



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We have only recently begun our journey toward the Paschal feast. This Lenten season as we all know, is a time for deeper reflection, for taking stock, for getting up and getting on. It is traditionally a time in which the community joined in fasting and prayer with the candidates for baptism and with the public penitents. As is true of any beginning, the road seems to stretch out far ahead of us, and we are perhaps tempted to speed down it without much thought, to loiter and meander on the way, or just to stay put where we are, not going anywhere.

This weekend's readings are intended as a reminder to us as a community that the journey is worth all the inconvenience and trouble. Our Lenten journey is a symbol of our lives as we experience them: lives marked by hardship, by monotony, sometimes by pain and suffering, by changes, and by the need to move on, to move out, to grow.

First of all, it is God who takes the initiative. We are not assembled in church primarily because of anything we have done, but because God has called us, sustains us in our calling, and gives us strength to be here. Abraham was not out looking for a suitable place to move to; the disciples were not wandering around looking for the Messiah; and St. Paul reminds Timothy that his call was from God, and not because of any good works on Timothy's part.

That is what we are celebrating, our conviction that God has called us, not as individuals, left to face our lives alone, but as a great nation, as the community of Jesus' disciples, those willing to learn from him. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the embodiment of all the promises to Abraham. The symbols of divine presence so familiar to his disciples, like the high mountain are, like Jesus himself, transfigured, alive with a new meaning. Jesus was transformed as was Moses on Sinai.

As we hear this weekend a special Christian call: "Go from your land and your kindred." Go forth from your fixed mental boundaries and your restricted sense of family, sisterhood and brotherhood. Go forth to an open-bordered land God will show you.. Go forth, grow. But from that we need a vision and we need courage. St. Paul writes to Timothy that God gave us not a spirit of cowardice but of power, love and self-control. And soon, in our sharing of the bread of thanksgiving, united more surely one to another,

confirmed in our will to faithful discipleship, we will be touched by Jesus who says, "Rise, and have no fear." Do not be afraid to dream, to go forth from the limits of conventional ways, to "share in suffering for the Gospel in the power of God."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. March 7 11:00AM, Wed. March 8 11:00AM, Thur. March 9 11:00AM, Fri. March 10 11:00AM, Sat. March 11 4:30PM, Sun. March 12 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

Sunday Collection - February 26th

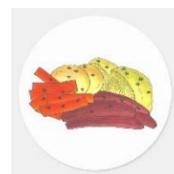
Table with 2 columns: Parish, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$2693; St. Patrick Mission \$230.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Garage Sale

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 (beginning this Sunday) Sunday from 10:15-11:45AM at the CCD building.

35th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry. Friday March 31, 2023. St. Rose Church Hall. Dinner Served 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Includes fish, fries, corn, coleslaw and a roll. Tickets on sale now.



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.



Special Second Collection

This weekend we continue our monthly second collections for specific funds for both our parishes. This weekend we will be collecting for our yellow Parish Maintenance envelopes to help support the upkeep of both of our parishes. Thank you in advance!



2023 Bishop's Appeal

Next 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.

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

2nd Annual Artisan Pop Up Dreaming of the Islands. Sunday • March 12th 11am -3pm. List of vendors including IBG Jams & Pickling, Sweet Geek Retro Chic, Clunies Customs, etc.