



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

I think we can all agree that human slavery in our country, which is dedicated to personal freedom, is an anomaly beyond our powers to understand. Whether the slaves were treated well or poorly is not the point. It is simply abhorrent that one human being would be actually owned by another human being. As we look back on that era, we cannot imagine how slavery could have been tolerated, not to mention actually justified in the minds of the people.

I suspect, however, that another generation, more enlightened than our own, will look back upon our times and ask: "How could they have tolerated it? How could they have possibly justified it?" Think back to the era of slavery. Do you think that the Church should have said nothing against this immoral institution? Imagine, however, the effect of a sermon condemning slavery given to a congregation of slave owners. Don't you think that some would have walked out, that others would have protested that the priest had no business sticking his nose into their business, or even that the Church ought to restrict itself to praying?

Hindsight is easy. We easily condemn slavery today, as we easily condemn Nazism and the horrors of the concentration camps. In fact, today there are still some who say that Pope Pius XII should have been more active in opposing Hitler and his crazy ideologies. Let's profit from that kind of hindsight and recognize that the Church must not be silent regarding social matters in our own time. Nor should we as individuals become defensive if a social teaching of the Church hits home.

The Gospel we heard this Sunday is a strange paradox. Jesus the Prince of Peace, proclaims that he has come not for peace but to light a fire on earth, a fire to purify human life of injustice and hatred. And if such purification demands division even within families, then remember what Jesus says: "I have come for division." The message of Jesus is not all milk and honey, or sweetness and light. Jesus was no Casper Milquetoast, mouthing platitudes that could be turned into bumper stickers. Rather, he was forceful and uncompromising when the truth had to be proclaimed, no matter what the consequences. Our Second Reading in the Mass exhorts us to "Remember how he endured the opposition of sinners." The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah,

similarly refused to compromise with the evils of his day. For his efforts, he was accused of treason, thrown in to a cistern and left to die.

Jesus came to bring peace, but not a false peace which is the spoiled fruit of the attitude which favors peace at any price, a price which is a compromise of moral principles; a giving-in to wrong when it is convenient, a willingness to go along with evil when it is profitable. True peace does not come from selfishness and greed.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - July 31st

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1095), St. Patrick Mission (\$225)

Sunday Collection - August 7th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$3523), St. Patrick Mission (\$425)

Thank you again to all who support our Parish



School starts this week, please drive safely!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table of Mass Intentions for the week of August 16-21, 2022. Includes days, dates, times, and specific intentions for each day.

Coming soon . . .

Coffee and Canvas was such a success, it will be back September 17th. More details to come next week!



Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program will be starting the end of September! Registration forms will be available soon.

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every Sunday at 10:15 AM (must be in 1st grade).

CONFIRMATION: This is a two-year formation program. Classes will be every Sunday at 10:15AM and one week day 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).

July Financial Overview

Financial overview table for St. Rose. Includes Expense and Income sections with various categories and amounts, totaling \$12,573.16 in expenses and \$10,021.00 in income.

St. Patrick Mission

Financial overview table for St. Patrick Mission. Includes Expense and Income sections with various categories and amounts, totaling \$1,679.72 in expenses and \$905.00 in income.