

June 7, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

An adult discussion group was wrestling with the subject of the Holy Trinity, the feast which we celebrate this weekend. They had reviewed the basic teaching: In the Holy Trinity, there are three Persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Yet, there is only one God. Then they got into the question of how the Trinity works together. It was getting beyond their depth when someone pointed to the pastor who was sitting silent on the sidelines: "Father, can you throw some light on this?" "Perhaps, I can throw some light on it." he replied. He turned to one of the discussants: "Bill, do you play the guitar?" Bill admitted: "I can play at it." "Good

enough," father went on. "How does a guitar produce musical sounds?" There are three things involved: musical art or the mind tells us what to do, the hand strikes, the string makes the sound. The mind does not make the sound, the hand does not make the sound, but both work with the string which does not make the sound. All three work together, although the special work of the string is to produce the sound. The Holy Trinity works something like that." The group agreed that the illustration helped.

One of the first prayers we Catholics learn is the simple and beautiful sign of the cross. We touch with the fingers of our right hand the forehead, breast, left shoulder, and right shoulder as we pray; "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That holy action reminds us that there are three persons



in one God, and that the second Person of the Trinity died on the cross for all of us.

Going a step further, the illustration of the guitar helps us understand to a certain degree how the three persons of the Trinity work together. What one member of the Trinity

did, they all did together. Each had a special work. We call God the Father, the Creator, even though the Son and the Spirit took part in the creation of things. God the Son is our Redeemer, although the Father and the Spirit were united with Him. As God, the Father and the Spirit were everywhere, especially in the God-Man, even though they did not assume human flesh as He did. The work of the Holy Spirit is to make all of humankind holy. The Father and the Son join in this

work. There is a loving, working relationship between the three Persons of the Trinity.

Jesus once said: "I am not alone, but the Father is with me." (John 8:16). Regarding the third Person, St. Luke tells us: Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan." (Luke 4:11).

During the mass, we profess our faith. "I believe in the Father...maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ...who suffered, died...rose...will come to judge. I believe in the Holy Spirit...the giver of life." We will never understand the Holy Trinity but we do believe in the Holy Three. Let us turn to them with love every time we celebrate mass.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

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.	June 9	N/A
Special Intentions		
Wed.	June 10	N/A
Special Intentions		
Thur.	June 11	N/A
Dana Martinez †		Mom
Fri.	June 12	N/A
Special Intentions		
Sat.	June 13	N/A

Sat.	June 13	N/A	
David Botta †		Mr. & Mrs.	
		S. Vella	
Sun.	June 14	N/A	
People of the Parish			

Port Costa

Port Costa	N/A
Mahoney Family	Alice Marshall

<u>Sunday Collection - May 31</u>		
St. Rose, Crockett	\$960	
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$275	



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Coronavírus (COVID-19) Precautions

With the constant change that is occurring around us, the Diocese is still adhering to the following protocols:

- All social gatherings that can be rescheduled, postponed or cancelled, should be.
- All public Masses are suspended, or must be conducted outdoors with no more than 100 participants.

Due to the current conditions in Contra Costa County, until further notice the church will open for distribution of communion on Saturday at 4:30PM and Sunday at 9:00AM at St. Rose. St. Patrick will also open on Sunday at 11:00 AM! Please respect state and county policies by keeping a social distance of 6ft, especially when entering and exiting the church, and wearing a mask. No more than 10 people may be in the church at a time (including Father and an usher).

St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission will continue this schedule until it is considered safer to return to full Masses.

Father Leo will continue distribution of communion using the following protocol:

I. Wearing a mask is strictly enforced!

2. Eight (8) people allowed per session.

3. Each group will line up in the aisle usually used to process in, 6 feet apart. After receiving communion they will exit using the aisle usually used to process out.

4. A ciborium is placed on a small table in front of the altar table. Before the reception, Father will lead the recitation of the Our Father, then "Behold the Lamb of God.

5. Individuals come up to the table one at a time, pick up a host themselves, consume it facing the altar, then put mask back and exit.

6. When the first batch has all exited, the next group could come in following the same procedure until everyone has received communion.

7. Note: upon entering drop your envelopes in the basket, since the collection bag will not be passed this time yet.

8. Observe distancing in entering and exiting the door. Don't crowd or come too close to others even members of your family.

9. Doors will open 5 minutes before Communion service. No one allowed prior for private prayers. Please cooperation is expected of everyone.

Father's Day Novena

We are not sure where we will be near the end of June, but in spite of this, and even more so, we would still like to recognize those who have done so much for us. Whether together or apart, Father will still be remembering all those fathers and father figures during the Father's Day Novena (6/21-6/28) masses. If you have someone special that you would like remembered at these masses just send a request in the mail, drop it mailbox. in our send an email (strosecrockett@comcast.net) or even give us a call, 510-787-2052. Please try to have names in by June 18th.