

# Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Many a person has one sole ambition: to make a large amount of money so as to live the rest of his or her life comfortably and bequeath to his or her children a splendid inheritance. Others make every effort to reach top government positions, or in their business firms. Still others leave nothing unturned to be a successful celebrity. All their energy goes into that one ambition.

Our Blessed Lord also had one sole ambition: to do the will of his heavenly Father in every respect and thus win for all of humanity who would receive him as the Supreme Gift of God, the Holy Spirit of Divine Love. All his energy went in that direction. He knew only too well that the Gift of the Spirit would enable mankind to perfect his human personality in unsurmised dimensions, and to live his divine sonship fully with splendor for an eternity. But Jesus also knew that it would cost everything he had, and this he gladly gave. It cost him the privations of early childhood, the hard labor for decades at the carpenter's bench, the strenuous journeys preaching the word of God and healing all manner of diseases, and finally the horrible sufferings of the Cross. Yet, he attained his ambition of seeing the Father's will in everything that happened to him and every person who was placed over him, and he carried out the Father's plan to its minutest detail. Nether setbacks nor oppositions nor maltreatment nor crucifixion deterred him. He was submissive to all of it, submissive to everyone and everything. He emptied himself and became the slave, the last of all.

And what about his chosen band of disciples? In this weekend's Gospel, it spells out their ambition in clear terms: To be considered first in line, to dominate the rest, to rule their minds and their wills, to be held in esteem by all the rest. What a contrast this weekend's Gospel gives us: the utter submission of Jesus to the last place, and the ambition of the apostles to the first place among the equals! It is the evil of pride that shows itself sooner or later in every person. Children will fight to have the leading role in a play. Men or women are jealous if one of their equals obtains a prominent position. Some people at times refuse to cooperate if they are not the head of the organization. Julius Caesar preferred to be the first in any small town than second in Rome. Even the chosen friends of Jesus were not free from pride and ambition.

Jesus told his disciples: "What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and destroy himself in the process?" (Matthew 16:26). Experience shows that worldly ambition if fulfilled does not completely satisfy, as St. Augustine testifies: "Our hearts are not at rest, O Lord until they rest in you." The Lord warned that those who were last in the estimation of all may be surprisingly the first in the everlasting kingdom. (Matthew 19:30; 20:16).

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 24	11:00AM
Special Intention	as	
Wed.	September 25	11:00AM
Living Memorial	1	
Thur.	September 26	11:00AM
Special Intention	ıs	
Fri.	September 27	11:00AM
Eilah Jordin		Lolo & Lola
(birthday)	C41 20	4.20DM
Sat.	September 28	4:30PM
John & Pauline Cardoza †		Family
Sun.	September 29	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomas, Jose		Family
& Ma	nuel†	
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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\*\*REMINDER! There are no weekday masses the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>- October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass will resume the normal schedule on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience. \*\*



#### Sunday Collection -September 15th

St. Rose, Crockett \$1141

St. Patrick Mission \$180

#### 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. \*\*\*

# 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.

#### Parish Council

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the parish hall. Mark it on your calendar, and come check it out!If you are interested in helping make

important decisions, or have some opinions and ideas on how to improve things, please think about becoming part of the council.



#### Coming Soon . . . .

We know it isn't even October yet, but please save the date. Our annual Christmas Boutique will be returning on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> with a new name, the

# Christmas Market!



We will also be continuing the pancake breakfast and lunch plates. More details to come soon!

## Coffee and Canvas

# SATURDAY, October 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00AM!!



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.

### 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 will start the weekend of October  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$ .