From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This Sunday in the liturgy could well be called "Vocation Sunday." In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah described his call by God. In the second reading, St. Paul spoke of his own vocation to be an apostle by the grace of God. Finally, in the gospel we saw St. Peter's call to be a "fisher of men." All three left one form of life for another that God has chosen for them. The new life was more demanding, and required both sacrifice and perseverance. And each of the three stuck to the new life chosen by God.

Strangely enough these days, some priests are going in the opposite direction. They are leaving the priesthood to which they have been called for other vocations. They are not persevering; they are not sticking to the job. But this lack of perseverance is not confined to the priesthood or religious life; it is a syndrome of a society. Divorce is becoming more frequent, and laws are being changed to make divorce even easier. It used to be that people pretty much settled down in one community for almost all their lives, but moving from place to place has become almost a characteristic of our society. College deans report that students in great numbers than ever before are changing their majors. You probably know many people who are dissatisfied with their jobs, and are constantly looking for something else. Even with all the changes in the Mass, some people seem to become quickly bored and want something new and different. Perhaps with all the bombardments of our senses through entertainment media and many experiences that are open to people today, we have become jaded. Perhaps with the great amount of leisure that modern gadgets afford us, we have become bored. Jaded and bored we easily become dissatisfied.

I believe that the attitude of mind we have makes a big difference. We are bound to have failures and discouragement. We always get a little bored doing the same things over and over again, especially the older we get. Yet one of the greatest graces God gives us is the grace of a new beginning every day. No matter how many mistakes we make, no matter how we may botch up our lives, we can always begin again. Here is an outlook on life that may help; each day is like a whole new life time.

When we awake in the morning, we are blearyeyed and a little groggy. As we say, we are not operating on all cylinders. We are somewhat like a new baby just being born. With the first cup of coffee, we begin to wake up and gradually come to full vigor, like a person in his or her youth. Then the work of the day begins. As the day wears on, we begin to wear out. We start to get tired and weary, like a person in old age. Finally, the day is over and it is time for welcome rest and sleep. Sleep is a biblical symbol of death, as it is in much poetry, and so when we go to sleep, it is like dying, like ending our life. But we wake up the next morning, and a whole new life lies before us. We can forget the past with all of its frustrations and boredom, and start to make the most of the new life that God has given us.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

<u>Mass Intentions for the Week</u>

Tues. Special Intentions	February 8	11:00AM
Wed. Special Intentions	February 9	<u>11:00AM</u>
<u>Thur.</u> Ben & Norma Mang	February 10 abat	11:00AM Lilibeth Licad
Fri. Thanksgiving	February 11	11:00AM Ed & Mae
Sat. Andrew Maguire†	February 12	4:30PM Maguire Family
Sun. Special Intentions	February 13	9:00AM

Port Costa	11:00AM
People of the Parish	

<u>Tax Time</u>

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2021, please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.

<u>Sunday Collection - January 30th</u>

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1337
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$390

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

FUNDRAISER



Crockett Lions Club Neil Desmond Memorial Corned Beef & Cabbage

Dine In or To Go Meals Proceeds go to Support the Net Deseand Schularship Program

Crockett Community Foundations is supporting this tions Event

Saturday

St. Rose Hall

February 19, 2022

15 for Children under 12

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Meal Sto 7 PMTo Go's Pick Up: 5 to 7 PM Dinner includes Corned Beef,

Potato, Carrots, Cabbage & Roll

No Tickets Sold at the door Questions? Contact Lion Bill Ridle S10-375-7054

<u>December Financial Overview</u> St. Patrick Mission

St. Fattick Wilssion			
Expense:			
PG&E	\$126.00		
Day Nite Pest Control	\$158.00		
Total:	\$284.00		
Income:			
Sundays Plate	\$1488.00		
Holy Days	\$65.00		
Christmas	\$100.00		
Maintenance	\$70.00		
CCD Envelope	\$45.00		
Initial Offering	\$65.00		
Donations	\$40.00		
Snowflake Fundraiser	\$40.00		
Total	\$1913.00		

December Financial Overview

St. Rose Expense:

Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2456.36
Secretary Wages	\$1736.91
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$543.80
PG&E Classrooms	\$246.08
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1177.27
EBMUD Church/Rectory	\$267.32
EBMUD (CCD)	\$82.84
Comcast	\$248.50
Garbage	\$279.96
Health Insurance	\$1105.48
Unemployment Comp	\$157.12
EDD	\$142.52
IRS	\$1431.16
Clergy Long Term Care	\$3000.00
SERP (priest retirement)	\$1200.00
Auto Insurance Reimb	\$1150.00
Audit	\$4000.00
Total	\$19,225.32
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$9873.00
Holy Days	\$860.00
Christmas	\$160.00
Maintenance	\$450.00
CCD Envelope	\$320.00
Donations	\$180.00
St. Patrick Bi-Annual Reimb	\$1500.00
Facility Use – Parking Lot	\$300.00
Missal Donation	\$210.00
First Offering	\$340.00
Diocesan Interest	\$830.02
Snowflake Fundraiser	\$395.00
Total	\$15,418.02

HELP!!!

The Lenten season is right around the corner, which is when we usually hold our biggest fundraiser- The Fish Fry! Due to the constant changes with the Covid situation, the protocols that would be needed to keep everyone safe and the manpower it takes for such a large event, we will have to postpone this event for one more year. **Unfortunately, WE STILL NEED A FUNDRAISER!!!** We have asked before, but please, please give us some ideas that you would like to participate in. There are a few long-term projects in the works, but we want our whole parish family included in this task. No idea is too small or silly; call, send and email or drop a note in the collection basket!