From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is one thing to know about a person, his or her life and his or her teaching, and quite another thing to know that person with loving knowledge and genuine friendship. Many know a good deal about Christ, his life and teaching, but it is quite another thing to know Christ personally. That comes with a personal encounter with Christ in the depth of one's heart or Christ discovered hidden in one's fellow human being. Such is the encounter that changed St. Paul from a rabid persecutor of Christ to his most ardent follower and champion. And such a spiritual experience is changing many today both young and old from a lukewarm, careless way of life, even from a life of sin and all manners of indulgence, to a fervent and meaningful life of genuine Christian commitment. They have experienced a deep insight into his love for them and feel impelled to make a return of love by leading a life worthy of Christ's love. It is amazing how many people of all classes have had this experience in this our day of materialism and permissiveness.

Saints Peter, James, and John had been in the company of Jesus for a long time already. Daily they had seen his exemplary life, heard his dynamic words, listened to his parables and their explanations, witnessed his signs and miracles and shared his companionship. But on that day when they climbed the mountaintop with Him, something happened. They could not explain it too well. None of the saints have been able to describe adequately their deeply spiritual encounters with the Deity. But they never doubted the reality of that special experience which they enjoyed that day. It formed part of the kerygma of the Early Church and all three evangelists narrate it at some length (Mark 7:1; Matthew 9:1; Luke 9:28). Jesus knew only too well that his trusted friends would need strengthening for the great hour of trial that lay ahead, the hour of his passion and death. God gives his friends special graces and favors before letting them the bitter cup of suffering and letting them share a greater portion of the cross. He foresees that unexpected failure, that illness paralyzing all effort, that death entering to the family circle, that hour of discouragement because of personal disgrace or losses. It is part of our growing in Christ, part of our becoming more like the Master, that we shoulder our cross humanly and willingly, bitter though it may be. But

before the blow falls, he grants his beloved one beforehand special marks of his love, glimpses of God's plan, a tasting of God's immense love, joys that fill the heart with delight in the things that God has provided. God's presence seems so real again, Christ's gentle and personal care so manifest.

God's special graces are given with a purpose. We do not wish to default.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

11:00AM

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

Tues.	March 2	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	March 3	11:00AM
	March 5	
Yumi Capile		Imelda
(Thanksgiving)		
Thur.	March 4	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	March 5	11:00AM
A.J. Bernas		Mom & Dad
(birthday)		
Sat.	March 6	4:30PM
Ray & MaryLou		Olivia
Austria †		
Sun.	March 7	9:00A
Fr. Ciaran Dillon †		

Port Costa

People of the Parish

Sunday Collection - February 21

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2876
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$215

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Indoor Mass!!!

From here on out, hopefully, we will be back inside, but maintaining a maximum of 60 people at St. Rose (25 at St. Patrick) for now.

Please remember face coverings are required, keep six feet distance at all times and only sit in the open sections/pews.

During communion, please follow Fr. Leo's directions, and STAY ON THE MARKINGS IN THE AISLE TO MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE!!!

<u>Weekday Mass</u>

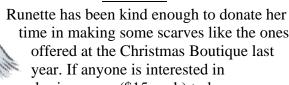
Beginning Tuesday, February 23rd, we will begin having weekday Masses again.

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 11:00AM.

St. Rose will keep weekday Masses at 11:00 until we get a little closer to normal. Beginning next week, Father Leo will also resume Stations of the Cross on Fridays after Mass as we have traditionally done during Lent.



Scarves



time in making some scarves like the ones offered at the Christmas Boutique last year. If anyone is interested in

purchasing some (\$15 each) to keep you or your family warm they are available in the rectory Mon- Fri from 8:30AM-2:00PM.

There are only a few scarves left!!!





2021 Bishops Appeal

This year the Bishop is continuing the theme of Rebuild My Church. As we begin our efforts to raise funds for the diocese and our parish through the 2021 Appeal, let us remember that our individual gifts, when combined with that of parishioners from across the diocese, makes a significant difference in the lives of so many people who rely upon our Church for their spiritual, pastoral, educational or human needs.

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual program that helps fund a variety of diocesan needs throughout the greater East Bay area. Every parish in our diocese is participating in this Appeal, which has an overall goal of \$3 million. In 2021, our diocese hopes to exceed that goal, and with your help, we can do it.

This year, our parish goal for St. Rose is \$6,000, and for St. Patrick Mission, \$900. We know the generosity of our parishioners, and believe we can do this together. Together, with our entire diocesan family, we share in the mission of the church. We share in reaching out to those in need. We are stewards of the faith.

This week, we have brochures in the vestibule available for those who did not receive one through the mail. The brochure outlines the Bishop's Appeal and how we will all benefit from a successful and collective effort.

After prayer, discussion with your family, and consideration of your financial situation, please make a pledge that reflects your gratitude for God's gifts to you by using the pledge card you received in the mail, or the pledge envelopes available here in church.

Next weekend we will take a few moments to ask for your gift and collect your completed pledge envelope.

