Thirty-Second Sunday — November 9, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Mysteries are part of life. How does it happen that our planet rotates at just the right distance from the sun so that we are neither consumed in fire nor frozen in cold? Why is it that rain falls and the earth yield its fruit? What makes gravity work? These are marvels which the human mind can describe but can neither understand nor explain. Not least of all wonders is the human race. We are among the greatest marvels and the deepest mysteries of the universe.

We began our existence in our mother's body, a single cell, tiny, seemingly insignificant, clinging to the precarious but precious gift of life, searching for a safe place to nest within our mother's womb. We grew, we developed, and we were born. Then we grew more, we developed more, and we became clearly that creation which Psalm 8 describes as little less than the angels. Do not these marvels point to the possibility of even greater marvels?

But not so for the Sadducees of this Sunday's Gospel Reading, who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. They thought they could trap Jesus by posing a question which seemed to make the resurrection absurd. A woman had been married to seven husbands in succession. The question was whose wife would she be after the resurrection. Their mistake was to think the doctrine of the resurrection means that people will rise to live a life identical to the one they possessed before they died. Jesus in but a few words corrected their notion by teaching that, although before the resurrection we are little less than the angels. We will have changed. We will have gone through a development not unlike that which in our mother's womb prepared us for birth.

Our development is taking place even now, especially through our reception of the Holy Eucharist. We receive the body and blood of the Lord who died but who has been raised up. It is the risen, glorified Lord who is our spiritual nourishment to sustain and enrich our life of grace. When we receive Holy Communion, we should remember the firm promise of Jesus, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will have everlasting life and I will raise them up on the last day. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, and we say to him in the words of the Responsorial Psalm, "Lord when your glory appears, our joy will be full."

Belief in the resurrection has given hope and courage to those who have gone before us. Devout people readily went to death rather than deny their faith.

We are challenged, not to die for the faith, but to live according to our faith. Exactly how our resurrection will take place is a mystery hidden in God, but we can be sure that it will be a great marvel because we will share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 11**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	**November 12**	**11:00AM**
Nenita Arcega (birthday)		Alma & Jong
Thur.	**November 13**	**11:00AM**
Gandhi & Olivia DePaz		Mom/Lola & Dad/Lola
Fri.	**November 14**	**11:00AM**
Maria Remilla Arcega †		Jong & Alma
Sat.	**November 15**	**4:30PM**
Curtis Cook †		Catherine de Martini
Sun.	**November 16**	**9:00AM**
Tom Donahue † (healing)		Bill & Diane
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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