



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

What a transformation takes place in the life of a large caterpillar! It is rather formidable looking with prickles in its back and a horned tail. It moves very slowly, confined to a branch, eating voraciously and stripping the branch bare. Yet all the while it is building up new organs that will enable it to be a totally transformed creature. Once its work is finished, it comes forth from its cocoon-prison, beautiful to behold, a winged moth, no longer confined to a branch but flying where it will, no longer be eating leaves but enjoying the nectar of flowers. The moth is the same one-time caterpillar, but the change is beyond all comparison.



Our Risen Lord is the same Jesus hanging crucified on Golgotha, as the Apostles clearly testify. But what a transformation that has taken place! Now he is glorified, shining in splendor and brilliance. His life of obedience, suffering and pain is over, and now receives as reward all the riches of the Godhead. Once considered stricken by God, a man of sorrows, now he is acclaimed by the entire universe as Messiah and Lord. Every lip acclaims him as Lord to the glory of the Father. He lives now forever, never again to die. He goes where he wants to be, at will. No walls or doors can stop him from passing through. He appears and disappears as he sees fit. Not only is he himself transformed but he is the source of eternal life for all his followers. In blinding light, he appears to Saul at Damascus and transforms him from a persecutor to an ardent apostle.

What a miracle of divine power is the glorified body! This is the destiny that awaits all the faithful followers of Jesus. Christ is the first-fruits who has risen from the dead, but all who are with him in faith and love will likewise be transformed into a glorious state with no suffering or death anymore. He has promised life immortal to those who accept him. He said they would shine like the sun in the kingdom of his Father.

Some of God's friends have at times been given a glimpse of the life beyond. When the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, the very sight of her so enraptured the child that she immediately went into ecstasy. The child could scarcely describe the beauty of Mary. When God allowed his saints to

appear to anyone on earth, the apparition is always accompanied by great light and joy. Heaven is a reality. We see now with the eyes of faith, but then we shall see God face to face. Then we shall know as fully as we are known. God is never outdone in generosity. If we have suffered with his Beloved Son, we shall also share his immense glory.



Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Mon. April 5 11:00AM, Tues. April 6 11:00AM, Wed. April 7 11:00AM, Thur. April 8 11:00AM, Fri. April 9 11:00AM, Sat. April 10 4:30PM, Sun. April 11 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

Office closed this week, April 6-8! Includes a pencil icon and 'FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE' text.

Sunday Collection - March 28

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$1818; St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$550.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Indoor Mass!!!

Please remember face coverings are required, keep six feet distance at all times and only sit in the open sections/pews.

During communion, please follow Fr. Leo's directions, and STAY ON THE MARKINGS IN THE AISLE TO MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE!!!



Easter Second Collection

As part of our Easter offering, we will be having a special second collection on Easter. We are asking for your generosity to help support our facilities and ministries. We know this has been a hard year on everyone, and yet everyone has graciously kept our little parish going. We thank you in advance for any contribution you are able to make.



Easter Octave

Please join us in celebrating daily mass during the Easter Octave, including 11:00AM mass on Monday!



March Financial Outlook

St. Rose

Expense:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Total: \$17,350.56.

Income:

Table with 2 columns: Income Item, Amount. Total: \$12,186.00.

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Total: \$3406.00.

Income:

Table with 2 columns: Income Item, Amount. Total: \$1754.00.