



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Changes affects people in many different ways. Many welcome it when structures have become outmoded, stagnating, and paralyzing. They realize that changes are at times not only good but imperative, if the organism is to continue in vigorous and fruitful activity. Others are allergic to any change. Often, they fail to distinguish between changing essentials and things that are non-essential; and oppose every change as a challenge in the "status quo." It may be on account of a lack of openness to new developments and realities of a changing world or a spirit entrenched in its own narrow outlook. Or again it may be a fear of the risk of the new, because one has not yet kept up with the world around. Those who see the need of structural changes and are helpless to bring them about, suffer greatly. Jesus did not fear to make changes when he saw they had to be made.

We heard in the Gospel this weekend for years the traders had encroached on the Sacred Temple precincts with their sheep and oxen, their doves and exchange cashiers. Here change was not only useful but imperative. It was the House of God and Christ let nothing stand in the way until he had cleansed the Temple, even though it meant a show of great indignation and fierce anger. He restored the sacred halls as a house of prayer, his Father's House.

In the world at large, the Church is the Body of Christ and the living Temple of the Spirit. But also here, structures become decrepit. Institutions that were established to help those in need are no longer sufficient or have become impractical. The realities facing the Christian world are changing rapidly and quickly. Today the Church has become more aware of minority groups, those that are marginalized, those who are living in subhuman conditions, those who are not able to make a decent living for their families, those that are forced to work in conditions unworthy of a human person. Action is necessary and bold action. Structures need to be reformed and transformed. Not with violence that would harm others or their property. Jesus harmed no one in expelling the buyers and sellers from the sacred precincts they had usurped. He harmed no property in driving out the cattle, for the owners could easily find their cattle in the narrow streets of the city. Ill-gotten gain was justly overthrown. Nor was it lost to any degree; one can be sure.

A concentrated effort of every parish in all dioceses and every family in each parish is necessary. It would deepen each one's awareness of the problems to be faced, so that everyone, rich and poor alike would enter into a self-examination as to whether he or she is really doing his or her best to help the oppressed, those deprived of their living wages, and all those who suffer injustice. Lent will then bring about a true renewal, a cleansing of structures, a transformation of the "status quo."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include Tues. March 5 (11:00AM) with Tony Jacob and Lydia; Wed. March 6 (11:00AM) with Fr. Dillon; Thur. March 7 (11:00AM) with Karen Mary & Ruth Colleen Cartwright; Fri. March 8 (11:00AM) with Walter Escano and Marcela de Leon; Sat. March 9 (4:30PM) with People of the Parish; Sun. March 10 (9AM) with C. Essex (birthday) and Mom & Dad; Port Costa (11:00AM) with Phillip Stuhr and Gomez Family.

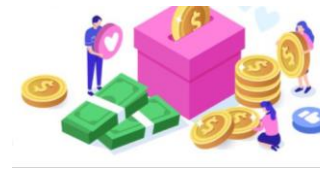
Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross have begun on Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.



Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2022, 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.



Sunday Collection - February 25th

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$2316); St. Patrick Mission (\$255).

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 2024 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. ***

36th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry. Friday March 22, 2024. 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)-\$15.00. 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.



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

March 09, 2024 6:00pm \$30

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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Communal Anointing of the Sick



As part of our Lenten journey, there will be a Communal Anointing of the Sick on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 9-10) at all masses. If you have family members or friends who would like to share in this opportunity bring them along.

Second Collections

Just a reminder that this Sunday's second collection is for our maintenance fund.

Next Sunday, there will also be a second collection for the Catholic Relief Service (Bishops Overseas Appeal). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displace refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.