



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A father told about his little four year old's excitement over what the Easter bunny would bring on Easter. The father asked if his son knew what Easter was really about. The very bright little boy answered "Jesus died on the cross, so we can live with Him in heaven some day." Then he added: "But I don't want to die." The father said, "everyone has to die sometime, but we hope it will not be for a long time." The boy replied: "Okay, but if there's no TV in heaven, I'm leaving."

A couple of years ago at this time, James Cameron, director of the famous movie "Titanic" produced a program for the Discovery Channel entitled The Lost Tomb of Jesus. It seems that in 1980, there were several first century caskets or bone boxes found in a tomb outside of Jerusalem and one of them had the inscription on it: Jesus son of Joseph. The dead person's bones were still in the casket. From other bits of information connected with this particular casket, Mr. Cameron concluded that he had discovered Jesus body and he modestly proclaimed this was the greatest archaeological find of all time." Like the famous ship in his movie Titanic, it wasn't long before Mr. Cameron's boast about the "greatest archaeological find of all time" ran into an iceberg and began to sink. Expert archaeologists from around the world who had examined the casket and the tomb cast strong doubt on the so called discovery of Jesus' dead body and the sensation created by the program began to fade.

I believe faith in the Resurrection has been a great source of strength and comfort for most of us. For me personally, it did. However, I do not believe simply because that faith brings me comfort. My faith rests on two pieces of solid evidence. First, an empty tomb over which Constantine the Great built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335 A.D. And which has been and still is venerated as the tomb of Jesus right from the

beginning. And secondly, the testimony of Jesus' followers who had nothing to gain from proclaiming Jesus' resurrection except their own martyrdom. They would never have had the courage to preach about Jesus and the world would never have heard of Him if Jesus hadn't risen and appeared to them many times and if the Holy Spirit hadn't come to them.

Our belief too, as St. Paul tells us, is not only that Jesus rose from the dead to live in eternal glory, but it is a glory we hope to share with Him some day. No matter how powerful and final is the force of death, because of Jesus' Resurrection, we Christians believe that life has the final word – not death and it is life eternal. Our Mass each week helps us to stay focused on what Jesus did for us and what is ahead for us if we remain faithful to Him.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Sunday Collection -March 29th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1903
St. Vincent de Paul	\$535
St. Patrick Mission	\$393
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50

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. **



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 7	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	April 8	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Thur.	April 9	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	April 10	11:00AM
Febe Benito (healing)		Ed & Mae
Sat.	April 11	11:00AM
Diane Thomas †		Andrea Delsid
Sun.	April 12	9:00AM
Joseph (Joe) Airoidi†		Ed, Carol & John Pietrowski
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection is for our monthly collection. This month we are supporting our religious education Thank you!



A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Fry! Whether you spent time, money, or both to help keep the event going, it was seen. That includes everyone that showed up to enjoy the satisfying meal too! We were able to raise \$11,128.27.

THANK YOU!



The office will close at 1:00PM on 4/2 and reopen 4/13.

Rice Bowls

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the office, or in the collection basket in the next week. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!



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