

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Many people read the Bible. Many more listen to it being read Sunday after Sunday. But often times it leaves little impression on their minds, and brings about little or no effect in their hearts. Something more is needed than the mere reading of the word of God or listening to it. Something from the Lord is needed, a light from above, a gift of the Holy Spirit, the charism



to grasp the value of that particular
reading for one's life. Only God can give this gift.
How often Jesus had foretold to

the chosen twelve that he would die and rise again! When he drove out the buyers and sellers from the Temple, he told them the cryptic words: "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). He was referring to himself, the true Temple of the Lord. After the Transfiguration, he told the three companions to say nothing of the vision till the Son of man was risen from the dead. In three consecutive instances he gave them a clear prophecy of his death and resurrection, but in each case, it is mentioned that they either resisted his

words or did not understand what he meant. Resurrection from the dead was something totally unheard of, so new as to be unbelievable. Their minds were dull.

Now the disciples are forced to admit the reality of his resurrection. He stands before them. He bids them come near and touch him. They feel his wounded hands and side. He even ate as he did before. He gave them all the proofs available for a reasonable man to accept the fact that he was truly alive again, although he had beyond a doubt died on the cross and was buried. They still did not know what to make of it, so he turned to their sacred books, especially the psalms and the prophets, and "opened their minds. Their minds had been closed. They needed light to see the meaning of the inspired word of God.

It is a fact today that the Bible is coming again into its own. Many more people are reading the word of God than before, and many more are listening attentively to the readings of the new liturgy in the Eucharistic celebrations. Yet, what is needed is the light from above, the charism to grasp the significance for one's personal life and needs, for those in one's care. The word of God is a living word. As the document on revelation of Vatican II tells us: "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets his children with great love and speak with them". (Article 21). And again, it is said that these sacred books "make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and apostles". Thus "the force and power in the word of God is so great that it remains the support and energy of the Church, the food of the soul, the pure and lasting source of the spiritual life. But we must beg the Lord to open our minds so that we understand. It is the light from above that is needed.

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.

<u>Mass Intentions for the Week</u>

Tues.	April 20	11:00AM
Jaime Gomez †	David & Linda Rossi	
Wed.	April 21	11:00AM
Fr. Leo's Ordination A	nniversary	
Thur.	April 22	11:00AM
Rita Scheflo	Olivia Austria Edwardes	
(healing)		
Fri.	April 23	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	April 24	4:30PM
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Sun.	April 25	9:00AM
Barcemia Lauder †		Jenny
Port Costa People of the Parish		11:00AM
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Sunday Collection - April 11

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1300
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$360

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Indoor Mass!!!

Please remember face coverings are required, keep six feet distance at all times and only sit in the open sections/pews. As our county moved into the orange tier Churches are able to increase to 50% capacity, but we must remember that we still need to maintain the 6ft distance.

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

Mother's Day

Mother's Day cards will be available

in the vestibule beginning next week

if you would like to enroll your

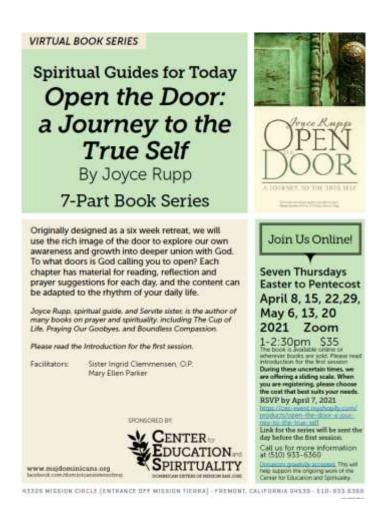
mother or mother figure,

living or deceased in the masses

on Mother's Day weekend.

You may drop it in the

collection basket.





Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

The peacemaking meeting originally scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. (Don't forget to bring your husbands!)

