

# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

What a transformation that takes place in the life of a large caterpillar! It is rather formidable looking with prickles on its back and a horned tail. It moves very slowly, confined to a branch, eating voraciously and stripping the branch bare. Yet all the while it is building up new organs that will enable it to be a totally transformed creature. Once its work is finished, it comes forth from its cocoon-prison, beautiful to behold, a winged moth, no longer confined to a branch



but flying where it will, no longer eating leaves but enjoying their nectar of flowers. The moth is the same one-time caterpillar, but the change is beyond all

comparisons.

Our Risen Lord is the same Jesus hanging crucified on Golgotha, as the Apostles clearly testify. But what a transformation has taken place. Now he is glorified, shining in splendor and brilliance. His life of obedience, suffering and pain is over, and he now

receives as reward all the riches of the Godhead. Once considered stricken by God, a man of sorrows, now he is acclaimed by the entire universe as Messiah and Lord. Every lip acclaims him as Yahweh to the glory of the Father. He lives



now forever, never to die again. He goes where he wants to be, at will. No walls or doors can stop him from passing through. He appears and disappears as he sees fit. Not only is he himself transformed but he is the source of eternal life for all his followers. In blinding light, he appears to Saul at Damascus and transforms him from a persecutor to an ardent apostle.

What a miracle of divine power is the glorified body! This is the destiny that awaits all the faithful followers of Jesus. Christ is the first-fruits who has risen from the dead, but all who are with him in faith and love will likewise be transformed into a glorious state with no suffering or death anymore. He has promised life immortal to those who accept him. He said they would shine like the sun in the kingdom of his Father.

Some of God's friends have at all times been given a glimpse of the life beyond. When the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes, the very sight of her enraptured the child that she immediately went into ecstasy. The child could scarcely describe the beauty of Mary. When God allowed his saints to appear to anyone on earth, the apparition is always accompanied by great light and joy. Our Easter joy and exultation is already an anticipation of the heavenly bliss that awaits those who have gone with Christ to the heights of Golgotha. Then there will be an eternal alleluia!

Heaven is a reality. We see now with the eyes of faith, but then we shall see God face to face. Then we shall know as fully as we are known. God is never outdone in generosity. If we have suffered with his Beloved Son, we shall also share his immense glory.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

## Sunday Collection - March 24th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1868
Flowers	\$603
St. Patrick Mission	\$289
Flowers	\$69

### 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. \*\*\*



### Mass Intentions for the Week

April 2	11:00AM
	Lydia
April 3	11:00AM
April 4	11:00AM
April 5	11:00AM
	Family
Cartwright	•
April 6	4:30PM
	ICF #14
April 7	9:00AM
†	ICF #14
	April 3  April 4  April 5  Cartwright



A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Fry! Whether you spent time, money, or both to help keep the event going, it was seen. That includes everyone that showed up to enjoy a delectable meal too! We hope to have the total profit next week!



### OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 1 2024.

Office hours will also be shortened to 10-1 Tuesday- Thursday (4/2-4/4).



#### Ríce Bowls

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the office, or in the collection basket in the next two weeks. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!



## Bishop's Appeal

In two weekends we will kick off the annual Bishop's Appeal. We will have more information in next week's bulletin. Many parishioners may have already received envelopes in the mail, or in the Catholic Voice. There will also be envelopes in the pews next weekend.

