



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Several years ago, in one of the Northern provinces in the Philippines, the people were badly in need of sufficient rainfall for their rice fields to obtain sufficient food for that year. Droughts and typhoons often upset matters leaving them in real need. A missionary conceived an ingenious project. By drilling a channel through solid rock to a river flowing on a high level, he partially diverted the abundant waters of the river to a series of canals reaching for many kilometers. Now with abundant water, three crops a year instead of one can be obtained, the rice fields are flourishing, many are benefited, and the water diverted from the river hardly diminishes its onward thrust in other directions.

This weekend, we are celebrating Pentecost, the day on which the Heavenly Father brings the Paschal Mystery of Jesus to completion. That mystery began with the incarnation of the Divine Word and Son of the Father in the bosom of the most Holy Virgin. It manifested itself in a life of obedience to the Father and service to humankind. It climaxed in the salvific death of Jesus on the cross and in his glorious resurrection, which obtained forgiveness of humankind's sins and new life for those who believe. Today the Father in heaven at the request of the Son exalted at his right side, completes the paschal mystery by diverting the abundant Living Water which is the Spirit to the believing community, so that it flourishes with new life and vigor. Today, Jesus standing in the midst of the community of those who have accepted him says: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Truly, the sending of the Spirit is the completion of the paschal mystery of Jesus. By diverting the Living Water from heaven to earth, the children of humanity blossom into the saints of God. By the flame of his wisdom, he opens the horizons of their minds, to grasp the deep things of God and the great things he has in store for humankind. The Spirit loosens the tongues so that they praise the Father with sounds beyond the limits of speech, and preach Jesus Christ to a world that stands badly in need of his redeeming love. The Spirit fills the heart of humankind to live peacefully with his fellowmen, despite the conditions in which they find themselves. He urges all to work together to build up a better world in which God reigns supreme.

The Spirit is God's supreme Gift to humankind, for in him dwells inseparably the Father and the Son. He is the Father of the poor, the comforter of those in trial, the gentle guest of the soul. It is he who brings quick relief in need, solace in the midst of sorrow, strength in the battle with temptation, repentance in failure, and refreshment in the heat and toil of the day. He is the reward of a virtuous life and the unending Embrace of the Love of God.

Only if we are open to the Spirit can the Living Water be diverted to us.

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 2	N/A
Jeanette Taylor		June & John
(illness)		Valentini
Wed.	June 3	N/A
Special Intentions		_
Thur.	June 4	N/A
Special Intentions		_
Fri.	June 5	N/A
Albert Joseph Bernas		Mom & Dad
(Graduation/Thanksgi	iving)	
Sat.	June 6	N/A
David Botta †		John Collins &
'		Ardith Bertorello
Sun.	June 7	N/A
People of the Parish		
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Port Costa		N/A
Walter Ligon †		Mary & Moira

St. Rose, Crockett		\$590
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa		osta \$35



A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOUND A WAY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR PARISH!



Online Donations

The Diocese of Oakland is trying to help those parishes and parishioner where online giving is not in place. To do this, they have set up a way for people to donate online through the Diocese to their own parish.

ALL DONATIONS THROUGH THIS LINK GO DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH THAT IS SELECTED.

There are a couple of ways this can be accessed.

1) Put this link directly into your internet browser:

https://www.oakdiocese.org/parish-support

2) Go to the Diocese of Oakland home page

Click on the Giving tab

Select the Parish Support option

This link will take you directly to the giving page. Once there, you will enter your gift information, parish affiliation, name, address, and payment preference. Once you submit, you will get a short reply confirming that the transaction was successful. A few minutes later, a message will land in your email account with a summary of the gift, including the parish it will be directed towards, and a simple thank you. The Diocese will process the gifts, which entails charging the credit or debit cards and running the bank account debits.

NOTE: Your accounts may not be charged immediately, but when the gift is processed by OMA staff.

Coronavirus (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 in church are suspended.

Due to the current conditions in Contra Costa County, the church will open this weekend for private prayer only on Saturday from 4:30PM- 5:30PM and Sunday from 9:00AM-10:00AM. 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.

Father Leo is hoping to resume distribution of communion next weekend, June 6th and 7th, at St. Rose and St Patrick during normal mass times using the following protocol:

- 1. Wearing a mask is strictly enforced.
- 2. Eight to nine (8-9) people allowed per session.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. When the first batch has all exited, the next group could come in following the same procedure until everyone has received communion.
- 8. Note: upon entering drop your envelopes in the basket, since the collection bag will not be passed this time yet.
- 9. Observe distancing in entering and exiting the door. Don't crowd or come too close to others even members of your family.
- 10. Doors will open 5 minutes before Communion service. No one allowed prior for private prayers. Please cooperation is expected of everyone.

We are asking if two ushers per distribution (St. Rose and St. Patrick) would be willing to direct people in and out the correct doors.