



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Water is the major theme in this weekend's Gospel. Jesus asked for a drink then offered the woman living water. The term was deliberately ambiguous. Ordinary people, of course, didn't have running water in their homes. That's why they all had to come to a well nearby to draw water. The woman interpreted the term "living water" to mean a fountain or spring She had no idea that the living water Jesus was talking about was water that would lead to eternal life. Life, as we all know, depends on water. There had been in the news and many talking about whether there was water on the planet Mars, and if so how recently it existed there. The main issue, of course, is if water was there at one time, then life could have existed there too. There is no life without water. Similarly, we Christians see our own beginning in the life of race starting with water, the water of Baptism.

Another feature of this weekend's Gospel is to notice this woman gradually coming to know Jesus in a fuller and deeper way. She initially addressed Jesus as "Sir," a polite title, then she recognized Him as a prophet and she began to believe He is the Christ, that is, the Messiah. In her excitement she forgot about the water she came to get, (St. John tells us, she left her water jar at the well.) and she ran into town to tell everyone about Him. The town itself concluded that He was even more than the Jewish Messiah, the savior of the Jews, but He was truly the savior of the world. (It is a journey parallel to the journey taken by those in the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) as they seek to know more and more about Jesus on their way to entering the Church at Easter.)

It might be worth noting that historically, after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost, the Samaritans were very receptive to the teaching of the Apostles. Perhaps the events narrated in this weekend's Gospel paved the way for their conversion.

Everything in this weekend's Gospel started with a conversation between Jesus and the woman. And this is the point that impresses. We'll never get to know the Lord if we don't take time to talk with Him. He doesn't show up in radiant light or thunder and lightning. He comes in ordinary ways, in the guise of a friend or even an adversary, in the words from a book, especially the Book which we call by its Greek name, the Bible. He

shows up in an assembly of believers and in such simple things as water, bread and wine. The important thing is to make time to listen, to respond, to have a conversation, to do more than just tell Him what we want Him to do for us. We never get to know anyone in life without spending time with them. If the Lord is important to us we need to set time aside to spend with Him too.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Tues. March 10 11:00AM, Wed. March 11 11:00A, Thur. March 12 11:00AM, Fri. March 13 11:00AM, Sat. March 14 4:30PM, Sun. March 15 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross begin this week, Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.



Second Collection This Weekend



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

Sunday Collection -March 1st

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$2280, St. Patrick Mission \$298

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. **

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St. Patrick Day Celebration



Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick Mission in Port Costa! There will be light refreshments served after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 15th.



St. Rose Fish Fry!

The next Fish Fry meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 7:00PM. Please



38th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry Friday March 27, 2026. Includes details about dinner served, ticket prices, and contact information for the rectory office.

1.C.F. Crockett Branch #14 Corned Beef Dinner March 14, 2026 6:00pm \$30. Includes details about the dinner menu, raffle prizes, and contact information.