



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. Originally, the kingship of Christ was associated with Holy Week and Easter. On Palm Sunday the kingship of Christ was heralded by the people during the triumphal procession to Jerusalem, and on Easter Sunday it was manifested and confirmed by God the Father in raising his Son from the dead. Jesus won the victory over sin and came into possession of his kingdom by means of his death and resurrection.

The idea of Christ the King is one that is very familiar to us, and yet Christ is very different from earthly kings. The kings we have heard and read about have often had to win their kingdoms in the blood of battle. Frequently, one king met another in individual, mortal combat. The survivor was the victor. Though some kings have been benevolent rulers, many became tyrants, exacting heavy taxes and tribute and giving few benefits in return to their subjects. One thing, all kings, no matter how powerful or extensive their kingdom, have had in common is this; death has been the end of their kingship.

How different is Christ the King! To begin with, Jesus did not win his kingdom in the blood of a battle field, but “ through the blood of his cross” as the Second Reading this Sunday tells us. His enemy was not another king but sin itself. Though Christ died in the struggle, it was Christ and not sin who was the victor. After his victory, Christ, far from becoming a tyrant, has shown that he is the most benevolent toward his subjects.

If Christ has already won the battle for his kingdom, and if his kingdom has so much good to offer people for their happiness, why is it that many people still fail to recognize and accept Christ as their King? Why is it that the justice, love and peace of his kingdom are not in great evidence in our world? The reason is that sin, despite the victory of Christ still has power in the world.

The situation is somewhat like the one following the war with Japan. In that war, the decisive battles had been fought and won by the United States in the summer of 1945. On August 14, 1945, Japan officially surrendered. Though there was no doubt then that the United States had won the war, some fighting continued in a few islands of the Pacific in what the

military referred to a “mopping-up” operations. We are like the people in the final stages of war. Christ has fought and won the decisive battle against sin and evil, and we are now in the mopping-up period. We long for the day when this struggle will be over and done with, so that all people may enjoy the justice, love and peace of Christ’s kingdom. The second coming of Christ will mark the end of this transition period, and then will begin in all its perfection the eternal and universal reign of Christ the King.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table of Mass Intentions for the Week with columns for Day, Date, and Time, and rows for Tuesday through Sunday and Port Costa.



Sunday Collection - November 6th

Table listing contributions for the Sunday Collection: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1905), Archdiocese Military Support (\$352), St. Patrick Mission (\$150), Archdiocese Military Support (\$50).

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

Advertisement for Thanksgiving Day Mass featuring Father Leo, a chalice, and a turkey. Text: Father Leo will be at celebrating the Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00AM.

Canned Food/ Nonperishables

Now through the celebration of the Epiphany, we will be collecting canned/nonperishable items. We will continue to collect during the holiday season to help make a difference for those in our community during this holiday. We would love items like cereal, peanut butter, crackers, canned goods with pop top lids, tuna and other goods that don't necessarily need to be cooked.



Advertisement for St. Rose of Lima Church Christmas Concert: 'A Gift of Song - A Christmas Concert'. Includes date (December 4, 2022) and admission prices (\$20.00 per Adult, \$10.00 per Child).

Office closure notice: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY NEXT WEEK! Includes illustrations of a hat and a turkey.



Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way, Thomas Jon Wolthuis, and keep his family in your thoughts.

