

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A woman teacher became engaged. One of her more experienced co-workers decided to give her some good advice. “Just remember, she said, the first ten years of marriage are the hardest.” The younger teacher asked her co-worker how long she had been married. “Ten years,” she answered. (Reader's Digest, Laughter the Best Medicine).

The First Reading and the Gospel this weekend presents us with a very challenging topic: love. When we hear that word, we automatically think of romance, joy, and warm feelings. Sometimes it is, sometimes it's a matter of dedication, loyalty and commitment. Those who have matured in learning about love know that sometimes it is easy and sometimes it's hard work.

The Jewish leaders considered there were 613 precepts or commands in their law, the part of the Bible we call the “Old Testament”. Jewish rabbis often debated which of these was the most important. So, Jesus was asked what is the greatest. He states two, not one, as basic and central to everything else. The first is from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is part of a Scripture text that pious Jews recited twice a day. The second is from the Book of Leviticus. Putting these two together is original with Jesus and stresses Jesus' emphasis that true religion is more than a matter of external observance (which it is of course) but comes from the disposition of our hearts.

I want to stress at this point the importance of the external observance of God's law, that is, doing what God wants us to, even if we don't feel like it, even if our heart is not in it. I think that many people in today's world think that love of God is just a matter of a warm fuzzy thoughts and feelings about God, without much attention to our behavior as to whether we are doing what God wants us to do. For example, taking seriously the Commandment of keeping holy the Lord's Day, taking any time for worship or serious prayer, many consider unnecessary.

The second is like it, and we can't really love God whom we do not see if we do not love our neighbor whom we do see. There are almost an infinite number of ways we can love others: from common ordinary decency and friendliness to really putting ourselves out for those who are the most destitute as St. Francis or St. Theresa of Kolkata did.

Every Sunday we are in Church to say “thanks to God for all His goodness to us. The word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”. We thank God for all His many blessings. Giving God thanks is an important act of our love for God. St. Paul tells us as much in his Letter to the Colossians: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:17)

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 27	11:00AM
Jovic & Curt		Thomas & Family
Wed.	October 28	11:00AM
Joseph Mangundayao		& Family
Thur.	October 29	11:00AM
Jessica & Patrick		Ellison, and family
Fri.	October 30	11:00AM
Gilda’s departed friends and family		
Sat.	October 31	4:30PM
Jimmy Keys		Charlene Kramer
Sun.	November 1	9:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
Mon.	November 2	9:00AM
		All Souls Mass

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Sunday Collection -October 18th

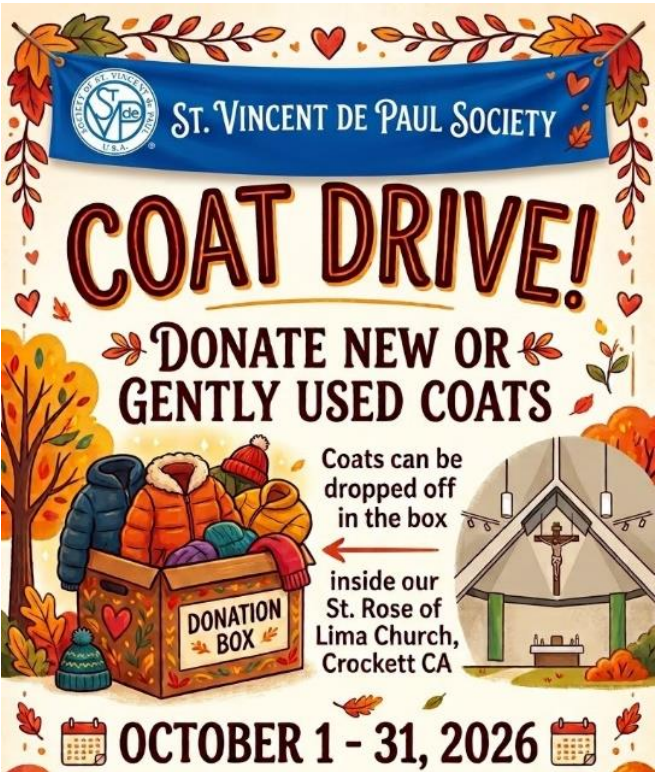
St. Rose, Crockett	\$1728
World Mission Sunday	\$210
St. Patrick Mission	\$256
World Mission Sunday	\$44.00

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 2026 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. **

All Souls Remembrance Mass

We will be celebrating our Annual Parish Memorial Mass on Saturday, October 31th at 10:00AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 suggested donation per name) by Wednesday October 28th!



September Financial Overview

St. Rose	
Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2767.24
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$378.28
Mass coverage	\$60.00
Secretary Wages	\$2410.06
Health Insurance	\$1554.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$118.21
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1237.00
Comcast	\$331.10
Garbage	\$538.53
EBMUD	\$382.64
Liability	\$2259.91
EDD	\$172.80
IRS	\$1563.42
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
OSV	\$131.73
Total	\$14,271.40
Income:	
Sunday’s Plate	\$7,459.00
CCD Envelope	\$370.00
Maintenance	\$205.00
Sacramental Service	\$300.00
Facility Use	\$600.00
Reimbursement	\$350.00
Other income candles	\$185.00
CCD registration	\$375.00
Total	\$9,844.00
St. Patrick Mission	
Expense:	
PG&E	\$22.19
Reimbursement	\$350.00
Kel-Aire	\$830.63
Total:	\$1202.82
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$628.00
CCD Envelope	\$86.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
Total	\$719.00

Parish Council Meeting

This Tuesday, October 27th, is our monthly pastoral council meeting. The meeting is held at 7:00PM in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend to see what our council is working on, as well as to share your thoughts and opinions.

