From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In this weekend's parable, we would rather our Lord had told us, the master of the house said to the late comers "Come on in." But He didn't. They missed out because they were not prepared. God is always ready to welcome us back if we are willing to change our ways, but our Lord warns us in this weekend's parable, we never know when time will run out for us.

When we hear this weekend's parable, we think the ones who brought enough oil were being very selfish. But instead of thinking of 10 bridesmaids, let us think of 10 students going in into class and the teacher is about to have a pop quiz. Five of the students had been studying all along and knew the material. The other five had been partying and cutting classes or sleeping through the lectures. The five prepared students couldn't suddenly transmit their knowledge to the other five.

The oil represents something intangible. It represents for example a relationship with God which must be personally developed and which cannot just be given to someone else any more than any close relationship can. Someone once wrote an article entitled: God has no Grandchildren. We either have a relationship with God as a son or daughter or we do not. We cannot have a relationship with God because someone else we know or we are related to does. We have to have it for ourselves. The oil could stand for character. A person cannot take someone else character and make it their own. They have to acquire it for themselves. It could stand for the good works we have done. It could stand for the grace which God gives us as we serve Him and love Him. What our Lord is telling us is that, whatever will get us into the party is intangible, something each of us has to acquire for ourselves.

I am not telling you anything you don't already know. We all know that death is going to catch up with us sometime, and we don't know when that time will be. I think this is what our Lord means by telling us to "Stay awake." What this really means is to stay awake, because if we remain aware of how fragile life is, how suddenly it might come to an end for any of us, we will be prepared.

Our relationship with God is as practical as so many other things in life. We can't run our car without pumping gas in the tank. We can't pass a test if we don't have the required knowledge. We can't write a check and not have it bounce if we don't have the money in the bank. We can't stay healthy if we don't eat. There are certain things in life that require something of us if we want the desirable results. Heaven is like that. It's not a geographical place where God decides He's going to put us if we are good or keep us out of if we are bad. It's essentially a state of happiness, a state of being in love with an infinite lover- a state that we have to open our hearts to.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 10**	**11:00AM**
Dominic Monferrato†		Jeff Frankel
Wed.	**November 11**	**11:00AM**
Living Memorial		
Thur.	**November 12**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	**November 13**	**11:00AM**
Leopold Francisco†		Family
Sat.	**November 14**	**4:30PM**
Gen Heuser †		Trudi
Sun.	**November 15**	**9:00AM**
Solita Ticzon Rivera †		Bernie & Imelda
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -November 1st

St. Rose, Crockett	$1441
St. Patrick Mission	$241

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!





This year St. Rose would like to support Consider the Homeless (CTH), a grass-roots organization in Berkeley that reaches out to men and women living out on the streets by providing them with food and clothing. One item that is always in need are thick warm socks. If you are able to help support CTH in their effort to those in need, there is a box located in the vestibule of the church where you can drop off your donation of warm men's and women's socks.

October Financial Overview

St. Rose

Expense:	
Priest Salary	$2767.24
Priest Food Reimbursement	$386.34
Secretary Wages	$2410.06
Lay Employee Pension	$444.57
Unemployment	$43.85
Health Insurance	$1554.48
PG&E Classrooms	$73.44
PG&E Church/Rectory	$1107.77
Bookkeeping	$100.00
Comcast	$331.40
Garbage	$538.97
Liability	$2252.91
EDD	$174.13
IRS	$1574.36
Church cleaning	$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	$260.00
OCP (missals)	$627.96
Hosts	$72.87
Masquerade programs	$500.00
Total	**$15,560.35**
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	$7598.00
CCD Envelope	$260.00
Maintenance	$578.00
Facility Use	$150.00
Reimbursement	$350.00
Other income candles	$167.00
Fundraiser	$6310.00
Diocesan Interest	$617.02
Donations	$100.00
CCD Registration	$225.00
Total	**$16,355.02**

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:	
CCWD	$159.09
Reimbursement	$350.00
Liability	$1481.25
Assessment	$465.50
Day Nite Pest	$158.00
Total:	**$2613.84**
Income:	
Sundays Plate	$1228.00
CCD Envelope	$13.00
Maintenance	$113.00
Total	**$1353.00**