

March 2, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We live in an age of marvels such as computers, televisions and space travel. Almost every day, modern wonders unfold. Who knows what will be the next? And yet one of the greatest marvels which we experience every day dates back to the dawn of the human race. It is the wonder of language. In fact, without language it is difficult to see how the marvels of our age could possibly have developed since collaboration among humans would have been extremely difficult, probably even impossible.

Human language did not simply evolve over millennia. Language is the gift of God since it flows from the truth that we are made in the image and likeness of God. It lifts us as human beings far above other creatures, and actually makes us like God. From all eternity God himself utters a Word. That Word we know from revelation is his divine Son who was in the beginning with God and is God. All our human words, no matter what the language, are a sharing in the one Word of God. So precious is God's gift of language that we must not abuse it.

Our words come forth from us as fruits come forth from a tree. Bad fruit comes from a bad tree. And so Sirach in today's first reading warns us that a human person's faults appear when he speaks. On the other hand, good fruit comes from a good tree. And so Jesus tells us that a good man produces goodness from the good in his heart. Our human words are, or should be, an expression of our goodness.

Of course we humans are free to use God's gifts for right or for wrong. At times, we say good things, at times, bad. At times we express respect and love with our words; at times, impatience and hostility. At times we tell the truth; at times, we do not.

We may agree that we should not abuse God's gift., but trying to correct our words without changing our hearts is like trying to produce good fruits from a bad tree. We need change within ourselves. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "Each man speaks from his (or her) heart's abundance.

What should be the abundance in our heart? With what goodness should it be filled? With nothing other than the abundant goodness of God. Every Sunday at Mass we hear words, very important words, words which reflect the Great Word of God. We hear the words of Sacred Scripture, Christ, the Word of

God speaks to us when the words of Scripture are proclaimed during the liturgy. From these sacred words we learn about God and we learn about ourselves.

If our heart is filled with the goodness of God, our words will be filled with goodness. We will not use words for evil but for good. We would do well if people who hear us speak could sense that we speak as Jesus did on this earth. "To our words, then, they could rightly respond, "Thanks be to God."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 4	11:00AM
Valencia Rose Ty		Lola & Lolo
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Wed.	March 5	11:00AM, 6:00PM
Alvin Cachaper		Alma & Jong
(birthday)		
Thur.	March 6	11:00AM
Father Dillon†		Parish
Fri.	March 7	11:00AM
John Barassi†		ICF #14
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Sat.	March 8	4:30PM
Delilah		Grandma Josie
(birthday)		
Sun.	March 9	9:00AM
C. Essex		Mom & Dad
(birthday)		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - February 23rd

St. Rose, Crockett

\$2310

St. Patrick Mission

\$300

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 2025 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. ***

Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2024, please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and



address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.

<u> Ash Wednesday</u>

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 5th. We will have mass here at St. Rose at **11:00AM** and **6:00PM**. Also, this is an obligatory day of fasting (15- 58 years)

and abstinence (15 and over). As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.



After years of dedicated service, Mike Thomas will be retiring from maintaining the St. Rose grounds at the end of March. We thank him for all the hours that have been given from keeping the weeds at bay to battling the fruiting trees in the courtyard!

With that being said, any volunteers that would like to give some time with landscaping/yard maintenance are encouraged to let Father know! No one is expected to take all of this on by themselves, so even if you only want to give a few hours a month, please let us know.





Kids 12 and under \$10

St. Rose of Lima Hall 555 Star St. Crockett, CA 94525

Dinner Includes: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrot, Potato, Bread, & Dessert Wine included at Dinner

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!

TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE PICK UP 4:30-5PM

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NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH! SET YOUR CLOCKS BEFORE YOU GO TO BED.

St. Patrick Day Celebration



Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick Mission in Port Costa! There will be light refreshments served after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 16th.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will begin next week, Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.

