

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This Sunday the liturgy begins to unfold a series of events which God, the Father, planned and which he guided by means of the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish our salvation. In the center of this divine drama stands, not an actor, but the eternal Son of God. He is Jesus, the Savior. He is the Christ, the one anointed by God to be the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

The week which is unfolding was once called the "Great Week," but now usually "Holy Week." It begins with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and reaches a climax in the three days which we call the Triduum: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. These days are truly the great, holy days of our faith.

On Thursday evening, already Friday in the Jewish liturgical reckoning, "Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had loved his own in this world, and would show his love for them to the end." The Greek word used by St. John for "end" means not only "until the termination of his life" but also "to the fullest extent." Actually, Jesus would show the fullest love by sacrificing his life for us.

On that awesome night of the Last Supper, Jesus was thinking of his final act of love while on this earth, his death on the cross. So that his followers might be able to share in his sacrifice throughout all ages, he instituted the sacrament of his Paschal Mystery, his death and resurrection. At this supper "under the appearance of bread and wine, Jesus offered his body and blood, gave them to his apostles to eat and drink, and then commanded them to carry on this mystery.

The Church rightly understands that "the sacrifice of the cross and its sacramental renewal in the Mass, which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper and commanded his apostles to do in his memory, are one and the same, differing only in the manner of offering, and that consequently the Mass is at once a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, of reconciliation and expiation.

On Friday afternoon Jesus offered the sacrifice of himself which he had instituted as a sacrament on the previous night. On Saturday, the second day of the Triduum, Jesus was in the tomb. His burial indicated that his death was real, not a fiction or

pretense. It is the day of supreme quiet, the great silence of the liturgy. The liturgy invites us to remain at the tomb of Jesus, in peaceful expectation of the bright tomorrow.

On Easter Sunday Jesus broke the bond of death. By dying he destroyed our death, and by rising he restored our life. Now in the eucharistic celebration his resurrection cannot be separated from his death.

Today we begin the great, Holy Week of our faith. It will culminate in the sacred Triduum. The meaning of the three great, holy days of our faith is not lost in the past. It is a reality for us in every celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 26	No Mass
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Wed.	March 27	11:00AM
Peping Palacios †		Ed & Mae
Thur.	March 28	7:00PM
Isagani Venturina †		Perlas-Bernardo Family
Fri.	March 29	12:00PM
Ariel Jacob (birthday)		
Sat.	March 30	7:30PM
Joseph Noe †		Family
Sun.	March 31	9AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - March 17th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1742
St. Patrick Mission	\$369

**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 2024 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.*****

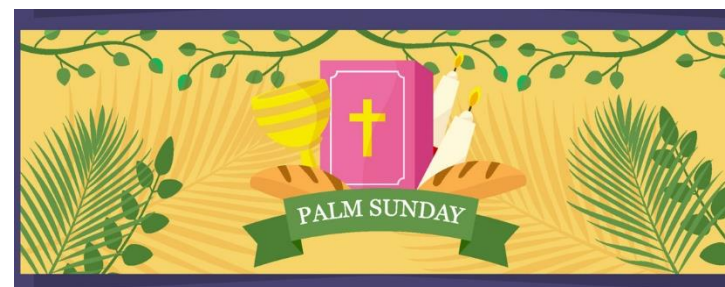
Reminder

Please check the schedule regarding mass next week, Holy Week. There are some time changes from the normal weekly/weekend masses.



Special Second Collection

Church environment is vital for a conducive worship. This weekend's second collection is for **Easter decorations and flowers**. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you are submitting the names of deceased loved ones, please have them into the office by Tuesday, March 26th. 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 delectable meal too!



Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are held at St. Patrick Mission in Port Costa at 6:00PM.



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Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love

