



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Did you ever feel really, really discouraged? Maybe you wanted to walk away from Church and never come back because you felt as if God let you down. Or you wanted to run away from home because of angry words or a member of your family was really mean to you.



Maybe you decided you were going to quit your job or quit school because you felt you were treated so unfairly. We've all had those experiences. Maybe we have actually walked away. Wouldn't it be interesting if a stranger started walking along with you, gave you a chance to talk about what you were feeling, and then explained why things happened as they did? You begin to see things more clearly. You invite the stranger to stop along the way for something to eat. Bread usually shows up on the table first; the stranger takes the bread, says a blessing, breaks the bread then hands you a piece. Suddenly you realize it is Jesus you are talking to. He smiles and then disappears. He doesn't say goodbye, He doesn't get up and leave. It's as if He is still there but He can no longer be seen.

In this weekend's Gospel, St. Luke tells us of two disciples who had put all their hopes in Jesus and when Jesus was put to death, they thought it was all torn away from them. They had heard that Jesus had risen, but they didn't believe it. Jesus' conversation with them and the breaking of the bread made them realize Jesus really was alive; their hopes returned.

Can you imagine anything like this happening to yourself or to anyone else? St. Luke in this weekend's Gospel, is telling us it happens all the time, especially when we come to Mass. Jesus does not desert us in our disappointments and discouragements. But we do not recognize Him. He might come as a stranger; He might speak to us through a book we are reading or through a friend or just in the quiet of our hearts. He especially speaks to us through His Word in the Scriptures. He nourishes and blesses us in many ways. Too frequently, we forget about the many ways He blesses us because all we can think about are the things that worry us or bother us. Especially He nourishes us in the Eucharist. We do not know whether Jesus celebrated a Eucharist for these two disciples

when they sat down at table to eat. But St. Luke wants us to think of the gift of the Eucharist when He describes what Jesus did as He sat at table with the two disciples.

May we meet our Lord each week in the Eucharist and grow in our love for Him. And may we always know that the Lord is with us, helping us along life's paths. Even though we do not see Him, he assured us He is with us and we believe in Him.



Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. April 21 11:00AM, Wed. April 22 11:00AM, Thur. April 23 11:00AM, Fri. April 24 11:00AM, Sat. April 25 11:00AM, Sun. April 26 9:00AM.

Port Costa 11:00AM
Renee Robinson † Buenaflor- Roth Family



First Communion



Please join us on May 3rd at the 9:00AM Mass at St. Rose to help celebrate the special milestone of First Communion with some of the younger members of our parish!

Sunday Collection - April 5th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows include St. Rose, Crockett \$1507, St. Patrick Mission \$304.

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. **

Parish Council Meeting

This NEXT Tuesday, April 28th, is our monthly pastoral council meeting. The meeting is held at 7:00PM in the parish hall. All welcome to attend to see what our council is working on, as well as to share your thoughts and opinions.



Special Collection Next Week



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2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day envelopes 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, May 1st -May 10th. Please return by April 29th!

A Mother's Day Prayer



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CROCKETT SCOUTS Fish Fry Fundraiser. Friday, May 15th 4PM - 8PM Crockett Scout Hall. Dinner Includes all you can eat: Battered Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Corn. \$30 Adults | \$12 Children under 12. Don't forget to bring CASH for raffle prizes and drinks!