



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

What a masterpiece is the human body! All the members are coordinated so that the best effect is obtained. Continually the heart sends the blood pulsing through the arteries. How faithfully the brain reacts to the least impulse! Without let-up the lungs breathe in oxygen and give out waste matter. Each organ has its own task to perform without encroaching on any of the others. The more one studies the human body, the more one marvels at it. Yet what gives it life, energy, movement or purpose? The spirit in humankind, that life-giving principle, the soul. Without the inner spirit, the body lies lifeless. It cannot move, it cannot act. And soon it decays and turns to dust. The same holds good in the supernatural realm. It is the Spirit that gives life.

As long as Jesus fed the crowds, healed their ailments and showed himself interested in their well-being, they flocked to him, held him in greatest esteem followed him wherever he went and wanted to proclaim him king. But when he continued to reveal to them the deep mysteries of his divine message, the realities of the supernatural world and of the kingdom, realities which humankind's minds would not be able to grasp by mere human reasoning, without the help of the Spirit of God, many backed down. They lacked the gift of faith. Thus, when he revealed to them the mystery of the Eucharist, that he would give them his Body and Blood for their nourishment, they became angry and departed from him. They walked no more with him. Jesus was deserted by the large number of his one-time followers.

It must have been a keen disappointment for the Heart of Christ to see the crowds dwindle away, whom he had taught so often, healed their ailments, and fed

in the wilderness. Instead of gratefully accepting his offer, and trusting that he knew what he was about, they broke out in angry complaints. Then he told them frankly: "What you need is the Spirit. "It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless."

This is what is needed today: renewal in the Spirit of Christ so as to revitalize our faith in the Eucharist. Only the Spirit can make us penetrate more deeply into the mystery of God's love. Day and night our Eucharistic Lord remains with us in thousands of churches and chapels all over the world, especially in this Catholic land of ours. Every night places of amusements in the cities are crowded. How many faithful adorers will come to spend some time and manifest their staunch faith in their Eucharistic Lord? These are the saviors of humankind together with the Savior himself, praying for their fellowmen and women. On them the Spirit rests.

How well did Simon Peter respond in the name of all in this weekend's Gospel: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal, life". The heart of humankind will not find rest and fulfillment in anyone else than in Christ the Lord and Savior. He deserves our loyal allegiance.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - August 15

St. Rose, Crockett \$1539

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$172

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Parish Pastoral Council



Just a reminder for all new and existing parish council members, as of July the Diocese has given all parishes the okay to begin meeting again. Beginning in September, when the Parish Council would normally reconvene, we will have our first meeting! Meetings will continue on the previous schedule, fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. More details will follow as we get closer.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. August 24 11:00AM
Special Intentions

Wed. August 25 11:00AM
Theresa & Edgar Allan Mom & Dad

Thur. August 26 11:00AM
Special Intentions

Fri. August 27 11:00AM
Special Intentions

Sat. August 28 4:30PM
Richard Charles Maidment Bob & Lydia

Sun. August 29 9:00AM
David Ponti † Mom

Port Costa 11:00AM
People of the Parish



Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program will begin the last Sunday in September!

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every Sunday after 9:00AM Mass.

CONFIRMATION: Registration is now open. Classes will be every Sunday after 9:00AM, taught by Ms. Jensen.

R.C.I.A. for adults wanting to become Catholics, or complete their sacraments. Please contact Father Leo.

For more information, please contact the office, 510-787-2052.

Current Mass Protocol

We are all excited as the State of California has lifted the color tier system!

Our Churches no longer have government-restrictions on capacity, and many of the practices we have come to see as normal are ending. With this in mind though we must remember that we still need to do our part to keep everyone safe.

- All persons need to wear masks indoors; currently no one is required to wear masks outdoors.
Social distancing is not required, though we do ask to keep others in mind as we work our way back to "normal."
Although the Diocese has okayed the use of worship aids, such as the missalettes, it is still recommended to stick to single use items. As there is no good way to clean the missalettes and prayer cards without wearing them down St. Rose/St. Patrick will not be setting these back out just yet.
The Sign of Peace will still be without physical contact.

The Oakland Dioceses is still following the recommendations of the CDC and Contra Costa Health Services. For a letter from the Bishop, and a full list of the updated guidelines regarding the Oakland Diocese, please visit:

https://www.oakdiocese.org/news/message-from-bishop-barber-concerning-june-15-2021-covid-19-updates-eng-esp

Contra Costa County and the Oakland Diocese now require masking indoors for everyone as a precaution against increased circulation of COVID-19.

Back to School . . . . .

Many schools are back in session. Drive carefully!

