



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

According to the Bible, the first gift that God created was light. Afterwards, when God was creating other things like fish and birds and cattle and creeping things and animals and human beings, He gave us all eyes to be able to appreciate what the light revealed to us. And He gave us a brain to be able to interpret, to a greater or lesser degree, what is seen. Although we wonder at times how intelligent human beings are, science tells us we humans have the most developed brain of all life on this planet.

With our imaginative and creative and logical minds, we can see things that do not even exist, including abstract ideas. We speak in terms of light and seeing when we have ideas, such as: "I see how that's done," or "this just dawned on me," or "I saw the light." This notion of seeing something with our mind's eye also applies to spiritual things too. St. Matthew describes Jesus' ministry in Galilee in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus spoke of light to describe His own ministry when He said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:2). When we let ourselves be guided by that light, it is called "faith." Faith is nothing other than a way of seeing with God's own eyes. Our faith gives us a vision that ironically comes, not through what we hear with our ears! It tells us why we were created, how we are to live, how we are to treat one another, what is going to happen after we die. It is a vision that is sometimes crystal clear, like when Jesus tells us about the importance of love for God, and for each other. Other times it is blurry.

When we were baptized, a candle was given to us with the words, "Receive the light of Christ." For most of us that candle was given to our parents or sponsors to hold for us. It was up to them to help us live by that

light. Obviously, we have lived by that light or we wouldn't be here today. But that light should not be kept hidden. Through confirmation, we have been commissioned to bring that light to others. Jesus not only said "I am the light of the world, but He also said "you are the light of the world." In the Gospel this weekend, we heard about Jesus choosing four disciples who would one day set the world on fire with His light. But they did their job a long time ago and passed Christ's light on to others, and those others passed it on to others and eventually it got to us. We have the faith because someone led us to it. If others in the future are to have the faith, it will depend n us. We have to share with others the light we have received.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. January 27 11:00AM, Wed. January 28 11:00AM, Thur. January 29 11:00AM, Fri. January 30 11:00AM, Sat. January 31 4:30PM, Sun. February 1 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

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Sunday Collection - January 18th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$1065; St. Patrick Mission \$480.

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 2026 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. **

First Offering Envelopes

For those that receive their parish envelopes in the mail, the January envelopes include one labeled First Offering. The money collected in this envelope helps to offset some of the cost of the envelope service the parish uses. In preparing a budget for 2026, our Finance Council still agreed that if all of the families in our parish donated just \$20 to this collection, it would just about pay for the envelope service for the whole year!



Pancake Breakfast

The Crockett Scouts' annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, February 8th from 8-11AM. Come enjoy a hot breakfast to start off your Super Bowl Sunday. No tickets needed; whatever donation you are able to give is the price of your meal. Proceeds will go towards summer camp and other group activities. Come out and support our Crockett Scouts, Troop 171 and 173!



St. Rose Fish Fry!

We know it may seem early, but it is time to start planning our annual Fish Fry! Please mark the date on your calendars, Friday, March 27th!

Our first meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at 7:00PM in the parish hall. All are welcome to give input and make this event a success.

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