



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

God calls whom He freely chooses. In this instance David, the youngest of all Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. God's choice is always His own doing. Also, in each individual instance and external qualities it does not influence Him. The disposition of the heart is what counts.

In the rite of consecration, oil is used. High priests were anointed as were the kings of Israel. Through it, in a certain way, the king became a sharer in God's holiness, and his person considered inviolable. Anointing with oil symbolized God's Spirit taking possession of him. Christ, the new David, was anointed not with the mere symbol but with the Spirit Himself, and likewise are all who are incorporated into Him in baptism. Hence the anointing with chrism. While doing so, the priest says: "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as members of His body, sharing everlasting life.



In the Second Reading, the Christian's life is one of light in Christ. He is to put aside all former evil habits. The fruits of light are beneficial to all. Evil deeds will stand condemned in the face of this light. A section of an ancient Christian hymn refers to the Risen Christ who brings humankind from spiritual death to the light of life in Himself.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear of an example of a splendid victory of Light over darkness. As sheer drama, this trial scene is brilliant, rich in tragic irony. Not merely is it the beggar who is rejected, but Christ the Light. In the setting, a current view is repudiated: personal ailments are not always the consequence of personal sins. Jesus gives the purpose not the cause of the blindness; that is in order that God can manifest His wonderful works. Jesus Himself is the Light of the world; He has come to give light to humankind, taking away his blindness, not only physical but also spiritual blindness.

Those who refuse to accept the Light remain in spiritual blindness. It is Christ who pronounces judgment. For many, the result of Christ's divine mission is tragedy, through their own pride and willful blindness.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Pope Francis' Prayer for Healing

Oh Mary,
you shine always on our way
as sign of our safely and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Healthy of the Sick,
Who at the foot of the Cross bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus,
Keeping strong in your faith.
O Salvation of God's people,
You know what we need
And we are sure you will provide it for us
Jus as at Cana or Galilee
the joy and feasting could return
after that moment of trial.
Mother of Divine Love, help us,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us,
He who took upon Himself our sufferings
and is marked by our sorrows
and so lead us, toward the Cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen

Sunday Collection - March 15

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name, Amount
St. Rose, Crockett \$975
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$N/A

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

March 21: N/A
Lector: N/A
Welcome: N/A

March 22: N/A
Lector: N/A
Welcome: N/A

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find your own replacement

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses..

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time
Tues. March 24 Noon
Wed. March 25 Noon
Thur. March 26 Noon
Fri. March 27 Noon
Sat. March 28 4:30pm
Sun. March 29 9am
Port Costa 11:00am

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

Last week, Fr Leo shared with you the current protocols we are using in able to help stop/slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

With the constant change that is occurring around us, the Diocese has added some new protocols in the week.

- All social gatherings that can be rescheduled, postponed or cancelled, should be.
All public Masses are suspended.
Our church will be open as a place of prayer and solace for people as long as social distancing and proper hygiene are being used.
WE WILL OPEN ST. ROSE ON SATURDAYS FROM 4:30-5:30 pm AND SUNDAYS FROM 9-10 am.

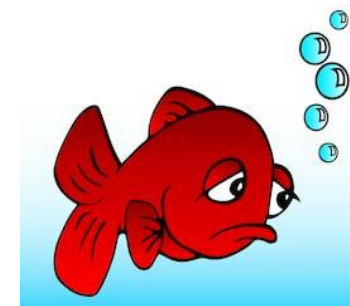
We all have many questions in regard to what is going on around us, and we will keep you as up to date as possible. The best suggestion is to wash hands frequently and do your part by staying home if you are

not feeling well. This is a very fluid situation, and no one has all the answers. Please just remember to take a breath, and don't make decisions in panic or haste!

35th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry

In light of everything that is going on, we are sure that you have concluded on your own that the Fish Fry scheduled for April 3rd has been cancelled. We just want to make sure that we make the clear announcement that the Fish Fry is cancelled. Despite this, we will continue on with the Raffle, which will hopefully be held around Easter. If you have raffle tickets, please still considering entering the drawing, and spread the word to others. If you don't have tickets, or would like to purchase some more, you may send a check to the office with whatever information you would like entered on the tickets. Our Secretary will be happy to fill out the stubs for you; the address is 555 Third Ave. Crockett, CA 94525. Please remember that with cancelling the Fish Fry, that is \$10,000 loss from our income this year. Even just the purchase of a few extra tickets (\$1 a piece or \$5 for a book of six) will make a difference.

Also, stay tuned!! When everything has settled we will need to come up with a fundraiser in hopes of recouping some of this, and would love your suggestions!



We know that it seems as though the parish is constantly asking for money, and this is very frustrating. Our parish family has risen to challenge every time, and we are forever in debt to that. Unfortunately, this Coronavirus epidemic is hitting us in an already bad time. If your family is able to continue to send their Sunday tithe to the parish office it may help us keep our heads above water for the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for whatever you are able to offer.