



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Sin is a reality in life. We heard about that last week with the story of Adam and Eve. Grace, too, is a reality of life. St. Paul tells us that God wants all people to be saved, which implies He will give each person sufficient grace of salvation. God's ways are often hidden from us, but His saving work became visible and a part of the history of the world with His call to Abraham. Abraham made the long and difficult journey at the tender age of 75 along with his wife Sarah, who was 10 years younger. God told them not only to pack up and move to an unknown territory, but



to start a family there as well! It was a pure act of faith on the part of Abraham to follow God's call and to believe in the blessings God kept promising him.

We sing in the Psalms refrain "Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you." Trust, or faith, in God is one of the most basic elements of our relationship with Him. Without trust, our relationship will go nowhere. In the stories in the Bible about Abraham we see a man who trusted God totally. Saints Peter, James and John got a boost to their faith on Mont Tabor with Jesus when they experienced Jesus' transfiguration.

I am sure many people have climbed a mountain or high hill and experienced the presence of a grandeur of God, maybe not as dramatic as the three apostles did in the transfiguration, but God's presence could be felt none the less. One of the most memorable days I ever had was the day I climbed Mt. Sinai, when I visited the Holy Land. It is a mountain in the southern portion of Sinai Peninsula where tradition has it that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. It is part of a chain of rugged, reddish colored granite mountains that rise high into the air. Mt. Sinai itself is 7500 feet high. The view of the stark and arid mountains surrounding Mt. Sinai is spectacular.

If you've never climbed a real mountain, I'm sure you've climbed many mountains figuratively: mountains of ignorance to become educated,

mountains of fear to discover new strength and courage, mountains of hurt and sickness to find healing, mountains of pride to discover that we are not the center of the universe. In conquering such everyday heights, we discover the God who never leaves us. Saints Peter, James and John on Mt. Tabor discovered the God that was hidden within Jesus who always was with them.

The Church continues to encourage us to discover God's invisible presence with each of us through it's many ministries.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. March 3 11:00AM (Siena Jackson, Olivia & Marvin), Wed. March 4 11:00AM (A.J., Mom & Dad), Thur. March 5 11:00AM (NO MASS), Fri. March 6 11:00AM (Fr. Ciaran Dillon †), Sat. March 7 4:30PM (Soledad Caparas Banaban †, Cris & Evelyn), Sun. March 8 9:00AM (Donald Angotti †, Keith & Laury Sweetnam), and Port Costa 11:00AM (People of the Parish).

Stations of the Cross

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



Sunday Collection - February 22nd

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$1727; St. Patrick Mission \$190

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



1.C.F. Crockett Branch #14 Corned Beef Dinner

March 14, 2026 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

CONTACT: DONNA HOFFMANN PHN: 510-367-5669 EMAIL: DHOFFMANN3101@AOL.COM OR PAT BOTTA PHN: 510-787-1131



Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2024, please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.



Next Sunday, March 8th, daylight savings begins. Remember to turn your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday!