

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Parents who see a child everyday do not notice his or her growth, but others do. On Easter Sunday you probably got together with members of your family whom you hadn't seen since Christmas, and very possibly you observed how tall one or another of the children had grown. It is only after you have not been with a child for some time that you can step back and notice his or her growth. Living things grow slowly, and that includes the world and the human race.

Sometimes we have the feeling that the world and the human race are not getting anywhere, not making any progress. Although it is true that the world is still full of hatred, poverty and unhappiness, it is false to maintain that nothing positive has been developing. One of our main problems is that we are too close to get a proper perspective. Today we should step back to get a better overall view of what has been going on. And this Sunday following Easter is a good day to do so, since Easter celebrates the victory of Christ over sin, and sin is the real cause of all sorrow and evil in the world.

While we realize that we are still beset by many social ills in our country, progress has been made. We have only to think back to a time when some of our fellow human beings were slaves, mere chattel, in order to realize how far civil rights movements have come. Whether people recognize it or not, even social progress is due to the teachings as well as the power of the risen Savior of all of humankind.

My point is not to inculcate but to thwart a fear, born of pessimism, that our situation is hopeless. In his inaugural address on March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke these famous words: "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." This fear continually nips at the heels of our forward progress. Sometimes its attack is so vicious so that the bite can paralyze all our efforts. No wonder Jesus was quick to



calm the fears of his apostles in the two appearances recorded in this weekend's gospel. "Peace be with you" was not only his greeting but his gift, the fruit of his resurrection from the dead.

The resurrection of Christ was both his own personal victory over sin with its consequences, and our victory as well. In fact, the

whole of creation has benefited from the resurrection. As the whole of creation was adversely affected by sin, so has it been bettered by him who overcame sin. Our difficulty is in seeing a progress which is gradual. The improvement of the world and the human race is part of the long process willed by God to reach its fulfillment in the person of his risen Son. This fulfillment will be realized only at the end of time.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Barcemia Lauder† (healing)		Jenny
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Solomon Lacsina Sr. †		Lacsina Family
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>11:00PM</b>
Bernie (Birthday)		Imelda
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Mother's Day Novena		
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
Mother's Day Novena		
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Mother's Day Novena		
<b>Port Costa</b>		<b>11:00AM</b>
Mother's Day Novena		

Sunday Collection - April 17

St. Rose, Crockett	\$3485
Easter	\$4237
St. Patrick Mission	\$130
Easter	\$660

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.



Confirmation



Please join us in congratulation our three Confirmandi, who have received their Confirmation this weekend. They have worked for two years, through all the ups and downs of Covid to achieve this goal!

Congratulations!

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](mailto:kstevens@csdo.org) if you are interested and would like more details.



Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your mother or mother figure, living or deceased in the Mother's Day Novena, starting April 29th. You may drop it in the collection basket.

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!



Parish Council

Reminder, parish council meeting next Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the hall.

