

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jozef Stalin who, lead communist Russia for many years was an altar-boy in his youth and later a seminarian. The story is told that at one time he received a well-deserved rebuke from his superior, but was unwilling to take the correction. He left the seminary. Would he have turned out the way he did, had he taken the correction humbly, and learned by it?

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" is an old adage born of experience and proven again and again by fact. Today, parents are often reluctant to correct their children when they stand in need of correction, either because they are a victim of today's permissiveness or leniency or because they fear to lose the love and affection of their offspring. Teachers condone what ought not be condoned because they think they will lose the good will of their students. The Lord acted differently and he is the Master Guide.

It was the will of the heavenly Father to redeem humankind by the sufferings and death of his Son. In no better way could he manifest his great love. Jesus Crucified is the way he chose to prove to the world that he is a God of immense love, sacrificing his own Son, giving him up to such torments out of love for humanity. But the Apostles found a suffering Messiah repugnant, and a stumbling block to their preconceived notions of a glorious Messiah-Conqueror. Peter even took it upon himself to object what Jesus had just foretold about his passion and death. He remonstrated with Jesus, saying that such things would never happen to him! But the Lord sharply rebuked Peter. He called him by an undesirable name, namely Satan, the archenemy of Jesus. And this right after Peter had acknowledged him as Messiah King in the name of all

Another correction was dealt by Jesus to James and John, the sons of Zebedee, though they were very close to Jesus and had shared his social confidences. When the little group was proceeding toward Jerusalem they had to pass through the country of the Samaritans. Anyone who was a Jew and on his way to Jerusalem, the Jewish capital, was no friend of the Samaritans, and they prevented the disciples from passing through. James and John were highly indignant and asked the Lord to call down fire from heaven to destroy them. But Jesus turned toward them only to reprimand them.

His was not the spirit of violence and destruction, but of mercy, understanding and forbearance.

In the Book of Proverbs, we read: "He who loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid." (Proverbs 12:1). And again: "A wise son loves correction, but the senseless one heeds no rebuke." (Proverbs 13:1).

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 17	11:00AM	
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae	
Wed.	September 18	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
Thur.	September 19	11:00AM	
Lena McCrossen† (birthday)		Gina	
Fri.	September 20	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
Sat.	September 21	4:30PM	
John Heuser Sr †		Trudi	
John Jr, and Ken†			
Sun.	September 22	9:00AM	
Lisa Ruggeri		Gina	
(birthday)			
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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***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. ***

Sunday Collection -September 8th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$3627
Maintenance	\$538
St. Patrick Mission	\$262
Maintenance	\$199

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. ***

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.



Next Weekend's Second Collection

Although responsibilities as a pastor may go away, the retired priests of the diocese continue to serve the people of God. Those who are able are serving wherever they are called. Those who are less able are serving in place. It is quite possible it might be a "retired" priest celebrating Mass. Their readiness to serve has been witnessed time and again in the Diocese of Oakland this past year.

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken to support the Priest Retirement Fund. Supporting the collection is a way to thank them and honor them for their service. Please give generously. Thank you!



Coming Soon

We know it isn't even October yet, but please save the date. Our annual Christmas Boutique will be returning on Sunday, November 24th with a new name, the

Christmas Market!



We will also be continuing the pancake breakfast and lunch plates. More details to come soon!