

# February 2, 2025

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jesus' parables are so drawn from experiences in life that the fictional characters in them seem to be real people. Perhaps most realistic is the prodigal son. This story illustrates for us the meaning of the sacrament of Penance. Lent is a particularly appropriate season to celebrate the sacrament of penance., especially during one of he penance services before Easter.

In this weekend's Gospel, we see in St. Luke's, how happy the father was when his prodigal son returned home. The fact that the father insisted on an elaborate banquet to celebrate the return of his lost son should encourage us to prepare for the celebration of the sacrament of penance with confidence in God's mercy. God our Father eagerly wishes to celebrate our repentance.

The young son's repentance is our model. After having squandered his inheritance, he came to his senses. He abandoned his dissolute way of living and resolved to return to his father. He prepared to confess his sins and to make an act of contrition. Before asking to be forgiven, he resolved to change his life,

In an earlier era of the Church, people confessed their sins to the bishop on Ash Wednesday. Sackcloth was given them to wear, ashes were sprinkled on their heads, and their names were entered in the book of penitents. The bishop assigned a penance which was to be performed during the entire season of Lent. This penance was medicinal rather than punitive. It was a way of bringing about a cure for the disease of sin rather than a form of punishment for a crime. That is the spirit of of the prodigal's father.

The penance was suited to the sin. If people had been selfish and greedy, they were required to distribute alms to the poor. If they had been guilty of self-indulgence, they were directed to fast and abstain from choice foods. If hey had been negligent of God, they were given a regimen of prayer. The purpose of the penance was to effect a change of heart. In a special ceremony on Holy Thursday morning the penitents received absolution from the bishop and that evening they participated in the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

In our times we have inverted the order of the sacrament. We confess our sins, receive absolution, and then only later do we perform our penance. From the earlier practice of the Church, we can learn an

important lesson, that we should not wait until we go to confession and receive an official penance from the priest. We ought to practice penance long before we approach the priest. In other words, we ought to be working during the entire season of Lent to change our

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

# Mass Intentions for the Week

| Tues. Linda Benish               |            | 11:00AM<br>Buenaflor-Roth     |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Wed. Bonifacio Deloviar †        |            | Family 11:00AM combong Family |
| Thur. Special Intentions         | February 6 |                               |
| Fri. Special Intentions          | February 7 | 11:00AM                       |
| Sat. Stella Noe                  | February 8 | 4:30PM Andrea Delsid          |
| Sun.                             |            | 9:00AM                        |
| Port Costa  Page 1 of the Pagish | ļ J        | ennifer & Emily  11:00AM      |
| People of the Parish             | *******    | ++++++++++++++                |

# Sunday Collection - January 26th

| St. Rose, Crockett | \$3609 |
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St. Patrick Mission \$425

#### 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 2025 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. \*\*\*



# St. Rose Fish Fry!

We know it seem

early, but it is time to start planning our annual Fish Fry! Please mark the date on your calendars, Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>!



# SHOES

St. Rose will continue to collect shoes for the unhoused since it was so successful. Please remember that we really need shoes that will be warm, as well as useful in the outdoors, i.e. boots, sneakers, casual shoes, etc.



# Pancake Breakfast

The Crockett Scouts' annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, February 9th 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!

# January Financial Overview

| St. Patrick Mission |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Expense:            |            |
| PG&E                | \$97.07    |
| <u>Total:</u>       | \$97.07    |
| Income:             |            |
| Sundays Plate       | \$917.00   |
| Holy Days           | \$5.00     |
| Initial Offering    | \$10.00    |
| Maintenance         | \$132.00   |
| CCD                 | \$20.00    |
| PG&E Damages        | \$160.00   |
| <u>Total</u>        | \$1,244.00 |

# January Financial Overview

### St. Rose

| Expense:                      |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Priest Salary                 | \$2745.17   |
| Secretary Wages               | \$2400.68   |
| Priest Food Reimbursement     | \$437.01    |
| Health Insurance              | \$1289.48   |
| Lay Employee Pension          | \$850.56    |
| Priest Self Employment Tax    | \$3034.00   |
| Priest Auto ins reimbursement | \$1150.00   |
| PG&E Church/Rectory           | \$1909.03   |
| PG&E CCD                      | \$70.20     |
| EBMUD Church/Rectory          | \$472.14    |
| EBMUD CCD building            | \$162.40    |
| Comcast                       | \$293.68    |
| Garbage                       | \$338.54    |
| EDD                           | \$127.36    |
| IRS                           | \$ 1401.94  |
| Unemployment                  | \$36.20     |
| Liability                     | \$2247.37   |
| Church cleaning               | \$340.00    |
| Rectory Cleaning              | \$260.00    |
| Envelope service              | \$121.36    |
| Virtus fee                    | \$50.00     |
| Palms                         | \$84.00     |
| Adult Bap Book                | \$49.80     |
| Choir                         | \$300.00    |
| Total                         | \$20,170.92 |
| Income:                       |             |
| Sunday's Plate                | \$8757.00   |
| Holy Days                     | \$693.00    |
| Christmas                     | \$335.00    |
| Initial Offering              | \$290.00    |
| Maintenance                   | \$165.00    |
| CCD Envelope                  | \$40.00     |
| Fundraising                   | \$1061.00   |
| CCD Tuition                   | \$150.00    |
| Facility Use                  | \$50.00     |
| Sacramental Service           | \$100.00    |
| Diocesan Interest             | \$720.53    |

\$50.00

\$12,411.53

Reimbursement

Total