Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A man's word must be followed by action. No one likes a person of empty promises. We are wary of politicians who promise exceptional benefits before an election. “Seeing is believing.” is an old adage. People will patronize a company that lives up to its advertisements. A teacher who promptly corrects and hands back his or her test-papers is esteemed by his or her pupils. The quiet woman who gets things done will far more of an inspiration to the young than a talkative one who is constantly boasting about her accomplishments.

Humankind sees the face but the Lord sees the heart. Lip service and external worship are not enough for him. That is what the priest and the Levite gave him in the Parable of the Good Samaritan but both were wanting when it came to finding God in the poor fellow who had fallen among robbers. The Lord made the whole human being for himself and he wants our whole-hearted response because he is jealous lover. And he will not be able to transform little man into the masterpiece he desires him to be, unless humankind gives the whole heart to God.

It is easy to join the crowd reciting “I confess” at the beginning of the Mass, or in the “Our Father” later on. But only God can see whether our repentance is sincere, and if we really mean “to forgive those who sin against us”. But these words are a contract. And Jesus says very plainly: “if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you. No matter how many trimmings we add to Sunday services, no matter how much we embellish the altars with offerings, we are not going to be pleasing to the Father unless we conform inwardly to his Son who is offering himself with us and for us on the altar.

There is a book written by C. Mooney entitled: “To Hell on Monday”. It depicts well the Christian who conforms outwardly to the law, is seen regularly at Sunday Mass, offers required contribution, belongs to parish organization and pays dues and functioning on Sunday in a very conspicuous way. Then on Monday, he or she throws religion to the devil. The law of God is put into his or her back pocket and he or she forgets all about it in his or her marital relations, his or her sense of moral decency in the places he or she visits. In business transactions he or she forgets there is a seventh commandment, and in competitive business he or she forgets there is an eight. Where is the Christian in this man or woman?

How often we have said No! To God, like the son who at first refused to do his father's bidding. Yet, coming to his senses, he is smitten with deep contrition to think that the all loving Father, who has only our good at heart, has been offended and rejected even in such trivial matters.

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

Tues.	**September 29**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**September 30**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**October 1**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**October 2**	**N/A**
Josephine G. Dizon †		Marcelina D. Lorenzo
Sat.	**October 3**	**4:30PM**
Cely & Jun Lorenzo (50th wedding anniversary)		Cely Lorenzo
Sun.	**October 4**	**9:00AM**
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
Walter Ligon †		Mary & Moira

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