From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Lord is coming! That was the the watch word of the early Christians. Full of expectations, they eagerly awaited the grand event which would be the crowning victory of the Savior. At times there were false prophets. This weekend's gospel speaks of the Coming of the Lord. It will be when no one is expecting it, and those who are not prepared will have a tragic end of life, for they will not be prepared to meet their Judge. His coming will be preceded by all kinds of trials, and great distress will be experienced by all nations. This is symbolized by the heavenly bodies which are depicted as no longer giving their light, so that mankind is in total darkness, anxiety and fear. These expressions of the heavenly bodies are not meant to be taken literally, for it is apocalyptic language, and it is figurative, to describe the fearful happenings on earth before the Coming of the Lord. But there is a bright side to the picture. These are the birth pangs of the real event which is about to break upon the world: the glorious Re-entry of Christ to planet earth, which will be witnessed by all the nations of the world.

At last the Son of God who became our Savior and Brother comes into his own. The humble carpenter of Nazareth is acknowledged as the Architect of the universe. The despised Crucified One will be seen as reigning in power and majesty. He who lived in utter obscurity and lowliness will be hailed as the one to whom all mankind owes its redemption and eternal salvation. The faithful followers of the crucified will be at his side, gloriously reigning with him, clothed in light and splendor. Those who have rejected him, or never bothered to know and love him while on earth, will be covered with shame. They will be filled with fear and trembling for the utter lack of cooperation they manifested all throughout life with the promptings of divine grace and the voice of the Spirit. The great event for which the whole world waited for centuries is finally at hand. Time is no more. Judgment is about to begin.

As to the time of his Coming, it is foolish to speculate, as many do. Did Christ not say that it was communicated to the angels nor to him to disclose it to mankind? Only the self styled prophets seem always to know the very year and the day, and throw people into fear and consternation. They always foretell "the end of the world" but it is rather the consummation of all things that the Lord has in mind. This will be a very joyful event for those who have faithfully tried to follow the Master, and have suffered with him by bearing their cross patiently. Live the Christ-life as he expects of you. Live every day that way so you will be prepared when he comes.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 19	11:00AM
Jun Agiao †		Ed & Mae
Wed. Living Memorial	November 20	11:00AM
Thur.	November 21	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri. Special Intentions	November 22	11:00AM
Sat.	November 23	4:30PM
People of the Parish		
Sun.	November 24	9:00AM
Minas Buenaflor †	Buenaflor Roth Family	
Port Costa		11:00AM

People of the Parish

<u>Sunday Collection -November 10th</u>		
St. Rose, Crockett	\$1995	
St. Patrick Mission	\$218	

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

This year, pancake breakfast tickets



for the Christmas Market may be purchased at the office before the event. Adults are \$15 and children are \$5. Come enjoy a hot breakfast you don't have to prepare yourself!

Guadalupe Celebration

On Sunday, December 15th, we will be having our celebration for the Virgin de Guadalupe. Before Mass we invite everyone to participate in the

beautiful procession led by the mariachi. After Mass. everyone is welcomed to a fellowship down in the hall. Our Guadalupe group has worked hard to raise money for the event, and are asking only



parishioners to help out by bringing a dish to share down in the hall. It can be whatever you would like: dessert, side dish, etc.

Also, next weekend our second collection will go towards the Guadalupe celebration to help cover any expense that the fundraisers were not able to. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please read the bulletin insert for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

