



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The first lesson that we can point out at the beginning of this weekend's Gospel is about suffering. It is clear to us that suffering is part of being human and is not necessarily a punishment for sin. Sometimes, our sinful ways bring us suffering, but all suffering cannot be traced back to some sin we had committed. My grandmother was a very holy person, but in her later years she became bed ridden and she always thought that God was punishing her for something she did. Jesus said, "the man's blindness was not due to any evil thing he or his parents had done. It was just part of the human condition.

Now let us get to the point of the Gospel. The point is that, Jesus is the light of the world. He gave sight to the blind, but more than that, He gives light to our minds and hearts - light that guides us through life to eternal life. If we do not follow His light, we will be like the Pharisee who could see with their eyes but were blind in their minds and hearts. As the old saying goes: "there are none so blind as those that will not see." (Matthew Henry)

You notice the gradual insight the blind man developed about Jesus. The first time he spoke of Jesus he said "the man called Jesus anointed my eyes." Then when the Pharisees questioned him about Jesus, the man said, "He is a prophet." He has to have come from God or He would not be able to do anything. Lastly, when Jesus asked if he believed in Jesus as the Son of man, the man said, "I do believe" and he worshiped Him." A practical lesson here is that, believing and worshiping go together. Too many people today are willing to say "I believe" but they seldom have time to worship. The day of the Lord is filled with everything else but time for the Lord.

Although we may not be blind like the Pharisees, if we were we wouldn't be here, sometimes we are like the parents of the man born blind in that we hesitate to talk about what we believe because our friends may not like us or think less of us. The parents of the man born blind wouldn't say anything when they were questioned. They just said: "talk to my son, he's old enough to speak for himself. Let us pray that we continue to come to know Christ as our light, and not to be intimidated by anyone because we believe in Him.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. March 17 11:00AM (Dolores Reyes, Asuncion Family), Wed. March 18 11:00A (Living Memorial), Thur. March 19 11:00AM (Anabel Mabaet, Ed & Mae), Fri. March 20 11:00AM (Special Intentions), Sat. March 21 4:30PM (Diane Thomas, Carol Lawson), Sun. March 22 9:00AM (Robert Bañaga Jr., Mom), and Port Costa 11:00AM (People of the Parish).

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.

Sunday Collection -March 8th

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett Maintenance \$1796; St. Patrick Mission Maintenance \$238; St. Patrick Mission Maintenance \$190; St. Patrick Mission Maintenance \$45.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

\*\*\*In able to meet our 2026 budgets, we would like to remind parishioners that we will need a minimum of \$2,100 for Sunday plate collections at St. Rose every weekend, and \$250 every Sunday at St. Patrick Mission. \*\*

February Financial Overview

Financial overview table for St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission. Includes Expense and Income sections with various categories and amounts. Total for St. Rose: \$17,788.84. Total for St. Patrick Mission: \$11,737.03. Total for St. Patrick Mission: \$1488.00.

38th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry poster. Includes date (Friday March 27, 2026), location (St. Rose Church Hall), dinner served times, menu (fish, fries, corn, coleslaw), and ticket information. Features a fish illustration and QR code.