

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Tradition comes from the Latin word "traditio": a handing on. All peoples, especially those closer to nature, have their saga and traditions. Often, they contain precious secrets: how to perform certain arts, or concoctions for medicines to heal ailments, methods of embalming the dead, or knowledge how to navigate the deep seas in their canoes. They are treasured, and handed on from generation to generation with diligent care.

Our separated brothers and sisters (the Baptists, Methodists, and in general most Protestant groups) strictly adhere to the Bible as their sole source of Christian truth and morality, while they question their Catholic brothers and sisters of going contrary to the words of Jesus in this weekend's gospel reading when he says: "You disregard God's commandment and cling to what is human tradition." (Mark 7:8). They state this because the Catholic Church upholds both in the written Bible and Catholic tradition as the adequate norm of faith and morals.

Examining this passage carefully, it can easily be seen that Jesus is not referring to Catholic tradition at all. He had not even founded a Church as yet and there was no Catholic tradition in existence when he spoke these words. He was referring to the Jewish traditions of his time. That was a body of man-made laws and regulations which helped interpret the Law of God. The Pharisees placed them on the same level as the Law of God when it came to the authority they put in them. For centuries these Jewish traditions had been handed down orally, and at a later date were written down with the help of various memory devices and other literary techniques. This body of oral (and later on written) tradition was called "Mishnah" (which is part of the Jewish Talmud). Jesus did not condemn these traditions outright but disapproved of putting them on the same authoritative level as the divine word of God.

Catholic Tradition refers first of all to the Good News itself in so far as it was handed down and authentically interpreted by the Apostles of Christ. In handing down the message, many techniques were used to clarify it, illustrate it and apply it when needed. Given situations demanded a certain expatiation to make the matter clear to new audiences.

There is a wise old adage "think with the Church", and it remains a guide post our day. When so many are confused as to what is what, the message of Jesus is best seen in the living members of the Church who have caried out the message faithfully. Christ is with his Church till the consummation of all things and he will never desert it. To think with the Church is the safest guide for our conscience, and the road that leads to peace and eternal happiness.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 2	11:00AM
Connie Marie Watson		Ed & Mae
Wed.	September 3	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Jhing & Charles
Thur.	September 4	Roth 11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	September 5	11:00AM
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Sat.	September 6	4:30PM
People of the Parish		
Sun.	September 7	9:00AM
Maura Bernardino†		Lydia
(death anniversar Port Costa	y)	11:00AM
Sean Murphy†		Paul Morales
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Sunday Collection - August 25th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1349
Bishops Appeal	\$316
St. Patrick Mission	\$170
Bishops Appeal	\$39

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. ***

Faith Formation

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 1st 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.

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection is for our monthly collection. This month we are supporting our maintenance fund. Thank you!



***We know that parking can sometimes be hard around the church area for those who are not comfortable using the parking lot, but please make sure that you do not block driveways, especially the rectory. ***

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.

<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 7th 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 2nd 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