

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

How often those who are exceedingly rich find life extremely boring, despite the fact that they have everything that money can buy. Some years ago, a famous inventor in one of the Eastern United States was found dead in his bed. He had built up a great business empire and had become a multi-millionaire. They found the revolver next to him and a note that read: "My work is done. Why wait?": Of what use to him was all his wealth, the great name, the world-wide prestige?

Is not then the attitude of the Lord toward riches unexpectedly harsh. In themselves, riches are not evil. Whatever is in the universe is good, coming as it does from the creative hand of God. Temporal goods were often allotted to mankind to assist him in his or her tiresome journey toward the spiritual an eternal. God enriches those he loved. Yet his general attitude toward riches was negative.

"Woe to you rich" Jesus said, "for your consolation is now." (Luke 6:24). And again: "No man can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and money." (Matthew 6:24) the simple reason is, riches channel a person's interests to the temporal and the material, whereas mankind's foremost goal is spiritual and eternal. In the parable of the seed fallen among thorns, the love of money, it is that chokes the good seed and stifles all higher aspirations. Riches often have the effect of making a person selfish and greedy. This is brought out in a very telling manner in the parable of the rich farmer who had a bumper crop. His only thought is how to accumulate more wealth, with no concern at all for his fellowmen, but the Lord called him to judgment that very night, and what good was all his wealth to him. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Some have thought that the eye of the needle was a low gate leading into Jerusalem, and a camel would be able to pass through it only with great difficulty. But there is no such gate with that name. Jesus' words are to be taken literally. One who has his or her heart set only on the goods of this world is aiming in the wrong direction, and it does not lead to the kingdom of heaven. Moreover, all the money in the world will not be able to purchase entrance into that kingdom. Salvation is God's gift to mankind, and no

one relying on his or her riches will attain it.

Jesus invited the rich man in the gospel to total renunciation in order to obtain the Supreme God which is God himself. But the man preferred his worldly goods. What will our response be if Christ invites us in the same manner? Or what is our response if his Spirit deep within our hearts inspires us to use the good of this world to help the poor and the needy, to see to it that our own employees get a decent wage for their own situation, and to champion the cause of those who are oppressed? Our material goods we must leave them behind when we die, but the good use we make of them will last forever.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tues.	October 22	11:00AM
Elizabeth Cordova †		Marcella de Leon
Wed.	October 23	11:00AM
Charles Roth		Jhing
(birthday) Thur.	October 24	11:00AM
Oliver Bañaga		Mom
Fri.	October 25	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Sat.	October 26	4:30PM
Nicolas† & Virginia	Cachaper	Alma & Jong
Sun.	October 27	9:00AM
Alex & Beverly Delsi	d†	Andrea & Ebony
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Sunday Collection -October 13th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2237
Catholic Voice	\$345
St. Patrick Mission	\$230
Faith Formation	\$65

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. ***

October Mass Count

Not many may realize it, but every October the Diocese asks its parishes to count the number of participants at each weekend mass for every week. We thought it was time to make sure that all our parishioners are aware of this! So, now is a great time to check in on those you may not have seen at Mass for a while and encourage them back, invite someone new to come along or even just try to carve out some time in your busy schedule to make it to one of the masses yourself!

All Saints and All Souls Days

Just a reminder that Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day, is a holy day of obligations, Mass that day will be at the usual 11:00AM. On All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2nd, there will be an All Souls Mass at 9:00AM and our normal Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM.

All Souls Remembrance Mass

We will be celebrating our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 9th at 10:30AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 donation per name) by Wednesday November 6st!



<u>Second Collection-Home and World</u> <u>Mission Sunday</u>

World Mission Sunday sends us to "go and invite everyone to the banquet." (Mt 22:19) Today, we celebrate that the Church continues to go out to the ends of the earth with the invitation of Jesus. As we gather on World Mission Sunday, along with Catholics around the globe, our prayers and our contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith foster global missionary cooperation, enabling the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church. There are also over 80 home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund essential pastoral work, such as religious education, seminarian formation, and lay ministry training. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps to ease the struggle of these dioceses. Thank you for going out to everyone and extending the invitation to communion with Christ.