



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

There is no doubt, giving gifts is part of us. We just finished a very busy time of gift giving and already the stores have put out things for Valentine's Day. Sometimes gifts are not sincere, they are given with strings attached, because they are expected or to gain someone's favor. But most of us give gifts to one another simply out of appreciation or gratitude or love.

Just as it is part of our nature to give gifts to one another, it has always been basic to human nature to offer gifts to God. Most of the time, our offering to God comes from appreciation or gratitude or love, and it probably does, but in the back of our minds we are also hoping to win a few points with God. That's okay. God understands and appreciates hearing from us even when it's for our own self-interest. Didn't He teach us to ask for the things we need.

When we give a gift to God, it is called sacrifice. All ancient religions had some form of sacrifice, which indicates that sacrifice is instinctual. Some primitive religions offered human sacrifice, the implication that human life was the most precious gift they had to offer. In the story of Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son Isaac, God revealed to the Jewish people this was not what He wanted. The Israelites offered food and drink which symbolized their life. Without food and drink we die, so in the offering it was their way of saying they recognized they owed their life to God. Grain and wine and oil we offered, but the primary offering was an animal (when they had the means to afford it), most frequently a lamb.

Jesus' sacrifice of his life was offered in perfect obedience and love and fidelity to His Father and to the mission His Father gave Him. Because it was the sacrifice of the Son of God it had infinite value. Because of its infinite value, it made all other sacrifices obsolete. Moreover Jesus made it possible for all of us to share in this perfect sacrifice to the Father when at the Last Supper He said the words: "Do this in memory of me."

St. John, in his gospel specifically connects Jesus' sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Paschal lambs when he tells us that when Jesus was pierced with a lance it fulfilled the Scripture which said 'not one of his bones shall be broken.' That was a requirement of the Paschal lamb. Could John the Baptist have had any of this in mind about Jesus as the perfect sacrifice when

he called Jesus the "Lamb of God.?" Certainly St. John recognized the saving mission of Jesus for he refers to Jesus as the one who would take away the sins of the world. The Lamb of God is not just a perfect gift to God, but the way to eternal life for all of us.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - January 11th

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Rows include St. Rose, Crockett Seminary, St. Patrick Mission Seminary.

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. \*\*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun, and Port Costa with specific intentions and names.

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First Offering Envelopes

For those that receive their parish envelopes in the mail, the January envelopes include one labeled First Offering. The money collected in this envelope helps to offset some of the cost of the envelope service the parish uses. In preparing a budget for 2026, our



Finance Council still agreed that if all of the families in our parish donated just \$20 to this collection, it would just about pay for the envelope service for the whole year!

Pancake Breakfast

The Crockett Scouts' annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, February 8th 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!



December Financial Overview

Table with 2 columns: Expense/Income and Amount. Rows include St. Rose Reimbursement, PG&E, CCWD, Day Nite Pest, Property Tax, Assessment, Liability, Total, Income: Sundays Plate, Christmas, Holy Days, Maintenance, CCD Envelope, Total.

December Financial Overview

Table with 2 columns: Expense/Income and Amount. Rows include St. Rose Expense: Priest Salary, Priest Food Reimbursement, Secretary Wages, Health Insurance, PG&E Classrooms, PG&E Church/Rectory, Comcast, Garbage, EDD, IRS, Liability, Church cleaning, Rectory Cleaning, Bookkeeping, Property Tax, Diocesan Assessment, Mariachi Final Payment, Missals, Chamber of Commerce Member Dues, Office Supplies, Poinsettias, Stamps, Total, Income: Sunday's Plate, Christmas, Holy Days, Maintenance, CCD Envelope, Flowers, Facility Use, Fundraisers, Reimbursements, CCD registration, Donation, Total.

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