



May 4, 2025

*From the Desk of Fr. Leo*

St. Peter is one of the most appealing persons in the New Testament. Most of us can identify with his human foibles. As a disciple of Jesus, he was eager but weak, a man of great resolutions who experienced failure. On the night of the passion, three times he denied knowing Jesus. After the resurrection, three times he was asked by Jesus about his love, and three times St. Peter protested his devotion.

What is remarkable about this last episode is not that Jesus was so patient and understanding, or that he was willing to offer St. Peter a new opportunity to express his love. We fully expect that kind of compassion from Jesus. What's remarkable is the response Jesus made to each of St. Peter's expression of love. Jesus did not say, "Peter, if you love me fall down and worship me." he did not demand anything for himself, even though, in the words of the Book of Revelation he was "worthy to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise." In fact Jesus did not think of himself, but of us. In a generous and unselfish manner he told St. Peter; If you love me, "feed my lambs; feed my sheep." Actually that is what we too should expect of Jesus because he came into the world for us and for our salvation. He offered himself in sacrifice so that by dying he could destroy our death and by rising he could restore our life.

St. Peter and the other apostles accomplished the mission Jesus had given them toward the lambs and sheep of the Church. They filled Jerusalem with his teaching despite opposition as they chose to obey God rather than men. From Jerusalem the faith spread throughout the world and has come down to us today.

The Church continues to hear the voice of Jesus saying: “If you love me, feed my lambs, feed my sheep.” The Church accomplishes this mission through evangelization and teaching.



Nourishment is necessary to sustain life, to overcome illness, to insure health, to give proper growth, and to give joy to life. What ordinary food and drink does for our human life the Eucharist does for our spiritual life. Jesus said, “Feed my lambs,” because we need the nourishment he gives for the spiritual life we received at baptism. Jesus said, “Feed my sheep,” because we need the nourishment for our faith so that it may not grow weak and die.

At times the Church may appear as weak as St. Peter before the day of Pentecost, but the Church, strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit, has never, and will never, fail, to fulfill its purpose of nourishing us through Word and sacrament. We should never make the mistake of denying Christ or failing to value and accept the nourishment he offers us through the Church in the celebration of the Mass.

*Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Tues. May 6 11:00AM**  
Mother's Day Novena

**Wed. May 7 11:00AM**  
Mother's Day Novena

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| <b>Thur.</b>        | <b>May 8</b> | <b>11:00AM</b> |
| Mother's Day Novena |              |                |

**Fri. May 9 11:00AM**  
Mother's Day Novena

**Sat. May 10 4:30PM**  
Mother's Day Novena

**Sun. May 11 9:00AM**  
Mother's Day Novena

**Port Costa** **11:00AM**  
Mothers of the Parish

Sunday Collection - April 27<sup>th</sup>

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| St. Rose, Crockett  | \$1522 |
| Bishops Appeal      | \$438  |
| St. Patrick Mission | \$215  |
| Bishops Appeal      | \$30   |

**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. \*\***

## 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. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEK.** You can also donate online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](https://crsricebowl.org/donate).

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

In your prayers, please continue to remember in a special way, Marleana Airoidi. Her funeral mass will be held here, at St. Rose Church, on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 12:30PM.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our two First Communion Candidates, Michael and Dina. They will have received their sacrament this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!

