

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The genial Pope John XXIII (now St. John XXII) was seventy-seven years of age when he was elected to the papacy in 1958. He realized that his time as Pope would probably be brief because of his age, but he faced that responsibility without hesitation. He used to say, "I keep my bags packed." He was ready to begin his journey into eternal life whenever God chose to call him.

St. Luke the evangelist shows us that Jesus, throughout his life, was on a relentless journey up to Jerusalem where he would fulfill the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. Before he began his public ministry, Jesus went into the desert to prepare himself for his spiritual journey.

In the desert Jesus, so to speak, emptied his bags of the temptations which became part of him when he entered our human condition. First, he threw out selfishness. The devil tempted him to use his power for himself, for his own convenience, by turning stone into bread. But Jesus patiently was awaiting the day when he would turn bread into his body and wine into his blood as the living memorial of his sacrifice on the cross for our sake.

Next Jesus threw out the false worship which is known as materialism. The devil promised him the power and the glory of the kingdoms of this world if only he would fall down and worship the devil. But Jesus was preparing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God, not that of Satan.

Finally Jesus emptied his bags of pride. The devil tempted Jesus to throw himself off the parapet of the temple in a spectacular show of his power before the crowds who had gathered for a Jewish feast. But Jesus was about to proclaim the doctrine of simplicity, humility, and meekness as the characteristics of those who would become like little children in the kingdom of God the Father.

Having emptied his bags of all the junk, Jesus who was himself already full of the Holy Spirit, filled his bags with gifts of the Holy Spirit for us, such as faith, hope, and love. Then he set out on the journey of his public ministry, a journey to be completed in the city of Jerusalem. There he would suffer, die, and be raised up on the third day.

We began our journey when we were baptized. We were given the grace to throw sin into the

trash can and fill our bags with the gifts of faith, hope and love, but throughout life we seem to keep making the mistake of putting the wrong stuff back into our bags. God is patient with us and our mistakes. Every year he gives us the season of Lent as our opportunity to reject the wrong values and to choose the right ones. Lent is the time for looking into the bags where we keep what is most important to us and to decide what we will throw out and what we will put in.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 11	11:00AM
Juan Cristobal †		Buenaflor-Roth Family
Wed.	March 12	11:00AM
Sante Cerri †		ICF #14
Thur.	March 13	11:00AM
Tony Jacob †		Imelda & Bernie
Fri.	March 14	11:00AM
Robert Y. Bañaga Sr. †		Lydia
Sat.	March 15	4:30PM
People of the Parish		
Sun.	March 16	9:00AM
Thanksgiving Ed & Mae		
Port Costa		11:00AM
Phillip Stuhr Gomez †		Family



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross has started, Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.



Tax Time



If you need a copy of your contributions for 2024, please call the office (510-787-2052).

Sunday Collection -March 2nd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2134
Maintenance	\$ 454
St. Patrick Mission	\$301
Maintenance	\$58

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. ***

I.C.F. Crockett Branch #14
Corned Beef Dinner
March 22, 2025 6:00pm
\$30
Kids 12 and under \$10
St. Rose of Lima Hall
555 Star St. Crockett, CA 94525

Dinner Includes:
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrot, Potato, Bread, & Dessert
Wine included at Dinner

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!
TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE
PICK UP 4:30-5PM

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PAT BOTTA PHN: 510-787-1131



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 16th.



February Financial Overview

St. Rose Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2670.17
Secretary Wages	\$2089.77
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$379.91
Health Insurance	\$1289.48
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$2016.29
PG&E CCD	\$74.62
Comcast	\$313.40
Garbage	\$338.54
EDD	\$146.10
IRS	\$1535.95
Liability	\$2247.33
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Hosts	\$65.17
Livescan	\$34.00
Kel-Aire	\$255.00
KBA (copier)	\$83.41
Office Supplies	\$119.78
Total	\$14,258.92
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$7364.00
Maintenance	\$290.00
CCD Envelope	\$390.00
Fundraising	\$185.00
Facility Use	\$1250.00
Sacramental Service	\$150.00
Donation	\$200.00
Total	\$9829.00
St. Patrick Mission Expense:	
PG&E	\$115.07
CCWD	\$85.41
Pest Control Service	\$158.00
Total:	\$358.48
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$985.00
First Offering	\$45.00
Maintenance	\$60.00
CCD	\$128.00
Total	\$1,218.00