

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A birthday, or wedding anniversary always calls for a celebration with all the members of the family especially gathered together for a festive meal. It is a joyful gathering, an expression of happiness of the entire family, commemorating a special event. The Eucharist is also a joyful family gathering, a sacred meal, for it is Christ's love feast. But it is more: it is a sacrificial meal, and it is not only a memorial of something past, but in a special manner it makes the event present again.

When Jesus reclined at table with his disciples the night before he died, he took bread unto his sacred hands and said: "Take and eat, this is my Body, which is given up for you. "This tells us very much, both that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist (which we call transubstantiation), and also why he is present, namely he is given up in sacrifice for our sake. Furthermore, Jesus is present in the Eucharist as our Food and Drink, to signify that in order to sustain us in the divine life we received in Baptism, he is the True Bread and the True Wine (which is called transignification for it gives the signification of the choice of bread and wine).

What can the sincere Christian do in the face of such love and such total commitment to the service of love? He or she ought to make a return of love. He or she will esteem highly the Eucharist, and this estimation will manifest itself by his or her fidelity to his participation in the Eucharistic celebrations above all on Sundays and holy days whenever possible; also, by a certain attraction to the tabernacle that finds him or her before the Hidden God in odd moments of the day or evening. Many business men and women find it extremely helpful for their own peace of mind and tranquil living to put on some time now and then before the tabernacle. If God has gone so far to manifest his love for us to be present in this great Sacrament always in our midst, ought we not show deep appreciation for this mystery of Christ's love and come to partake of his sacred meal as often as we can? The Eucharist is the center of the life of a true Christian.

If we have dependents under us either in the home or in our business, we ought to give them ample time to participate in the Eucharistic celebrations on given days. Parents will offer the best example to their children by going themselves frequently to the holy table of the Lord. Above all, we ourselves will benefit by the Eucharist if we realize it is the Bond of union between God and humankind, and between humankind and his or her fellowmen or women. How do we stand in our estimation of the Gift of God in the Eucharist? Are we willing to make some sacrifices to participate in the sacred banquet of him who sacrificed his all for us?

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

June 2, 2024

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	June 4	11:00AM
Tony Jacob †		Family
Wed.	June 5	11:00AM
Special intentions		
Thur.	June 6	11:00AM
Jorgelia Quiapo †		Ed & Mae
Fri.	June 7	11:00AM
John Collins †		ICF #14
Sat.	June 8	4:30PM
Harry Ervin †		John & June
		Valentini
Sun.	June 9	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa, Jose		Family
and Manue	1†	
Port Costa	·	11:00AM
People of the Parish		

<u>Sunday Collection -Ma</u>	<u>1Y 26<sup>th</sup></u>
St. Rose, Crockett	\$2235
St. Patrick Mission	\$80

#### 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. \*\*\*

#### <u>Saínts</u>

In recognition of the saint names that our Confirmations candidates took, we thought we would get to know some fun facts about their selected saints.

#### This weekend's saint is St. Dismas

St. Dismas was one of the two thieves crucified with Jesus, who was canonized by our Lord when he was told, "This day, you will be with me in Paradise."



Not many historical facts are known about his life, but there are several legends that have come to us throughout the generations. The "good thief," also known as the penitent thief, is one of two unnamed thieves in St. Luke's account of the crucifixion of Jesus in the New Testament. The Gospel of Luke describes him asking Jesus to "remember him" when Jesus arrives at His kingdom. The other, as the unrepentant thief, challenges Jesus to save Himself and both of them to prove that He is the Messiah.

He is officially venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. The Roman Martyrology places his commemoration on March 25, on the feast of the Annunciation, because of the ancient Christian tradition that Christ as well as the penitent thief were crucified and died exactly on the anniversary of Christ's Incarnation. He is given the name Dismas in the Gospel of Nicodemus and is traditionally known in Catholicism as St. Dismas.

According to tradition, the good thief was crucified to the right of Jesus and the other thief was crucified to His left. For this reason, depictions of the crucifixion of Jesus often show our Lord's head inclined to His right, showing His acceptance of the good thief.

https://www.bluearmy.com/st-dismas-the-good-thief/

## <u>Father's Day Novena</u>

Father's Day is June 16<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your father or father figure, living or deceased, in the Father's Day Novena, June 16th thru June 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office by Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.





# Second Collection Next Weekend

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

