

# Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity

# May 26, 2024

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

During the Middle Ages, a king or queen would make a deserving subject a knight, by laying a sword on his head and knighting him as Knight of the Royal Order or some such groups. From that time on, the knight had special privileges and also obligations. He



was expected to lead a truly Christian life and defend the faith as well as the weak and the helpless. The ceremony of knighting was not an empty procedure but conferred on him rights and privileges.

Baptism is the initiation rite for the Christian. It is not a mere external rite but an efficacious sign instituted by Christ to give new birth to a person, and immerse him or her into a new atmosphere, the Christian atmosphere of the Triune God: Father, Son and Spirit, one God in a community of love of three divine persons. This supreme reality of the Trinity is to enter into every phase of the Christian life and give meaning to it. Every community (family, religious, parochial) finds its model in this community of love. But only when the individual Christian becomes more aware of his or her relation to the three persons of the Trinity and lives it, does it become truly effectual. Reborn as a child, one lives as a true child of God, crying out "Abba Father". He realizes he or she is truly a brother or sister to the Son who loved him or her even unto death. To the Spirit he or she turns as a dwelling Guest who is Advocate and Consoler in every need.

This awareness expresses itself in Christian payers and practices. Whereas of old, Israel turned to the Lord in the unity of God, the Christian turns to the same Lord in the trinity of Persons, praying to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit, the Love of both. We live our Christian calling in the words of the Sign of the Cross, in the Gloria at mass, in the "Glory Be" at the end of a decade of the rosary, in the Apostles Creed, and many prayers of the liturgy. The Father is praised and loved for giving us his Son to be our Savior and Brother, our sacrifice and our food. With the Son we pass through all the vicissitudes of life and go with him to the Father, being assured of his personal love and care as Shepherd of the flock. In the Spirit we are enabled to live our Christian commitment, and to love the Father and the Son with the very Love with which we are loved.

The life of the Christian is most fulfilled when it is oriented toward the Triune God, for that motivation will impel it to live in a community of love with one's fellowmen and women.

### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 28	11:00AM
Noel Martinez		Nicholas & Gina
(healing)		
Wed.	<b>May 29</b>	11:00AM
Special intentions		
Thur.	May 30	11:00AM
Special intentions		
Fri.	May 31	<b>11:00AM</b>
Jorgelia Quiapo †		Ed & Mae
(birthday)		
Sat.	June 1	4:30PM
John Collins †		Franca Ponti
Sun.	June 2	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Dout Costo		11.00 A M

Port Costa	<u>11:00AM</u>
Ladislav Krchnak & Family	Theresa
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#### \*\*Office closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day! \*\*



### Sunday Collection - May 19th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1121
Catholic Charities	\$252
St. Patrick Mission	\$569
Catholic Charities	\$69

#### 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 Saint Dominic.

When St. Dominic received his First Communion, he made a private vow to befriend Jesus and Mary, to receive Communion and the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as often as possible, and to prefer death over sin.



Dominic loved to play sports, and was well-liked by his schoolmates. He showed leadership skills from a young age, and used those skills to encourage his friends to holiness. He once risked his own safety to stop a fight between two of his friends. Another time, a boy who had misbehaved in school blamed Dominic. Instead of defending himself, Dominic remained silent as he was scolded in front of the entire class. Later, he explained that he had remained silent in order to spare the guilty boy from being expelled from school.

At the age of twelve, Dominic met a priest who would himself become a saint, St. John Bosco, and asked to attend the Oratory of St. Francis De Sales, a school, youth center and hospice that Don Bosco had begun as part of his work with young boys. Don Bosco agreed, and the oratory became Dominic's home for the rest of his short life.

Dominic deeply impressed Don Bosco with his desire to become a saint—so much so that the priest began to keep notes about the exceptional young boy. These notes would later become the basis of a biography about Dominic.

Don Bosco helped his young charge grow in holiness. At first, Dominic thought that being a saint meant being very serious and doing many penances for his sins. But Don Bosco taught him that the best way to be a saint is to do ordinary things every day with extraordinary zeal, and especially to be cheerful.

Dominic, who had always been prone to illness, died at home at the age of fourteen, possibly from a lung ailment. His last words were: "Goodbye, Dad, goodbye . . . what was it the parish priest suggested to me ... I don't seem to remember . . . Oh, what wonderful things I see...."

(https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/dominic-savio-2/#:~:text=Dominic%20was%20the%20son%20of,to%20walk% 20alone%20so%20far)

### Feast of the Precious Body and Blood

In recognition of the Feast of the Precious Body and Blood next weekend, the blessed sacrament will be on display one hour before the Sunday Mass. There will also be a small procession around the worship space at the beginning of Mass.





Parish Council Meeting

Reminder! The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the parish hall.