



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A teacher asked her little children in religion class to draw a picture of their favorite Bible story. One small boy drew a picture of an elderly gentleman, elegantly dressed, driving a big convertible. In the back of the car were two people, hardly dressed at all. The teacher thought it was an interesting picture and asked what it meant. The young artist was surprised the teacher had to ask, but he explained that the picture was God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

This weekend's Gospel, where Jesus refuses to give in to temptation, is contrasted with the First Reading where Adan and Eve did give in. We'll never know precisely what their sin was, but it doesn't matter. Ultimately their sin was no different than ours, a decision not to trust God when He tells us to do or not to do something. Even though Adam and Eve gave in to sin, we can't be too condemning of them. We might not have done any better ourselves.

Temptation is always a matter of thinking we can be happier without God's direction or help. The grace to resist temptation is always available to us, but we don't always use it. All of us are tempted. Even Jesus Himself was tempted. Jesus always answered the devil with a quote from Scripture. It shows how knowing Scripture can be a real hep to resist temptation. Then again, the devil quoted Scripture too, so we have to know it well.

We always begin the season of Lent with Jesus in the desert. Jesus was sent there by the Holy Spirit right after His baptism. It was a time to reflect and pray, a time of transition from the workshop to His work of teaching and healing. We all need to go into the desert from time to time. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes us there by denying to us for a time the joys and consolations that we would like our religion to bring us. Sometimes life itself takes us into a desert, with the loss of a loved one or a job or our health, or a feeling that we've lost our purpose. Our faith is really tested during such times. That's when we wonder whether God still loves us, whether God is still with us. Lent is a kind of little desert as we are encouraged to temporarily back away from a few of life's pleasures that distracts us from reflecting on the more serious side of life.

In my experiences with ministering to people who are dying. It's not unusual for someone to say to me: "I never thought this would happen to me." I guess they never thought about what was ahead for all of us. Life could be over for any of us tomorrow. The important thing to know is that eternal life is ahead of us too if we remain faithful to our Lord and follow Him.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. February 24 (11:00AM), Wed. February 25 (11:00AM), Thur. February 26 (11:00AM), Fri. February 27 (11:00AM), Sat. February 28 (4:30PM), Sun. March 1 (9:00AM), and Port Costa (11:00AM).

Stations of the Cross

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



Sunday Collection -February 15th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1203), St. Patrick Mission (\$215)

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***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.



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

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