

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Sometimes Catholics feel confused in discussing religion when a neighbor challenges them with the question, "Can you find that in the Bible?" The questioner follows the principle which is called "scriptura sola", the position that Scripture, since it is inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the sole source of faith and practice. The truth is that the Holy Spirit did not stop working when the Bible was finished. The Holy Spirit has been at work through all the centuries of the Church and is still at work.

When St. John completed his Gospel around the year 90 A.D., only the Book of Revelation remained to be composed to complete the contents of the New Testament. Even after almost the entire New Testament had been composed, St. John understood that the work of the Spirit had to continue. In this weekend's Gospel, he quotes the promise of Jesus: "The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told You." St. John realized that this promise was kept, not only through the inspiration of the Holy Scripture, but also through the continued activity of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

St. Luke in this weekend's selection from the Acts of the Apostles showed how the Holy Spirit was at work during the Council of Jerusalem which had to answer the question whether the disciples of Jesus were obliged to be circumcised and follow the law of Moses or not. They were aware of the Spirit's movement among them, and they answered in the negative. They declared, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours too, not to demand any burden beyond that which is strictly necessary."

The Spirit is always at work. In our time, the Spirit guided the deliberations of The Second Vatican Council. The Fathers of this Council, the twenty-first general council of the church, were keenly aware of the Holy Spirit among them as they sat in the aula of St. Peter's in the Vatican just as the apostles experienced the movement of the Holy Spirit when they met in council in Jerusalem. The first concern of the Second Vatican Council was the liturgy, how we pray as Catholics.

It must be admitted that not every implementation of the liturgy is what the Council had in mind, nor is every selection of music precisely what is intended by liturgical norms – such is part of our struggle to do what is right and to do it well – but the official prayers of the priest and the people show the hand of the Holy Spirit guiding their composition. Of particular beauty and profundity are the Eucharistic prayers, the heart of the celebration of all liturgy.

Understanding that the Holy Spirit is continuously at work in the Church is much more than a way of settling arguments with those who are not of our faith. It is a way of appreciating the wonderful gift which the Holy Spirit has given us in the restoration of the Sacred Liturgy through his guidance of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 27	11:00A	
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae	
Wed.	May 28	11:00AM	
Christina Quiapo †		Ed & Mae	
Thur.	May 29	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
Fri.	May 30	11:00AM	
Special Intentions			
Sat.	May 31	4:30PM	
Joe† & Stella Noe		Family	
Sun.	June 1	9:00AM	
Nicolas Cachaper †		Alma & Jong	
(death anniversary	<i>'</i>)		
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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Sunday Collection - May 18th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$3096
Catholic Charities	\$ 398
St. Patrick Mission	\$N/A

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. **

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, following the 9:00AM Mass, please join us in the parish hall for a celebration of cultures. We invite parishioners and guests to dress in their ethnic clothing and bring a traditional dish from your culture to share!



Parish Council Meeting

This coming Tuesday, May 27th, is our monthly pastoral council meeting. The meeting is held at 7:00PM in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend to

see what our council is working on, as well as to share your thoughts and opinions.



Second Collection Next Weekend

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



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

Father's Day is June 15th. 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 7th thru June 15th. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office by Thursday, June 4th.



