

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A child is not grateful by birth. It is, on the contrary, quite selfish, looking only for its own needs and wants. But when it was trained to say "Thank you" for any favor done to it, it grows up well-mannered and pleasing to all. The Holy Father once visited an orphanage in Rome and one little tot was so pleased that she offered to the Pope what she treasured most: her little doll. What a beautiful act of a child! A grateful heart.

In this weekend's second reading, it shows us the immense love of God pouring itself out in abundant favor toward his People. It is St. Paul's hymn of gratitude, which has a "Trinitarian" dimension because



it touches on the work of the three divine Persons in regard to mankind's salvation. Humankind's happiness and destiny is entirely bound up with Christ, the Beloved of the Father. In him we are God's chosen children, destined to be holy and without the least blemish one day in heaven, and that for all eternity. Once

this imperfect life with its failures, its sins and its ailments is over, there dawns an eternity where love permeates all things. As sons and daughters in the one Son of God we are destined to enjoy all the inheritance belonging to Christ the Lord, God's Beloved One. Ought not our hearts lift up in praise and thanksgiving for such immense favor bestowed on us? If we appreciate so much an inheritance left us in someone's will, if we gratefully accept benefits bestowed on us, let us say, by the company for which we work, then we ought all the more appreciate and gratefully receive the spiritual benefits of the Father in heaven who has given so much in the heavenly realm towards which we inevitably tend!

It was Christ, God's beloved Son, who underwent death for us to set us free from the yoke of sin and Satan. He alone wrought our redemption and paid the price of His Blood. He poured out on us abundant wisdom and gave us insights to realize his great plan. For Christ is the center of the universe, the one in whom all things in heaven and on earth meet in harmony. The Father has been pleased to bring all

things together under the Headship of Christ, by whom the universe came into being and for whose glory it was created. He is the New Adam in whom regenerated mankind finds fulfillment and purpose. To Christ every person, rich or poor, learned or uneducated, can look up to with hope, that this life on earth has a purpose, and all suffering has a deeper meaning., as Jesus so eminently manifested by his patient commitment to his father's will. In Christ we have all the means necessary to reach that destiny to which we are invited. Again, ought we not break forth in praise of God for his great favor!

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	July 16	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	July 17	11:00AM
Living Memorial	0 tal.y 1.1	11,0011111
Thur.	July 18	11:00AM
Thanksgiving	July 10	Ed & Mae
Fri.	July 19	11:00AM
Special Intentions		_
Sat.	July 20	4:30PM
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Sat. Tony†& Vilma (Anniversary)	July 20	4:30PM
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Tony†& Vilma (Anniversary) Sun. People of the Parish		9:00AM
Tony†& Vilma (Anniversary) Sun. People of the Parish Port Costa	July 21	9:00AM 11:00AM

Sunday Collection - July 7th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$3222
Maintenance	\$315
St. Patrick Mission	\$95
Maintenance	\$50

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. ***



REMINDER

There will be no Mass at St. Patrick Mission on Sunday, July 21st, due to Father Leo being at the Eucharistic Revival.



Parish Council

During the summer, our hard working parish council takes a short break. They will be back to work in August though, and are hoping that a few new faces will join them. If you are interested in helping make important decisions, or have some opinions and ideas on how to improve things, please think about becoming part of the council. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27th at 7PM in the parish hall. Mark it on your calendare, and come check it out!



Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Learn how to make your Sacrament of Marriage shine by participating in the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 20-22 in San Juan Bautista or November 15-17 at San Damiano in Danville or go to https://wwme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!

