# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

What a masterpiece is the human body! All the members are coordinated so that the best effect is obtained. Continually the heart sends the blood pulsing through the arteries. How faithfully the brain reacts to the least impulse! Without let-up the lungs breathe in oxygen and gave out waste matter. Each organ has its own task to perform without encroaching on any of the others. The more one studies the human body, the more one marvels at it. Yet what gives it life energy, movement, purpose? The spirit in man, that life-giving principle, the soul. Without the inner spirit, the body lies lifeless. It cannot move, it cannot act. And soon it decays and turns to dust. The same holds good in the supernatural realm. It is the Spirit that gives life.

As long as Jesus fed the crowds, healed their ailments and showed himself interested in their wellbeing, they flocked to him, held him in greatest esteem, followed him wherever he went and wanted to proclaim him as king. But when he continued to reveal to them the deep mysteries of his divine message, the realities of the supernatural world and of his kingdom, realities which men's minds would not be able to grasp by mere human reasoning, without the help of the Spirit of God, many backed down. They lacked the gift of faith. Thus, when he revealed to them the mystery of the Eucharist, that he would give them his Body and Blood for their nourishment, they became angry and departed from him. They walked no more with him. Jesus was deserted by the large number of his one-time followers.

It must have been a keen disappointment for the Heart of Christ to see the crowds dwindle away, without whom he had taught so often, healed their ailments, and fed in the wilderness. Instead of gratefully accepting his offer, and trusting that they knew what he was about, they broke out in angry complaints. Then he told them frankly: What you need is the Spirit. "It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." Why did they not ask him for the Spirit to help them accept his words on faith? Why did they not say with the Samaritan woman: "Give me of this water so that I do not again grow thirsty." Why did they not cry out with the father of the boy who was possessed: "I do believe. Help me to believe still more.

This is what is needed today: renewal in the Spirit of Christ so as to revitalize our faith in the Eucharist.

Only the Spirit can make us penetrate more deeply into the mystery of God's love. Day and night our Eucharistic Lord remain with us in thousands of churches and chapels all over the world especially in this Catholic land of ours. Not only does the Eucharist refresh and strengthen us for the daily battle, but gives us the guarantee for a life that never ends. That life is worth striving for.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	August 27	11:00AM
Remedios De Leon †		Marcella
Wed.	August 28	11:00AM
Ramon Macapagal †		Marcella
Thur.	August 29	<u>11:00AM</u>
Christian A. Lacsina		Lacsina Family
(birthday)		
Fri.	August 30	<u>11:00AM</u>
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& Dionisio Junio <u>Sat.</u> Elyse Mathea	o Jr.	Family <b>4:30PM</b>
& Dionisio Junio Sat. Elyse Mathea (birthday)	o Jr. August 31	Family <u>4:30PM</u> Lolo & Lola
& Dionisio Junio Sat. Elyse Mathea (birthday) Sun.	o Jr. August 31	Family <u>4:30PM</u> Lolo & Lola <u>9:00AM</u>
& Dionisio Junio <u>Sat.</u> Elyse Mathea (birthday) <u>Sun.</u> Janice Ianne	o Jr. August 31	Family <u>4:30PM</u> Lolo & Lola <u>9:00AM</u>

#### Sunday Collection - August 18th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2216
St. Patrick Mission	\$460

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

\*\*\*In able to meet our 2024 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. \*\*\*

# **Reminder Parish Council**

Parish Council starts up this coming Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in helping make important decisions,

or have some opinions and ideas on how to improve things, please think about becoming part of the council. Mark it on your calendar, and come check it out!



### Special Second Collection This Weekend-Bishops Appeal

#### HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

To successfully achieve both our parish goals:

**St. Rose- 84%!** There is just a balance of \$930 left to go!

**St. Patrick Mission – 150%!!** Remember 100% of the funds collected, after we have reached the goal, is returned directly to our parish!

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through mail, you place it in the collection basket next weekend as well.

#### <u>Faith Formation</u>

Our Faith Formation program will be starting on September 15th! Registration forms are available in the office.

**CCD:** and preparation for First Holy Communion is a two-year program, and students must at least be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Classes are every other Sunday at 10:15AM.

**CONFIRMATION:** This is a two-year formation program. Classes are every other Sunday at 10:15AM, as well as one weeknight a month with Father Leo.

**R.C.I.A.** for those wanting to become Catholics. It is a two- year formation program for adults. Weekly meeting (TBA). Please reach out to Father Leo.

# <u>Bíshop's Day</u>

Contra Costa & East Bay Districts of the Italian Catholic Federation welcome Bishop Michael Barber



for our annual



ICF Bishop's Day

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30 pm Mass St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 555 Third Avenue, Crockett, California dinner reception to follow in the parish hall

The cost is 50\$ per person, and dinner includes grilled tri-tip, mushroom and spinach lasagna, Italian Salad, grilled vegetables, bread and dessert. There will also be wine, iced tea, and coffee for refreshments.

If you would like to joins us for dinner, please RSVP by September 2<sup>nd</sup> to Pat Botta. Checks can be made payable to ICF Branch 14 and sent to: 66 Welle Road, Crockett, California 94525. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hoffman at 510-367-5669

# VIRTUS TRAINING AND FINGERPRINTING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 9:00AM

Due to a change in requirements at the Diocese, ALL VOLUNTEERS IN ANY CAPACITY will need to have their virtus training and fingerprinting done to continute to participate. One of the trainers is willing to come out to St Rose to do the live training, as well as schedule a company to come out and do our fingerprinting that day. This will save anyone from having to travel to do their fingerprints and help those who are not comfortable using the computer to do their training. We understand that many have conflicted feelings about this, but we all must do our part to protect the vulnerable in our community, and this is more than just the children. If you don't have a login with the Virtus system, please go to www.Virtus.org and just start an account. I am happy to help you with that if you want to stop by the office as well.