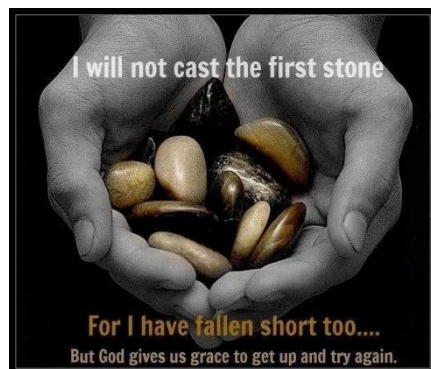


From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The dramatic scene in this weekend's Gospel reading is the familiar one in which the scribes and the Pharisees led before Jesus a woman who had been caught in adultery. The situation has given an expression to our language: "Don't be the first to throw a stone." We might well conclude, then, that the message of the Gospel is that we should not be quick to judge others. And that is indeed a valid application, as well as often a necessary one.

On the other hand, this episode tells us something very important about Jesus, our Savior. The scribes and the Pharisees thought they could trap Jesus in a dilemma. If he agreed that the woman should be stoned, they could accuse him of cruelty. If he declared that the woman should go free, they could accuse him of violating the law of Moses. When they asked, "What do you have to say about the case?" Jesus as usual refused to answer the question. Instead he first dismissed their stance as completely inane, as insignificant as the scribbles he traced on the ground with his finger. When they persisted in their questioning, he uttered his challenge: "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."



Of course they all walked away. Jesus, who could have met his own challenges, preferred to offer the opportunity for conversion. He did not condone the sin the woman had committed. He granted her pardon, but he did instruct her, "From now on, avoid this sin." Jesus did not throw a stone at the woman, and he does not throw stones at us. God does not will the death of sinners but only that they be converted and live.

The vivid imagery of the prophet Isaiah in this weekend's first reading is readily applied to Jesus: "...the Lord opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." In his compassion for us, Jesus always opens a way amid the sea of sin and shapes a path through the mighty waters of doubt and confusion. He is always eager to offer us forgiveness, as long as we

try to follow his exhortation: "From now on, avoid sin." We must do the best we can.

On the First Sunday of Lent, we saw the devil tempting Jesus to turn stones into bread. Stones do not interest Jesus, but bread does. In every Mass, he transforms bread into his body and wine into his blood. Stones, Jesus does not offer us, but he does offer his body given up for us and his blood poured out for us so that sins may be forgiven. The Holy Eucharist is the sign that we need never fear to stand before Christ and acknowledge our sinfulness in the sacrament of penance. Christ casts no stones.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 8	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Wed.	April 9	11:00AM
Alex Rubang Sr. †		Josie & your family
Thur.	April 10	11:00AM
Engelbert Hugo †		Roda
Fri.	April 11	11:00AM
Beatrice Charvez †		Jennifer & Emily
Sat.	April 12	4:30PM
Ireneo & Maria-Luz Asuncion †		Manuel
Sun.	April 13	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa, Jose † & Manuel		Family
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Stations of the Cross

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



Sunday Collection -March 30th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1744
St. Patrick Mission	\$239

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. ***

FISH FRY

Thank you to everyone who has donated beverages for the fish fry. It looks like our bar will be fully stocked and ready to go!

Please consider volunteering your time and talent! Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Special Second Collection



Church environment is vital for a conducive worship. Next weekend's second collection is for **Easter decorations and flowers**. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you are submitting the names of deceased loved ones, please have them into the office by Tuesday, April 15th. Thank you.

37th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry

Friday April 11, 2025

St. Rose Church Hall
(Between 3rd and 4th Ave. on Starr St.)
Crockett

Dinner Served
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Adult Dinners: \$30.00
Child (Under 12)-\$10.00



INCLUDES FISH, FRIES, CORN, COLESLAW AND A ROLL!



Dine In or Take Out Available!
Tickets on Sale now

For tickets call Rectory Office at (510) 787-2052, or may be purchased at the door the day of event.

This event supported by the Crockett Community Foundation.

Crockett Improvement Association

3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast And Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 12th
Breakfast 9 am to Noon**

FREE Easter Egg Hunt at Noon
FREE Easter Bunny photos

**Crockett Community Center
850 Pomona Street**

Donation \$12

**Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon & Eggs
Fruit, Coffee & Orange Juice**

50/50 Drawing & Raffle Prizes



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