



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The first half of St. John's Gospel tells us of many signs Jesus worked: signs of His love, His power, His saving mission such as changing water into wine, healing the royal official's son, healing the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, walking on the water and healing the man born blind. These signs were carefully arranged by St. John to build up the one we heard in this weekend's Gospel, His last and greatest sign. Notice that St. John does not refer to these acts of supernatural power as miracles but as signs, because they all have a special significance, they indicate for us why Jesus came. This weekend's sign shows us most clearly why He came. As Jesus tells us in St. John's tenth chapter: "I came that they may have life, and may have it to the full. (St. John 10:10).



Ironically in raising His friend Lazarus back to life, Jesus is unleashing the fury of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. How did that happen? It's because many more people started to believe in Jesus after Jesus raised Lazarus back to life and the Jewish leaders grew more determined to get rid of Jesus. They also planned to kill Lazarus if they could. So a sign, this miracle pointed into the past to encompass the other signs that tell us who Jesus was and why He came, but also points to the future. The raising of Lazarus pointed to Jesus' own resurrection. There was a big difference between Lazarus' being raised back to life and Jesus' resurrection. Lazarus was raised back to the life he originally enjoyed; Jesus was raised to eternal glory. Lazarus would die again; Jesus would never die. So, Lazarus came out of the tomb still wearing his burial garments, because he would need them again; when Jesus rose, He left His burial cloths in the tomb. He would not need them again.

When I went to visit the Holy Land, we visited all the places that were important in the Gospels: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Calvary – all of

which were impressive and moving for me, but the most moving part of my travels was the tomb of Lazarus. I stood in the empty tomb, a small room which have been carved out of the rock with one little light bulb hanging down from the ceiling, and such a great sense of awe came over me. The words of Jesus from this weekend's Gospel penetrated my whole being: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Overwhelmed I thought "whoever in the history of the world could ever make the tombs empty, and here I am, His disciple and His friend."

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Tues. March 24 (11:00AM) for Januaria Sinambal, Wed. March 25 (11:00A) for Dolores Reyes, Thur. March 26 (11:00AM) for Ariel Jacob, Fri. March 27 (11:00AM) for Rose Catalano, Sat. March 28 (4:30PM) for Joe Noe, Sun. March 29 (9:00AM) for Our St. Rose Choir, and Port Costa (11:00AM) for People of the Parish.



Sunday Collection - March 15th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1974), Flowers (\$521), St. Patrick Mission (\$346), Flowers (\$79).

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. **

Stations of the Cross

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



Special Second Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Second Special Collection

Next weekend's collection is our first collection for St. Vincent de Paul for this year. These donations help serve the communities of Crockett, Rodeo, Torme and Port Costa. This collection may help provide an Easter meal. Please remember that our neighbors still need help during the Spring and Summer months. Thank you for your help in serving those in our community.



THIS FRIDAY!

38th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry. Friday March 27, 2026. 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. For tickets call Rectory Office at (510) 787-2052, or may be purchased at the door the day of event.

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