

# Third Sunday of Easter

Apríl 23, 2023

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Friends often invite one another for a walk. Especially in time of trouble, one might receive such an invitation. Perhaps along a wooded path., two friends discuss the hurts and the disappointments found in family or at work. Unfortunately, there is the chance that the two friends might address one another in such a way that the conversation never really plunges into the depths of difficulty. The two may mirror at each other's pain, rage and hurt. All told, the end of their walk finds them arriving only at more bitterness than they had at the beginning of their trek. However, there is the possibility that they will truly listen to one another. The end of their journey might find them not at the point of resolution, but at an understanding of the significance of life's hurts within the larger picture of life. This latter conversation only happens when the two friends are open to the presence of a third partner in the conversation: reflectiveness.

We hear this weekend of Cleopas and his companion, early disciples, on the familiar road to Emmaus. They have witnessed the death of Jesus. This Jesus was the hope of all Israel. This Jesus had seemed to be the one that would lead the people to freedom and peace. And yet he was executed as a political but innocent victim by the Roman authorities. Certainly the dreams of these two disciples had been dashed. The one in whom they had placed their trust was seemingly gone, and with him, the hope of liberty. But suddenly, someone was in their midst who enticed them to see beyond their limited memory. This sudden partner in their conversation broke open to them the meaning of that death and once again their dreams were kindled. But this stranger was completely unknown to them. This seen and invited guest was revealed to them in the intimacy of their evening meal. Broken Bread and Blessing. The one who was dead lives. "And did not our hearts burn."

All Christians, like the two companions, must enter into the three rhythms of faith story as we find it today in this narrative. First, the pilgrimage of the Christian life is not a guarantee that our daily existence will be exempt from the rocks and dust that are part and parcel of simply being human. We encounter the harsh realities of our personal and social lives, and we know that there is no escape for believers from the problems of loneliness, despair, violence and poverty.

It is imperative that we walk the road if the word is truly to set the world on fire.

In walking the road, we must take the risk and allow the Lord to walk with us and help us to understand. "Jesus was a walker." Jesus walks with us in our lack of understanding, our hurting, our bitterness. Christians will encounter the evils of life. But there is the invitation from God that we surrender our lack of understanding into the hands of Christ who is always there to console and heal.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 25	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	April 26	11:00AM
Cecilia Bernas†		Marcella de Leon
Thur.	April 27	11:00AM
Roberst Banaga Sr. †		Marcella de Leon
Fri.	April 28	11:00AM
Ruperto Del Rosario†		Marcella de Leon
Sat.	April 29	4:30PM
Pauline Cardoza †		ICF #14
Sun.	April 30	9:00AM
Yvonne & Patrick		Pena Family
Trajano†		•
Port Costa		11:00AM
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# Sunday Collection - April 16th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2156
St. Rose, (4/9)	\$601
Easter	\$4935
St. Patrick Mission	\$120
St. Patrick (4/9)	\$115
Easter	\$376

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

### Garage Sale

This year, as part of our fundraising efforts, the Confirmation candidates are going to help us participate in Crockett's Townwide Yard Sale in May. Last chance to clean out some of the stuff you don't use any more. We are accepting donations of gently

used items up to May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office 510-787-2052 if you would like to drop anything off.



### St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission this August! With that being said, we need your help. The parish is starting to put together a committee to help plan the festivities, so if you would like to be involved, or know someone that would be, please let us know. Also, we are starting to look for any pictures, memorabilia, etc. to help give a whole picture

of our beloved little church, so please spread the word. All items would stay with their owners, we would just like to scan copies of images and even jot down old stories of activities, priests and anything from the past



# SATURD Y, April 29 H AT 10: JAM!! Anom our parish. And f course, win se coffee!! All of this for \$3/ plus your painting to see home as a remento et some time aside for yourse, all are welcome! Sign-ups in the vestical



### **Confirmation**

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates, Jansun, Justin, Samuel and Julian who are now more fully part of our Catholic Church and St. Rose/St. Patrick family! These four boys worked hard with Ms. Jensen, Father

Leo and Mrs. Buscaglia to achieve this.

### Ríce Bowls

If you participated in the Rice Bowl collection this Lent, please return your Rice Bowl Boxes to the office. Thank you!