Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 5, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We live in a violent, hate filled world. It is a world drive-by murders and drug crazed people. It is a world in which babies are aborted and little children are abused and killed by their parents. It is a world of political and economical corruption. Is there more evil in the world now than in former generations, or is it that the media makes us more aware of what is going on?

Habakkuk, a Jewish prophet in the First Reading this weekend lived six centuries before Christ. It was a time, which in its own way, was really as bad as our own. In Judah, there was a wide spread political intrigue, corruption of morals, social injustice, contempt for the poor, and worst of all, a creeping idolatry which ignored the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God who had saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and who had formed them into a people with whom he had made a solemn covenant.

Habakkuk the prophet was disgusted. Almost no one among his people showed any wish for repentance and renewal. Habakkuk, to put it plainly, was fed up. So he turned to God in prayer, but not the polite and compliant kind of prayer which seems appropriate before the majesty of God. Habakkuk complained bitterly to God. His patience was just about at an end.

Other people may have prayed to God this way before Habakkuk, but the Bible makes no mention of them. Habakkuk seems to have embarked on a new, bold way of speaking to God. His insistence with God is remarkable but God's response is more remarkable. He did not thunder down words of rebuke upon this puny creature of his. God did not demand, "How dare you speak to me this way?" rather God asked Habakkuk to be patient. Then he added, "The just man because of his faith, will live."

Habakkuk was a man of faith. He believed that God the Creator was responsible for his creation. He called upon God who had made a covenant with his people to remember his faithfulness and his love for them. Habakkuk did not complain, that is true, but he complained to the Right Person, to the one True God who alone could clean up the mess in the world. He believed that God is in charge. Habakkuk was a man of great faith.

Faith is a gift. Our prayer should be filled with a boldness which comes from faith. St. Paul assured Timothy in the Second Reading this weekend, "The spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise." A prayer that is strong, loving and wise acknowledges that God the Creator is the right person to complain to because God is the one who is in charge.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**October 7**	**11:00AM**
NO MASS		
Wed.	**October 1**	**11:00AM**
NO MASS		
Thur.	**October 2**	**11:00AM**
NO MASS		
Fri.	**October 3**	**11:00AM**
NO MASS		
Sat.	**October 4**	**4:30PM**
Curtis Cook†		John & June Valentini
Sun.	**October 5**	**9:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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