

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Lord uses very severe words in this weekend's Gospel toward those who, misled others so that they lose the faith and turn away from good morals. He depicts a violent tragic death as punishment deserved by such offenses; hanging a large rock or millstone around the neck of the offender and throwing him into the sea. Death here is the temporal punishment in question, carried out for the good of others. There is no mention of eternal damnation. Jesus is in dead earnest, because simple people often have a deep faith, but it is not an educated faith, so they are quite easily led astray. The Good Shepherd goes out of his way to save even one of these little ones, like a lost sheep. He is understandingly angry at those who even cause the sheep to go astray.

How well his words could be referred today to educators and leaders of groups who deride the faith of the simple believers, or claim that the moral teachings of the Church are outdated and no longer applicable. These are the worldly wise who prefer to follow the norms of a Neo-pagan world, and have no qualms of conscience in watering down serious sin, or in favoring premarital relations, divorce, contraception and abortion. People are confused because so many so called "teachers" are not upholding the faith, but belittle it, watering it down. They are a stumbling block to youth in their lax interpretation of the moral law under the guise of progress and advanced thinking. How well the severe judgment of the Lord applies to them! Their bad example, manifested in their words and actions, lead astray many for whom the Lord suffered and died.

The evil of bad example of one single person was brought home vividly at one time by the gruesome murders in Guyana, which horrified the entire world. History gives several examples where one single person has led many innocent persons astray, to their utter frustration. It is important from time to time to examine our own doings, whether our example in word or deed might be the occasion for others to lose their faith, or at least to make it less effective in their lives. The severe punishment threatened by the Lord ought to stand as a constant warning, and a strong incentive to give good example in all things so that by the light of our works, people are led to God.

From time to time, we ought to examine our hierarchy of values. What do we consider of greatest worth in life? Are we willing to let companionship jeopardize our eternity, evil literature separates us from our highest Good, shoddy business-associates keep us from lasting association with Christ who alone can make us fully successful and happy.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 1	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Wed.	October 2	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Thur.	October 3	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Fri.	October 4	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Sat.	October 5	4:30PM
Sandi Edmondson †		Trudi
Sun.	October 6	9:00AM
Special Intentions		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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In your prayers, please remember in a special way Ken Francis.

Guadalupe fundraiser



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.

Sunday Collection -September 22nd

St. Rose, Crockett \$1566

St. Patrick Mission \$242

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

out some time in your busy schedule to make it to one of the masses yourself! Our counts will start the weekend of October 5th and 6th.

<u>Coffee and Canvas</u>

SATURDAY, October 5TH AT 10:00AM!!

along or even just try to carve

Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting

and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

VIRTUS TRAINING AND FINGERPRINTING

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.

