



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

“Words are cheap.” It is a common saying. Proverbial wisdom gives us many sayings to indicate that actions are the real test of a person, not simply words. “Easier said than done.” “Beauty is as beauty does.” “Don't just sit there, do something.” “A smooth talker.” Obviously, it is common human experience that great dreams and wonderful promises do not always become reality. Words and actions do not always agree.

The American political process is an ongoing witness to the difficulty or even impossibility of transforming grand speeches into practical action. Candidates give promises concerning farm subsidies, social security, national defense, peace. But voters consistently return to the candidate's previous record. “How did you vote on this issue?” “What was your role in this event?” “How have your constituents benefited by your actions?” A candidate whose previous record contradicts current promises will not gain any votes. A voter who is swayed simply by campaign rhetoric can be badly deceived.

The same principle holds in our lives as well. The challenge is twofold. Our words must be good, for they are the key to the truth of who we are. But our words must also be given flesh in action, for words alone are not enough. Trust in words alone is folly.

The reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians shows another side of the relationship between words and actions. The whole of chapter 15 is a treatise on the resurrection, the ultimate realization in action of a promise beyond our imaginations. We are put in a position which tests our trust in the words of God. St. Paul says earlier in chapter 15 that if Christ's resurrection, which he preaches, is not true, then we are indeed the most pitiable of people.

But the resurrection is true. The word of God has become flesh in order to turn the promise of life into the full-blown wonder of immortality. The word of God through whom all was created has become incarnate in order to bring to reality the new creation, free from sin, free from death. This is the ultimate unity between word and action. This is the final reality, the rock, the word of God, on which our faith is built.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 1	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	March 2	9:00AM, 6PM
Imelda (thanksgiving)		
Thur.	March 3	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	March 4	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	March 5	4:30PM
Fr. Ciaran Dillon		
Sun.	March 6	9:00AM
Albert Joseph (birthday)		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - February 20th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1141
St. Patrick Mission	\$347

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Mass will be held at 9:00AM
and at 6PM for Ash Wednesday.



Current Mass Protocol

Contra Costa County and the Oakland Diocese require masking indoors for those who are unvaccinated (ages 2 and up) as a precaution against increased circulation of COVID-19 and its variants.

Currently no one is required to wear masks outdoors.

Social distancing is not required, though we do ask to keep others in mind as we work our way back to “normal.”

Although the Diocese has okayed the use of worship aids, such as the missalettes, it is still recommended to stick to single use items. As there is no good way to clean the missalettes and prayer cards without wearing them down, St. Rose/St. Patrick will not be setting these back out just yet.

The Sign of Peace will still be without physical contact.

Join ICF Branch #14 for our
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE
Drive Thru Dinner

Corned Beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, roll & butter and dessert

\$25 cash or check
Please reserve your dinners by March 21st

Saturday, March 26th
Pickup from 4:00 - 6:00pm
Crockett Boy Scout Hall
991 Loring Ave

For reservations, contact Donna @ 510-367-5669 or
email dhoffm3101@aol.com by March 21st

Thank you to the Crockett Foundation for their matching fund support!

Synod

This week, we are preparing to put together one more listening session to reflect on the four questions that this synod will be focusing on. If you would like to participate in this process, or want to know more, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. We also encourage you to reach out to others, especially those who have questions or have fallen away from the church, and invite them as well.



MEALS ON WHEELS DIABLO REGION HAS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH ITS FRIENDLY HELPER PROGRAM

Because it has flexible hours and days, Friendly Helper volunteering is the perfect volunteer opportunity for busy individuals who still want to give back.

Our Friendly Helper Program assists seniors with errands, such as:

- Going to the grocery store
- Picking up medication from a local pharmacy
- Running to the Post Office
- Taking a senior to the bank, and more!

Volunteers are needed 2-4 hours a month across the County with a greater need in West and East County.

To learn more, contact Carolyn Eghrari at 925-627-7895 OR via email at ceghrari@mowdr.org. To sign up to volunteer, apply online at <https://www.mowdiableregion.org/get-involved>, or contact Lee Davenport at 925-954-8736 or ldavenport@mowdr.org.

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