

Second Sunday of Easter

Apríl 7, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A woman lay dying on a street corner in India. Pale and emaciated, with a child at her breast, she was the victim of starvation. No one seemed to care. No one bothered to stop or stoop down to help her. When at last a merciful heart bent over to inquire, it was too late. But there was no complaint on her lips. With her finger pointing upward, she gasped; "There is One who will take care." And with that she died. What a remarkable example of deep faith and trust in God!

If Jesus demanded anything from his followers it was faith in his person and in his message. How easy it had been to accept him when he cured the sick of all kinds of ailments, fed them when they are hungry, and taught them of the Kingdom in such a dynamic manner that it fired them with new hope! But that he had risen from the dead was something that even St. Thomas, one of the twelve, had to see before he accepted it.



Bluntly he set his conditions. But Jesus did not disdain to take up the challenge. He did let St. Thomas do exactly as he had demanded: his finger into the nail-prints, his hand into his side. The evidence was insurmountable. And it resulted in that grand

profession of faith acknowledging Jesus for what he really is: Lord and God; bringing to a climax the long series of witnesses to the person of Jesus, running through the entire Fourth Gospel.

Jesus demands faith in himself from anyone who wishes to be his follower. He has been sent by the father to be humankind's Savior, Redeemer and Divine Brother. All the hopes of each individual and of humankind as a whole lie in him. It is faith in Christ that enables a person to go through the vicissitudes of life with hope and endurance, and come to the aid of his fellowmen and women as Christ commanded. Faith opens up vast new vistas and lets the Christian participate in Christ's paschal mystery which gives meaning to his present sufferings and hope for the glory to come. Faith is the one solid anchor in this ever-changing world. Without it, humankind is plunged into pagan darkness, or into the bleak

incertitude of the skeptic. Christ alone is Light and Peace. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

When God showers us with blessings, such as health, a happy family, a suitable job, it is not difficult to bless and thank him, believing in his love and goodness. But when suffering or sickness befall us, a setback in business or some public calamity, mankind's faith in that same love and goodness is often sorely tried. Then is when the Christian who is truly Christian at heart and not merely in name, proves the genuineness and depth of his or her faith. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 8	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
Wed.	April 9	11:00AM	
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Thur.	April 10	11:00AM	
Vilma Jacob			
(health) Fri.	April 11	11:00AM	
Bill Valli†	John	Collins	
	&	Ardith Bertorello	
Sat.	April 12	4:30PM	
Sid † & Trudi Jensen		Family	
Sun.	April 13	9:00AM	
Jose Peralta †		Family	
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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St. Rose, Crockett	\$TBA
Easter	\$TBA
St. Patrick Mission	\$TBA
Easter	\$TBA

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

***In able to meet our 2024 budgets, we would like to remind parishioners that we will need a minimum of \$2,100 for Sunday plate collections at St. Rose every weekend, and \$250 every Sunday at St. Patrick Mission. ***



A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Fry! Whether you spent time, money, or both to help keep the event going, it was seen. That includes everyone that showed up to enjoy a delectable meal too! Despite the rain, we were able to raise \$9,538.98!



Ríce Bowls

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the office, or in the collection basket in the next week. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!

Bishop's Appeal Next Weekend

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal is a yearly campaign that raises funds for a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay.

There are five specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal: Religious Education & Formation; Clergy Formation & Support; Pastoral Ministries & Services; Priest Retirement & Care; and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need.

Funds raised are never directed to any other use.

This year, Bishop Barber has selected the theme for the Appeal – Many Ministries, One Church – as a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ that is our Church. Our charitable works are strengthened when we work together and when we work toward heaven.

In 2023 St. Rose raised \$7,680, and St. Patrick Mission raised \$1,156 for the Appeal. This year's overall goal for St. Rose is \$6,000, and \$900 for St. Patrick. We can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds over goal to address some of our own needs. A gift to the Appeal truly extends to both the local and larger community.

Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church

