# Palm Sunday — April 13, 2025

## *From the Desk of Fr. Leo*

In one week we celebrate the great feast of Easter. It is the Sunday which follows the first full moon after the spring equinox. This full moon signifies the Passover of our ancestors in faith. It is a sign of the fullness of God's love which he manifested towards his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt. That same moon now shows the fullness of God's love for us which he manifested through the death and resurrection of his Son.

The moon is full each month when it turns its face directly toward the sun. It then reflects as completely as it can the light of the sun. The sun represents God. We are the moon.

At times in our lives we reflect, like a full moon, the love and goodness of God. One of these times is the great celebration of Easter. Catholics who have been away from the church for a year, or possibly longer, return home like prodigal children. Those who have stayed home all the time learn the lesson the father wanted to teach the prodigal's older brother; "You are with me always and everything I have is yours, but we have to celebrate and rejoice because those who were lost have been found." Faith now reflects God's love and goodness.

The people who prepared for Easter by means of the sacrament of penance are resolved to follow the urging of Jesus to the woman whom he had forgiven, "From now on, avoid sin." And especially at Easter, the men and women who have been initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist are filled with a joyful love which reflects in a beautiful luster the splendor of God's goodness. Their lives have become like the full moon.

In nature the full moon inevitably wanes, Little by little it reflects less and less the sun's brilliance. It need not be that way with us. We do not have to see our fervor fade and allow our lives to become spiritually dull or dark., God's light and warmth are always before us.

The first day of the week has been named for the sun. We also call it the Lord's Day. The Second Vatican Council has reminded us that. Although Easter is our greatest memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate this Paschal Mystery every Sunday, the Lord's Day, and that "on this day Christ's faithful should come together into one place so that by hearing the Word of God and taking part in the Eucharist, they may call to mind the death, resurrection and the glorification of the Lord Jesus...." (Constitution on the Liturgy, 106).

Easter is our great day, and every Sunday is a little Easter. The celebration of Sunday mass allows us to turn our faces toward God, the true Sun of our lives.

***Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion***

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

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| **Tues.** | **April 15** | **11:00AM** |
| **NO MASS** | | |
| **Wed.** | **April 16** | **11:00AM** |
| Living Memorial | | |
| **Thur.** | **April 17** | **7:00PM** |
| Enrico David † | | Roda |
| **Fri.** | **April 18** | **12:00PM** |
| Rochelle Reyes (birthday) | | Alma & Jong |
| **Sat.** | **April 19** | **7:30PM** |
| People of the Parish | | |
| **Sun.** | **April 20** | **9:00AM** |
| People of the Parish | | |
| **Port Costa** | | **11:00AM** |
| People of the Parish | | |

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