00), Facility Use (\$650.00), Donations (\$200.00), Reimbursement (\$661.17), **Diocesan Account Withdrawal (\$9891.03). Total: \$21,937.20.

Table for St. Patrick Mission Expense: PG&E (\$25.56), Liability (\$945.25), Assessment (\$476.25), Day Nite Pest Control (\$158.00). Total: \$1605.06.

Table for Income: Sundays Plate (\$1120.00), Maintenance (\$224.00), CCD Envelope (\$45.00), Donations (\$80.00). Total: \$1469.00.

** This is not truly income, as it is money pulled from our Diocesan accounts, with the Finance committee's intention to cover the Termite treatment and new flooring in the CCD building. **