



April 27, 2025

Elizabeth Barrett Browning began what is perhaps the most eloquent love poem in the English language by asking, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” In this Second Sunday of Easter we can do well to count the ways in which God shows his love and mercy for us, especially through his mercy and forgiveness.

Baptism is first. Through the waters of Baptism we are washed clean and with all sins forgiven we are born anew as daughters and sons of God. We enter the family of God in this earth, his Church. Throughout our lives as God's children, like other children, we make mistakes. We fall short of family expectations. At times with each other we become neglectful, quarrelsome, and selfish rather than thoughtful, cooperative, and generous. Even toward our heavenly father we are not always as respectful and grateful as we should be. None of these sins is so serious as to exclude us from the family, but that does not mean that we should ignore them. God does not consider them insignificant. He offers us a means of forgiveness. The means he offers is the Holy Eucharist. Within the celebration of the Mass, we acknowledge our sinfulness. With contrition in our heart, we receive the body of the Lord given up for us and his blood poured out for us so that sins may be forgiven. This sacrament forgives our venial sins.

Still more. The sacrament of Penance proclaims to us that, no matter what, God reaches out to us prodigal children to embrace us in the warmth of his forgiving arms. Mortal sins must be brought to this sacramental cleansing, but we may always submit our venial sins to the power of this sacrament, especially those which we recognize as serious or particularly troublesome and habitual.

After Jesus' resurrection, many signs and wonders occurred among the people through the hands of the apostles, the first ministers of the Church. The signs which we enjoy now are the sacraments. The wonders are the powers granted to the Church to forgive our sins.

On that momentous night when Christ appeared to the apostles, St. Thomas was absent. Without seeing the risen Christ, he refused to believe. We do not see Christ in the sacraments but we are blessed indeed to

believe that through the sacraments of the Church,
Christ forgives our sins.

Within the act of absolution the priest prays for us: "Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace." That ministry of the Church began on the night of Christ's resurrection and has continued through all the centuries and even now graces our lives.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 29	11:00AM
Holy Father Pope Francis †		

Wed.	April 30	11:00AM
Holy Father Pope Francis †		

Thur.	May 1	11:00AM
Holy Father Pope Francis †		

Fri. May 2 11:00AM
Mary Lou Austria † Olivia & Marvin

Sat. May 3 4:30PM
Mother's Day Novena

Sun. May 4 9:00AM
Mother's Day Novena

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

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Sunday Collection - April 20th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2269
Easter	\$3514
Good Friday	\$597
Holy Thursday	\$652
St. Patrick Mission	\$106
Easter	\$642
Good Friday	\$175
Holy Thursday	\$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. **

THANK YOU!

A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Fry! Whether you spent time, money, or both to help keep the event going, it was seen. That includes everyone that showed up to enjoy the delectable meal too! We were able to raise \$8,868.44.



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. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

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

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your mother or mother figure, living or deceased, in the Mother's Day Novena, May 3rd - May 12th. Please return by April 30th!



Second Collection Next Weekend

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

Parish Council Meeting

This coming Tuesday, April 29th, 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.



Bishop's Appeal

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

To successfully achieve both our parish goals:

St. Rose- 22.9%! There is a balance of \$4,628 left to go!

St. Patrick Mission – 100%!! Remember 100% of the funds collected, after we have reached the goal, is returned directly to our parish!

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through mail, please place it in the collection basket **this weekend.**