

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Easter Sunday, like Christmas, is usually a very happy day. New clothes and bright hats, a good meal and a gathering of family and friends are all part of the day. It is different from the humdrum of daily existence which can discourage us with our problems, our sins, our lack of a sense of meaning and purpose in the routine of life.

And yet tomorrow will be blue Monday all over again. We will have to return to our ordinary lives with all our problems, frustrations and weaknesses. This Sunday however, should give us a vision, a goal that can give meaning and joy to our everyday lives. We should try to pray that this celebration of Easter will bring us the grace from God to see the meaning of the Resurrection for Jesus and for ourselves.

When we reflect on the life of Jesus, we can see that it was a very hard and difficult life, certainly more difficult and harder than ours will ever be. To begin with, Jesus was born poor, he lived poor, and he died poor. He knew the meaning of hard work and the squeeze of a tight budget as he grew up helping his foster father St. Joseph in his carpenter shop. When he was about thirty years of age, he became a traveling missionary. He went about from town to town in the primitive society of Palestine as he preached to the people. Often, he did not know where he would sleep at night or where his food would come from.

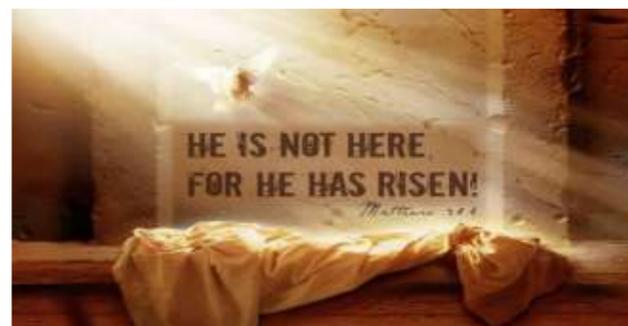
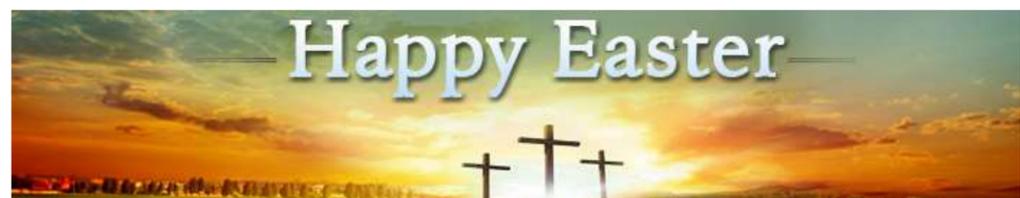
People came to Jesus with their problems, physical, mental and spiritual. Many seemed interested in him only for the sake of their own welfare. It is true that some people responded to Jesus, but more of them were either indifferent or positively hostile. During this past week we have reflected on how terrible were the final days of his life. All that Jesus did, he did out of love for his Father and for us, and today we celebrate the reward of that love in the resurrection. The resurrection brought fulfillment to the earthly life of Jesus, it was a new life of happiness and union with his father in heaven.

And this new life through resurrection is our goal too. In fact, it is our hope in the resurrection with Christ that should give meaning and purpose to our lives. We are meant for much more than this present life. We are destined to share not only in the suffering and death of Jesus, but in his resurrection as well. That is why Easter Sunday is such an important feast for us. In fact, the resurrection is so important that in the mind of the church, every Sunday is like Easter Sunday. It is just too big a thing to celebrate and praise and thank God about only once a year. The Church calls us to Mass each Sunday to commemorate the fact that through his death Jesus came to the glory of the resurrection, and we are invited in each Mass to praise and thank God for this great truth of our salvation. What Jesus did, he did for our benefit.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon	April 18	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Tues.	April 19	11:00AM
Lily Militar		Lily
(healing)		
Wed.	April 20	11:00AM
Living Memorial		
Thur.	April 21	11:00PM
Fr. Leonardo Asuncion		
(Ordination Anniversary)		
Fri.	April 22	11:00AM
Esparanza &		Lily Militar
Bernabe Villanueva		
Sat.	April 23	4:30PM
Johanna Ochinerot		Bill & Diane
		Thomas
Sun.	April 24	9:00AM
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - April 10

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1666
Easter Decorations	\$786
St. Patrick Mission	\$540
Easter Decorations	\$125

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

Upcoming Projects



Some of you may remember a couple years ago before Covid, though it feels like eons, we had the air conditioning unit for the church serviced and found that one of the air compressors was no longer working. The repair was put on hold due to cost, which was then compounded by Covid. As we resurface and begin to move forward, our Maintenance Committee has put this project at the top of a long list of things to do. KelAire came out to take a fresh look at the unit and give us new quotes for repair and replacement. The Pastoral Council reviewed these quotes and felt that replacement, for \$5,980 was the best choice, especially since the unit is from the late 90's. With this in mind, we are asking parishioners if they would consider donating specifically to this project so that we can hopefully reach the goal of \$6,000! We hope to have the system up and running in a couple months.



Office closed Monday, April 18th thru Friday, April 22nd!



Confirmation



Please join us Saturday, April 23rd at the 4:30 Vigil Mass to celebrate our young Confirmation candidates receiving this sacrament. They have worked for two years, through all the ups and downs of Covid to achieve this goal!

Preschool Position



Saint Patrick School has openings for qualified preschool teachers starting ASAP as well as in the Fall. Applicants must have their 12 basic ECE units completed. This is a full-time position and benefits are included. Please contact Kelly Stevens at kstevens@csdo.org if you are interested and would like more details.



RCIA



Congratulations to our two RCIA candidates, who are now more fully part of our Catholic Church and St. Rose/St. Patrick family! Juan and Ken worked hard with Father Leo to achieve this.

MASS ON MONDAY, AT 11am!

Thank you to all who donated food! We now have a nice little pantry that we will keep up in the rectory/office for whenever someone is at the door and needs some help. Please remember if there is anyone you know who may need food, send them our way!

