

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Apríl 30, 2023

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In our society of electric and automatic doors, we do not think of doors as symbols of recognition. We seldom have a door slammed in our face, so we do not think of doors as thresholds of rejection. Rather we think about doors as territorial barriers against our fears of being robbed or otherwise violated

But what are doors that our Lord should say, "I am the door"? Doors stand between mine and yours. Doors offer protection and privacy. Doors establish boundary between the self and the other. Doors allow entry and offer escape. Doors signal hospitable greeting or blatant rejection.

Doors are the last barriers across which guards throw themselves, for the invading enemy will enter only through their death. The final value of a door lies in the flesh of those who defend its threshold. The final value of a door hinges on the will to defend and protect, to the death, the life within.

Imagine, you are an astronaut out in space, umbilically attached to the craft. Out before you, the earth spins in beauty. Your space mission is completed, and the air reserve for the "walk" is almost gone. You reach for the hatch lever. There is nothing there. The door you came out is gone. You scour and claw the bolted surfaces of the craft. The way in is gone and you are lost. Suddenly, from within, a new and unseen door is thrown open, and you are pulled through it to escape into life. The one who threw open the unseen entry becomes for you the gate of life.

As our door into the dominion of God, Jesus is our shepherd. Through Christ, we find our way home to God. By Christ we are gathered in despite our tendency to stray, despite our stupidities and despite false trap doors. Christ died before the enemies of God to protect the dominion of God. The pattern of God's will in Christ is cruciform. On the axis of the cross the stranger is called sibling, the threat is overcome forever, and life spreads out before us abundantly. Christ is guardian of the threshold of God's mercy for us. Christ is the one who bore the burden of us across that gate, carrying us inside the borders of the Trinity.

Christ as our door is the wide-flung hospitality of God, calling us home to the feast. Stand in the threshold in this assembly. Pray standing at the altar with open hands and look up to see the heavens opened. Gaze upon the baptismal waters to see the

rivers that wash us through Christ and beach us at the home throne of God. Be mindful of God's approval and of the power God gives. These promises this day are for you, for your children and for all who are far off, for everyone whom Christ invites. Hear and heed the voice and be shepherded through.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 2	11:00AM
Robert Banaga Sr.†		Lacsina Family
Wed.	May 3	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Jong & Alma
		Arcega
Thur.	May 4	11:00AM
Gloria Banaga †		Bob & Lydia
& Frances Aquino	†	
Fri.	May 5	11:00AM
Mother's Day Novena		
Sat.	May 6	4:30PM
Mother's Day Novena		
Sun.	May 7	9:00AM
Mother's Day Novena		
Port Costa		11:00AM
Mother's Day Novena		
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## <u>Sunday Collection - April 23rd</u>

St. Rose, Crockett \$2553

St. Patrick Mission \$74

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

### <u>Garage Sale</u>

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. Last chance to clean out some of the stuff you don't use any more. We are accepting donations of gently

used items up to May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office 510-787-2052 if you would like to drop anything off.



#### St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> 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



# Mother's Day Novena Mother's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your mother or mother figure (\$10/ name), living or deceased in the Mother's

Day Novena, by May 4<sup>th</sup>!

You may drop it in the

collection basket.

### Fish Fry Success

Thank you again to everyone who made this year's Fish Fry a success. There were many worries along the way as to whether this would be worth it any more, but after all the bills have been paid our net profit is \$10,173.85!

## Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way Lena McCrossen.



### Second Collection Next Week

Next week we will restart our monthly second collections for specific funds for both our parishes (CCD or maintenance). We will begin with the yellow maintenance envelopes to help with the upkeep on our facilities.



## Crockett Scout Annual Fish Fry



Come support Troops 171/173 Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Crockett Scout Hall! They will be serving from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, dine in or to go. Adults are \$25.00 and children are \$10.00. For

tickets see your neighborhood scout or purchase at the door. The proceeds will help both troops with various projects, including their Washington D.C. trip and scout camp this summer.

