



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Sir Thomas More, a very successful lawyer in the days of King Henry the Eighth of England, was raised by him to be High Chancellor of all England. He endeavored most earnestly to be a loyal servant of the King, giving him his proper due in all things, until the King demanded something that Thomas in all good conscience could not give, namely, the oath of allegiance to his King as Supreme Head of the English Church. Here is where he owed higher allegiance to God in his conscience. So Thomas gave up his high office, was forced to leave his family for the dungeon, and finally gave his life for his convictions. The church honors him today as a canonized saint on our altars.

It is wrong to think that in the gospel this weekend, Jesus is referring to a twofold diverse allegiance, one to the civil authorities and one to God. All authority comes from God, also that wielded by the State, for God has full claim in all of humankind. If the government, that has been properly set up wields authority over its citizens, it does so in God's name. If the citizens obey the just laws of the State, they are giving homage to God and offering him a true sign of worship. If they duly pay just taxes, they are likewise giving honor and glory to God. But if they evade just and reasonable taxes imposed by the government, they are offending against God. Jesus clearly states that what belongs to the one in power ought not be given to him.

But in this weekend's Gospel, Jesus also tells us to give to God what belongs to God. Are not God's claims on us universal? Yes, they are. We belong entirely To God, for he is our Creator, and Savior and Redeemer. Do we realize how much we are indebted to him as our Lord and Master? Who has given us being and existence, health and ability, sight and hearing, a mind to think and heart to love? Who nurtured us from earliest years through loving parents and dedicated instructors? Who fitted us out with various talents and capacities so that we can be of use in this world to our family and surroundings? Who, if not the good God, Creator of all, to whom we belong with our entire being?

The good Lord only expects a voluntary response and willing service in return. If the image on the Roman coin in this weekend's Gospel was that of the Roman Caesar, then let the coin be returned in tribute to whom it belonged. But the image of God

himself, holy and true, is imprinted on each of his children, for humankind "was made to the image and likeness of God". Then one ought to be intent with honesty to belong to God, giving him praise, thanksgiving and worship as he deserves. This we do by the sincere disposition of endeavoring to do his will and please him in all things, despite human weaknesses and shortcomings.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, and Intention. Rows include Tues. October 20 (Jose B. Quiapo), Wed. October 21 (Living Memorial), Thur. October 22 (Jose B. Quiapo Jr.), Fri. October 23 (Vincent Peña), Sat. October 24 (Medoro Pagni), Sun. October 25 (People of the Parish), and Port Costa 11:00AM (Manuel Morales).

Sunday Collection - October 11

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1215); St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa (\$285).



St. Patrick Mission

Mass will be held in the parking/street area just in front of the church. Please bring your own seat if possible because very few chairs will be available. Space is very limited. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time, Father will invite participants up to receive communion keeping 6ft apart at all times! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

St. Rose of Lima

Please bring your own seat and stay on the marked spots in front of the church. We will only be able to accommodate 25% of the space in the courtyard. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion keeping 6ft apart on the markings! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

Coming Soon

Father Leo would like to have an outdoor Mass to celebrate All Souls on November 2nd.



Drive-Thru Fundraiser

THANKSGIVING DINNER DRIVE THRU PICK UP NOVEMBER 7, 2020 3PM- 6PM Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Pie. \$20. Pick up at the corner of Wanda St. and Third Ave. Pay at pick up or pre-pay at St. Rose Church. Please reserve your dinner by November 2nd. To reserve your dinner contact St. Rose office by phone (510-787-2052) or email (strosecrockett@comcast.net).

For more information or if you would like to help volunteer in some way, please call the office!

New Way to Donate

St. Rose is trying to move up with the times, and has finally been able to create an account with Amazon Smile!

When you shop smile.amazon.com, which is the same company as Amazon with your same account, just select St. Rose Of Lima Church, Catholic Diocese of Oakland (because there are a lot of St. Roses) as the organization you are supporting. A small portion of the purchase you were going to make anyway is donated to St. Rose. It is that simple, and no extra charge to you!

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