



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The passion of Jesus carries within it a dual reality, which is often split apart by various segments of the church. We hear ourselves speak of a theology of the cross versus a theology of glory, as if one is forced to proclaim either Christ's cross or God's glory. Either side of the mystery of Christ's passion, if separated from the other, will result in misinterpretation or abuse.

One side proclaims that Christ's passion, and therefore life in Christ is about humble servant hood. The cross of Christ is a servant's burden. We are Christ's servants as Christ is the servant of God. All this is true, however, our servanthood needs to be balanced by a healthy dose of glory, a joyous realization that Christ has won the ultimate victory over sin, death and the devil, thus freeing us for the service in his name. Without this, servanthood can degenerate into self-flagellation and false modesty. A skewed notion of servanthood will lead us to believe that God loves us because we suffer or grovel.

The other side of passion is that of glory. The cross of Christ is the throne of victory; therefore, life in Christ is to know that we are the heirs of salvation and heralds of that salvation to the world. All this is true, however, when we focus solely on the glory of Christ's passion and the victory of the cross without a healthy dose of servanthood, we will degenerate into self-congratulation and false pride.

The two sides of the passion, and therefore the two sides of life in Christ, are to be held in balance.

When we have a balanced



understanding of the meaning of the passion, there will be no need to choose between servanthood and glory, between social ministry and evangelism, between action and adoration. Holding to the dual mystery of the passion is our key to maintaining a balanced and faithful life in Christ.

The dual mystery of the passion is proclaimed boldly in the second reading. In this text Jesus, being in the form of God, took on the form of a servant. Let us view this hymn not only as a description of the dual reality of Christ's passion, but as a description of the dual reality of our calling as Christians and the mystery of our faith.

On this Passion Sunday, let us have this in mind among ourselves, that though we are in the image of God, we will not count equality with God a thing that we should grasp. Instead let us empty ourselves and take the form of Christ's servants. Let us humble ourselves and be obedient bearers of the cross. We can do these things, because God has highly exalted us in our baptism and has bestowed upon each of us the name which is above all names, the name of Christ, that calls all our knees to bow, and all our tongues to confess always and forever that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God our Father.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Sunday Collection - March 26th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2126
Easter Flowers	\$ 286
St. Patrick Mission	\$350
Easter Flowers	\$36

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Special Intentions		Alma Arcega
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
Holy Thursday		
Erlinda Cruz †		Gina
(birthday)		
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
Good Friday (not full Mass)		
Maximus		Gina
(healing)		
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>
Easter Vigil		
People of the Parish		
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Easter Sunday		
People of the Parish		
<b>Port Costa</b>		<b>11:00AM</b>
People of the 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. Beginning this month, we will be accepting donations of gently used items every other Sunday, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, from 10:15-11:45AM at the CCD building. If you cannot make those hours, please call the office 510-787-2052.



St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125th 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!



Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to make the Fish Fry happen. From those who organized, got supplies, guided and set up to those that helped the day of and those showed up to eat and on through those who came back to help clean up the aftermath! Without any of the people who came together to make this happen we wouldn't not have been able to keep up such a treasured tradition.

