

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Every year the Pope designates the Fourth Sunday of Easter as a world day of prayer for vocations to priesthood. He chooses this Sunday because of its Good Shepherd theme. That theme offers an opportunity to reflect on the priesthood.

In the Catholic Church, there is actually only one priest, our Lord Jesus Christ. The sacred liturgy, in the Preface of the Mass in which the holy oils are blessed (Preface 20), proclaims our faith. It teaches us that "by the Holy Spirit, God the Father anointed his only Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant. With wisdom and love he has planned that this one priesthood of his beloved Son should continue in the Church.

Although Christ is our only priest, he shares his priesthood in two ways and he does so by means of two sacraments. The Preface goes on to proclaim that "Christ give the dignity of a royal priesthood to the people he has made his own." This is the sacrament of baptism. It confers upon the baptized the universal priesthood of all the faithful. "From these, with a brother's love, Christ chooses men to share his sacred ministry by the laying on of hands." This is the sacrament of Holy Orders. It confers the ministerial priesthood, a priesthood of service to those who enjoy the royal priesthood.

The two ways of sharing in the priesthood of Christ are like two hands, but not as if one is over the other in a superior position. Such would violate the Gospel value announced by Jesus concerning service. Rather these two ways are like two hands which face each other. They face each other so that they may become joined, one palm against each other, in the gesture of prayer. The priesthood of Christ by which he offers worship to God the father is exercised when the baptized and the ordained are united in liturgical prayer.

The meaning of the one priesthood is symbolized by arranging the altar so that priest and people may face each other and become joined, as are two hands. The altar is not a barrier between priest and people. It does not separate them. Rather what happens there is precisely what brings everyone in the Church together. On the altar is celebrated the sacrifice of reconciliation which has removed the obstacles of sin and established the new covenant of unity and love in the blood of

Christ. From the altar we receive the body and the blood of the Lord as the sacrament of unity.

Priest and people are complementary of one another. Coming together in liturgical prayer they fulfill the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 13	11:00AM
Matthew Bañaga †		Lola
(birthday)		
Wed.	May 14	11:00AM
Raymond Arcega		Alma & Jong
Thur.	May 15	11:00AM
Carina Rempillo		Ed & Mae
Fri.	May 16	11:00AM
Magelende McBrinde	†	
Sat.	May 17	4:30PM
William Michael Bana	ıban †	Cris & Evelyn
Sun.	May 18	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa, Jose		Family
and Manue	1	
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Sunday Collection - May 4th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2105
Maintenance	\$148
St. Patrick Mission	\$310
Maintenance	\$64

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. **



Tickets also available in the church office!



April Financial Overview

\$9.74
\$57.21
\$158.00
\$224.95
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\$1013.00
\$50.00
\$662.00
\$140.00
\$27.00
\$43.00
\$20.00
\$1955.00

April Financial Overview

St. Rose

St. Rose	
Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2670.17
Secretary Wages	\$2340.51
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$366.48
Health Insurance	\$1289.48
Lay Employee Pension	\$650.88
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1341.27
PG&E CCD	\$15.00
Comcast	\$312.97
Garbage	\$338.54
EDD	\$158.20
IRS	\$1475.93
Liability	\$2247.33
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$38.35
Choir	\$300.00
Fish Fry	\$6515.47
Freezer/ Hall repair	\$112.72
Lilies	\$444.84
Cotter (liquid paraffin)	\$185.92
Total	\$21,404.06
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$10,186.20
Holy Days	\$1334.00
Easter	\$3849.00
Maintenance	\$165.00
CCD Envelope	\$354.00
Fundraising	\$15,581.00
Facility Use	\$50.00
Flowers	\$1764.00
Unrestricted Collections (Mothers)	\$150.00
Diocesan Interest	\$603.51
Gifts/donations	\$1500.00



Total

Confirmation

\$35.536.71

Please join us Sunday, May 18th at the 9:00am Sunday Mass to celebrate our young Confirmation candidates receiving this sacrament. They have worked for two years, to achieve this goal!