

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Friends often invite one another for a walk. Especially in time of trouble, one might receive such an invitation. Perhaps along a wooded path., two friends discuss the hurts and the disappointments found in family or at work. Unfortunately, there is the chance that the two friends might address one another in such a way that the conversation never really plunges into the depths of difficulty. The two may mirror at each other's pain, rage and hurt. All told, the end of their walk finds them arriving only at more bitterness than they had at the beginning of their trek. However, there is the possibility that they will truly listen to one another. The end of their journey might find them not at the point of resolution, but at an understanding of the significance of life's hurts within the larger picture of life. This latter conversation only happens when the two friends are open to the presence of a third partner in the conversation: reflectiveness.

We hear this weekend of Cleopas and his companions, early disciples, on the familiar road to Emmaus. They have witnessed the death of Jesus. This Jesus was the hope of all Israel. This Jesus had seemed to be the one that would lead the people to freedom and peace. And yet he was executed as a political but innocent victim by the Roman authorities. Certainly the dreams of these two disciples had been dashed. The one in whom they had placed their trust was seemingly gone, and with him, the hope of liberty. But suddenly, someone was in their midst who enticed them to see beyond their limited memory. This sudden partner in their conversation broke open to them the meaning of that death and once again their dreams were kindled. But this stranger was completely unknown to them. This seen and invited guest was revealed to them in the intimacy of their evening meal. Broken Bread and Blessing. The one who was dead lives. "And did not our hearts burn."

All Christians, like the two companions, must enter into the three rhythms of faith story as we find it today in this narrative. First, the pilgrimage of the Christian life is not a guarantee that our daily existence will be exempt from the rocks and dust that are part and parcel of simply being human. We encounter the harsh realities of our personal and social lives, and we know that there is no escape for believers from the problems of loneliness, despair, violence and poverty. It is imperative that we walk the road if the word is truly to set the world on fire.

In walking the road, we must take the risk and allow the Lord to walk with us and help us to understand. "Jesus was a walker." Jesus walks with us in our lack of understanding, our hurting, our bitterness. Christians will encounter the evils of life. But there is the invitation from God that we surrender our lack of understanding into the hands of Christ who is always there to console and heal.

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 14	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	March 15	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Thur.	March 16	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	March 17	11:00AM
Bernadette Board †		Bill & Diane
<u>Sat.</u>	March 18	4:30PM
Tommy Wolthuis †		Bill & Diane
Sun.	March 19	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa & Jose		Delgado Family
& Manuel † <b>Port Costa</b>		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

### Sunday Collection - March 5th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2711
St. Patrick Mission	\$70

#### Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Communal Anointing of the Sick, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at all Masses.





Crockett, ICF Branch 14, is having their Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 18th at St Rose of Lima Hall. Price is \$25.00. Dinner includes...corned beef,

cabbage, potatoes. Carrots, a roll and dessert. To get your tickets please contact Donna Hoffmann at 510 367 5669 or email her at Dhoffm3101@aol.com. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30. Take outs are available.



### <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. Beginning this month, we will be accepting donations



of gently used items every other Sunday, 3/19, 4/2, 4/23, from 10:15-11:45<sub>AM</sub> at the CCD building. If you cannot make those hours, please call the office 510-787-2052.

# 2023 Bíshop's Appeal

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

This year, Bishop Barber has selected the theme for the Appeal – I Am With You Always– to coincide with that of the Eucharistic Revival Congress. It is our hope that everyone in the Diocese of Oakland will renew our connection to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, which allows God's love to flow through us to those served by the ministries funded by the Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

Our overall parish goal is \$ 6,000 for St. Rose and \$900 for St. Patrick Mission. We can reach those goals, and when we exceed it, our parishes will receive 100% of all funds over goal to address some of our own needs.

Please support the Bishop's Ministries Appeal as generously as you can. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BISHOPS APPEAL!** 

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

God Bless you!

## 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!

# DISPENSATION- Feast of St. Patrick

"I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation for abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrifice or charitable at that day."

+Michael C. Barber, S.J. Bishop of Oakland