October 6, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When Apollo 13 was shot toward the moon, something went wrong. It was on an erroneous course and unless a corrective could be computed, it would never return, and the lives of the three men were doomed. For three days and nights dozens of people at the Space Control Center at Houston in Texas worked frantically while time was quickly running out. Tensions mounted as relatives at home failed to understand the long absence of husband or father, and relations strained. But these men put aside all personal references. They were men for others. Totally unmindful of their inconvenience and distress, they succeeded in bringing the three astronauts back safely and alive. Though the names of the ground crew are hardly known, they had done a singular service to all. They had slaved those three days and nights to save the precious lives of others.

Three times Jesus announced to his chosen band that his was a life of sacrifice, a life of total service for humankind, climaxing in his death for them. Each time they failed to enter into his thoughts. After the first announcement of his passion, St. Peter even remonstrated vigorously with Jesus, only to be sharply reprimanded by him. After the second announcement, the disciples seem to ignore what he told them, and begin to argue among themselves as to who was the greatest. Jesus chided them by saying: "If anyone wants to rank first, he must remain the last of all, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:15). But the lesson was lost on deaf ears. Now after the third announcement of the passion comes the gross misunderstanding from the side of two favorite disciples, James and John, who strike out for highest honor and glory, while Jesus himself had told them he was giving himself to ignominy and death. He had come not to be served but to serve his fellowmen and women. His favorite disciples crave to be served in the highest places of the kingdom. Their ambition is for worldly honors, his one ambition is for the glory of the cross.

Of course, this was against all that mankind in his pride had hitherto done. It would take a new way of thinking. Only the gift of faith could provide such sentiments and stamina. That is why a birth was necessary, and the disciples were to become like little children again in their attitudes and appreciation of values. It would take faith-values to enable them to live up to this new pattern which he was giving them. What a striking contrast he then drew on the one hand of despotic rulers and a picture of the willing servant on the other. A despot rules through oppression as did the great despots of ancient and modern times as well. Authority is exercised by sheer power and force. All this was farthest from the mind of Christ.

There is no need to go beyond our scope of activity to exemplify this principle of service. Everyone is inclined or at least tempted at times to be selfish, to shut oneself up in an ivory castle and live only for one's little ego. But real nobility and greatness of everlasting value throws open the doors and seeks to do all in its power to come to the aid of others.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 8	11:00AM
Nenita Robles		Lily Militar
(healing)		-
Wed.	October 9	11:00AM
Maria Luisa Tuazon †		Marcela de Leon
Thur.	October 10	11:00AM
Elliott Avery		Lolo & Lola
(birthday)		
Fri.	October 11	<u>11:00AM</u>
Jennie Shen †		Lily Militar
<u>Sat.</u>	October 12	4:30PM
Rich Gill †		Ed & Mae
Sun.	October 13	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Port Costa	<u>11:00AM</u>
Manuel †	Your children

Sunday Collection -September 29th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1476
Priest Retirement	\$ 352
St. Patrick Mission	\$155
Priest Retirement	\$38

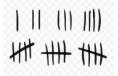
Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

***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! Our counts start this weekend, and will continue all month.

<u>Guadalupe fundraíser</u>

To help offset the cost of the mariachi and other supplies for the Guadalupe celebration, the committee will be having an enchilada lunch plate sale on Sunday, October 13th from 10am-2pm in the hall. The plate will

include three chicken enchiladas, beans, rice and the condiments for \$16. There will also be some sweet desserts available.



VIRTUS TRAINING AND FINGERPRINTING NEXT SATURDAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 9:00AM

Due to a change in requirements at the Diocese, ALL **VOLUNTEERS IN ANY CAPACITY** will need to have their virtus training and fingerprinting done to continute to participate. One of the trainers is willing to come out to St Rose to do the live training, as well as schedule a company to come out and do our fingerprinting that day. This will save anyone from having to travel to do their fingerprints and help those who are not comfortable using the computer to do their training. We understand that many have conflicted feelings about this, but we all must do our part to protect the vulnerable in our community, and this is more than just the children. If you don't have a login with the Virtus system, please go to www.Virtus.org and just start an account. I am happy to help you with that if you want to stop by the office as well.

I.C.F. Crockett Branch #14

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POLENTA & SAUSAGE

DINNER OCTOBER 19, 2024 6:00PM \$25

St. Rose of Lima Hall 555 Star St. Crockett, CA 94525

DINNER INCLUDES: ANTIPASTO, SALAD, POLENTA, SAUSAGE, BREAD, & DESSERT WINE INCLUDED AT DINNER

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!

TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE PICK UP 4:30-5PM

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