



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Professional ballplayers know what it is to hear both cheers and boos from a crowd. A shortstop may be hailed as a hero one day when he makes brilliant plays and goes three for four at the plate, and the next day he may be treated as a bum when he makes two crucial errors and fails to get even one hit. It is no surprise when a player complains that fans are fickle and have short memories. And of course, he sees his opponents saddened by his success and delighted by his failure.

In his life, Jesus was playing no game. His work was supremely serious. During his public ministry, he cured those with bodily ills, in anticipation of his sacrifice whereby he would heal people of the spiritual sickness of sin. He fed the hungry as a sign he would give in his own body and blood. These physical favors aroused the enthusiasm of the crowds, an enthusiasm which reached a fever pitch and the cheers and "Hosannas" of Palm Sunday. His enemies were indeed saddened by his apparent success with the crowds, but Jesus knew that his hero's welcome would be short-lived. On Good Friday, the cheers and "hosannas" were changed to boos and taunts, to the delight of his opponents.

Jesus knew how people would react to his apparent failure on Good Friday. He tried to anticipate that reaction by teaching them that his death was a necessity for their salvation. During Lent in the Gospels, we have heard how he taught that he had to be lifted up on the cross, that he was to be like a grain of wheat buried in the earth, and that when the temple of his body was destroyed, he would raise it up on the third day. To three of his apostles he gave the magnificent sign of his transfiguration. But the human memory is short, and the human heart is fickle. When Jesus was taken into custody, his apostles ran away in fear. When he was lifted up on the cross, the people jeered at him. When he was buried, his enemies thought it was the end of him. Admittedly, Good Friday was a bleak day for anyone who had put his hope in Jesus.

This weekend we are asked to hail Christ as our King, our hero. But we must remember that Christ's victory came only through the cross. That is why on this day, even as we celebrate Christ's triumphant

procession into Jerusalem, the Church give us in the Mass the account of his passion and death.

To be a follower of Christ we must accept with loving obedience whatever comes from the hand of God, including death itself. That is the only way to true happiness. Let us pray that our memories will not be short-lived that we forget his lesson when the time comes for us to share in the passion of Christ.

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

Tues.	March 30	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	March 31	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Thur.	April 1	4:30PM
<i>Holy Thursday</i>		
	Joseph Noe †	Family
Fri.	April 2	Noon service
<i>No Mass</i>		
	Fr. Ciaran Dillon †	Bernas Family
Sat.	April 3	8:00PM
<i>Easter Vigil</i>		
	People of the Parish	
Sun.	April 4	9:00A
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
	People of the Parish	
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Sunday Collection - March 21

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1866
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$174

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross

In celebration of Good Friday, we will follow previous tradition, with Veneration of the Cross at St. Rose at 12:00PM and Stations of the Cross Service at St. Patrick Mission at 6:00PM.

The complete Holy Week schedule is posted in the vestibule, on our Facebook page and on our parish website, strosoflimacrockettca.org. There is also an insert in this week's bulletin.



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.



St. Patrick Candy Game

Congratulations to Pam Zampa and Trudi Jensen for guessing closet to the number of candies in the jar! Both guessed the symbolic number 317, and the number of candies was 322. Enjoy a lunch on us with your gift certificates to Lucia's Craft Sandwich here in town!



Thank you so much to everyone who participated! If may not seem like much, but our fun little game raised \$200 for the parish.

