



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Chain smokers or heavy alcohol drinkers may go on for years until suddenly they become aware that their health is in a precarious condition. It is either give up the bad habit or expect the worst. It will require more than a superficial and half-hearted resolution to accomplish this. What is needed is solid conviction that a change of habits is a dire necessity if life is to be preserved.

Having conquered Satan, the source of all sin and its consequences of sickness and death, the Risen Savior now gives a universal commission to his chosen band. They are to sound the message far and wide that humankind has sinned and stands in need of God's mercy. His offer of mercy is available through God's Beloved Son who died from our sins and rose again to be with his own as their continual sacrifice of expiation and their Living Bread in the Eucharist. Therefore, there is need of a true, internal conversion, a sincere repentance, a change of living habits.

This is the self-same message that needs to be sounded far and wide today, when sin has been belittled, and the doors flung wide open to all manner of self-indulgence. The crying need of the impoverished goes unheeded, the low wage earner and the marginalized sectors are passed over with a helpless shrug.

Like air pollution that gradually and almost noticeably affects everyone living in a modern city, the evils of the day also begin to enter into everyone's life and almost imperceptibly choke the good spirit. Conscience is dulled, attitudes adapt to pragmatic circumstances, the heart of humankind becomes hardened. There is a definite need of self-examination and reflection to discover whether one's spiritual health has not been impaired, and good principles eroded by the wide-spread corruption. Turning to the Spirit promised by the Savior will enable the sincere Christians to recognize the ailments, apply the proper remedies and grow steadily into the proper Christ-life which was begun in baptism. Christ has undergone his paschal mystery for each individual. It cost him exceeding pain. Should all this go unheeded and in vain?

From time to time a brief scrutiny of our inner attitudes towards sin is very much in place. This can be done in a recollection, or at home at the weekend. One

ought to pin-point how far one has come from the Catholic stand point and the Church's views. It may mean life or death for our inner spirit. If we go regularly to the physician for a check-up to avoid any sudden fatal sickness, we ought to do the same for our spiritual health which has for its objective life that is eternal.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. April 16 11:00AM
Wanda Abbondanza † ICF #14

Wed. April 17 11:00AM
Living Memorial

Thur. April 18 11:00AM
Rockelle Reyes (birthday)

Fri. April 19 11:00AM
Karen Mary Family & Ruth Colleen Cartwright †

Sat. April 20 4:30PM
Thanksgiving Alma & Jong (anniversary)

Sun. April 21 9:00AM
Jose Buenaflor † Buenaflor-Roth Family

Port Costa 11:00AM
People of the Parish

Sunday Collection - March 31st & April 7th

Table with 2 columns: Location/Event and Amount. Includes St. Rose, Crockett (3/31) \$1347, St. Rose, Crockett (4/7) \$2164, Easter \$3472, St. Patrick Mission (3/31) \$169, St. Patrick Mission (4/7) \$249, Easter \$354.

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.

Bishop's Appeal Kickoff

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal is a yearly campaign that raises funds for a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay.

There are five specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal: Religious Education & Formation; Clergy Formation & Support; Pastoral Ministries & Services; Priest Retirement & Care; and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need.

Funds raised are never directed to any other use.

This year, Bishop Barber has selected the theme for the Appeal - Many Ministries, One Church - as a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ that is our Church. Our charitable works are strengthened when we work together and when we work toward heaven.

In 2023 St. Rose raised \$7,680, and St. Patrick Mission raised \$1,156 for the Appeal. This year's overall goal for St. Rose is \$6,000, and \$900 for St. Patrick. We can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds over goal to address some of our own needs. A gift to the Appeal truly extends to both the local and larger community.

Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church.

March Financial Overview

St. Patrick Mission

Expense table for St. Patrick Mission: Diocesan Assessment \$476.25, Liability \$945.25, Property Tax \$1299.49, Total \$2720.99.

Income table for St. Patrick Mission: Sundays Plate \$1662.00, Easter \$354.00, Holy Days \$125.00, Maintenance \$170.00, CCD Envelope \$40.00, Flowers \$69.00, Total \$2420.00.

March Financial Overview

St. Rose

Expense:

Expense table for St. Rose: Priest Salary \$2710.91, Secretary Wages \$1998.22, Priest Food Reimbursement \$430.85, Health Insurance \$1150.48, PG&E Classrooms \$74.57, PG&E Church/Rectory \$1813.90, EBMUD CCD \$72.42, EBMUD Church/Rectory \$308.68, Comcast \$294.81, Garbage \$327.52, IRS \$1329.97, EDD \$124.87, Church cleaning \$340.00, Rectory Cleaning \$260.00, Envelope service \$130.93, Diocesan Liability \$1925.45, Diocesan Assessment \$4991.50, Property Tax \$1838.63, Easter Lillies \$315.68, Fish Fry \$7497.16, Total \$27,936.55.

Income:

Income table for St. Rose: Sunday's Plate \$8809.00, Easter \$3472.00, Holy Days \$430.00, Maintenance \$602.00, CCD Envelope \$263.00, Flowers \$1169.00, Facility Use \$350.00, Donations \$20.00, Bishops Appeal Rebate \$1795.00, Fish Fry \$16,831.00, Total \$33,741.00.

Next weekend . . . keep Father Leo in your prayers as he celebrates the 45th anniversary of his ordination on April 21st!

