

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Two infantry men in Korea were stringing a communications' line when they came upon what seemed to be a deserted village. But then they found one lone inhabitant: a baby almost dead from cold and hunger. They took the shivering infant and hunted around till they found some blankets. Then they set off to find food. Finally, they came upon a group of Korean women who agreed to feed and care for the baby. Through an interpreter, the women expressed great surprise that men who were so occupied in fighting a war could take time to stop and care for a wee helpless child. But Christian love does such things.

Love does not count the cost. A young man will slave overtime at a job for months in order to gain enough money to buy his fiancée a ring. Parents sacrifice meals and even sleep to be at the bedside of a deathly sick child. Missionaries travel long distances to bring the consolation of the sacraments to the dying. In a disaster-area, doctors and nurses or first- responders work around the clock to give first aid and proper care to the injured. Love of God finds expression in showing loving care for one's fellow men and women. This very day there are thousands of men and women who are reaching out to administer the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. These are the works that have lasting value. All the glamour and popularity of the footlights will fade away, but love's actions remain forever, for they are done in God.

WHEN JESUS SAID LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, HE KNEW YOUR NEIGHBOR WOULD

ACT, LOOK, BELIEVE AND LOVE DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU. IT'S KIND OF THE WHOLE POINT.

Jesus summarized all the commandments in the double commandment of love of God and neighbor. If one loves God with his or her entire being, he or she will surely endeavor to please him in every word and deed, and he or she will take every precaution not to offend him deliberately. If one loves his or her

neighbor as himself or herself, he or she will not harm his or her neighbor, nor steal from him or her, nor offend in any way against his or her neighbor's rights and possessions. For his or her neighbor, like himself or herself, is created in the image of the God of Love. It is easy to see, then, why these two commandments sum up all the others. In this sense the words of St. Augustine are to be understood: "Love, and do what you please." the commandments are negative prohibitions, but to love is to reach out positively in all directions, making no distinctions or preferences, for all people are created in the image of God.

Real Christianity at a practical level can reach out to all people, for all are asking for a friendly word, or a warm handshake, a bit of love and understanding. They are not asking for financial help. They are asking for a true manifestation of Christian love. Many a person has been saved from despair or evil paths or even suicide, because someone took interest in him or her at the right time. Are you willing to reach out?

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 5	11:00AM
John Lira †		ICF #14
Wed.	November 6	<u> 11:00AM</u>
Virginia Cachaper†		Alma & Jong
Thur.	November 7	11:00AM
Robert Y. Bañaga Sr.	†	Lydia
Fri.	November 8	11:00AM
Virginia Cachaper †		Alma & Jong
Sat.	November 9	4:30PM
Gen Heuser †		Family
Sun.	November 10	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM

Your brothers & sisters

Dolores Koehne †

Sunday Collection -October 27th

St. Rose, Crockett \$2623

St. Patrick Mission \$340

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. ***



All Souls Remembrance Mass

We will be celebrating our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 9th at

10:30AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 donation per name) by Wednesday November 6th!





In your prayers, please remember in a special way Fred Clerici.



<u> Pre-order your Tamales!</u>

Pre-order handmade tamales through November 10th! They will be available for pick up after the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday November 17th. The tamales are pork or chicken, and will be handmade by the ladies organizing the Guadalupe celebration. Tamales are \$3 a piece, and payment can be made at the time of purchase or pick up. All proceeds will go towards the Guadalupe celebration on December 15th, including the Mariachi's.

