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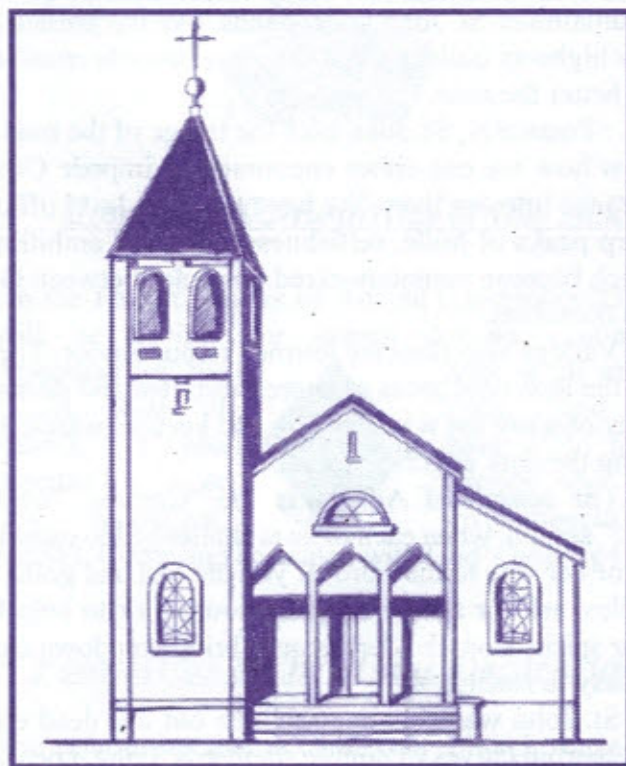
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Notify the priest regarding those who are ill, hospitalized or homebound.

MASSES:

Saturday	Crockett..... 4:30 pm (vigil)
Sunday	Crockett..... 9:00 am
	Port Costa..... 11:00 am
Weekdays	Crockett
	Tues. - Fri..... 12:00 noon
Holy Days	Crockett..... 12:00 noon
	& 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday	3:30 to 4:00 pm
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St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

WELCOME! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you! If you are not on our parish list—please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the office.

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Bridge the valleys, cut through the mountains straighten out the sharp curves and smooth the surface! American ingenuity has responded admirably to this advice of St. John the Baptist. Our country, the United States of America can display approximately 43,000 miles of four-lane National Interstate Highways, carrying 30% of the nation's traffic. His well-planned cross-country network was eagerly promoted by the late President Eisenhower, basically for military purposes. The road system, identified by the familiar red, white and blue signs, can quickly deploy troops to any part of the country.

The primitive roads and nameless paths traveled by the Baptist were a great contrast – winding, rough and mountainous. St. John understands, like the present – Day highway builders, that the more hazards removed, the better the road.

Poetically, St. John uses the image of the road to show how we can either encourage or impede God's entrance into our lives. We have a duty to level off our sharp peaks of pride, selfishness and blind ambitions, which become mountain-sized obstacles between God and ourselves.

Valleys also slow the journey to our Savior. These are the low, cold areas of depression, fear and despair. They obscure the warming sun and keep us wandering along the dark edger-of night.

The season of Advent is the "Coming Toward God" season, when each of us is challenged to examine his or her way to the Lord. If you are lost and going in circles, ask for advice or call a counsellor to help lift your spirits from the depths or to bring you down from fantasy to reality.

St. John wants us to straighten out our dead ends and hairpin curves of double standards, lying, cheating and crookedness. Our rough ways of acting and speaking can become gentler; our former violence can be paved with compassion. The Herald of the Messiah continues to shout. "Prepare the way of the Lord." With barriers removed, God is not far from us. If the obstacles remain on our way of life, we make contact or even communication with Him nearly impossible. God comes to us on the roads we make. If He doesn't come, we have not prepared the way.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	Dec 11	Noon
Santiago Mateo †		Bernardina
Wed.	Dec 12	Noon
Dave Alvarado †		Clare †
Thur.	Dec 13	Noon
Edgar Allan (birthday)		Mom and Dad
Fri.	Dec 14	Noon
Mariano Arriola † & Amparo Baloy †		Dale Arriola
Sat.	Dec 15	4:30pm
Sam Jimenez †		Family
Sun.	Dec 16	9am
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00am
Laura & Lawrence Pedrotti †		



Sunday Collection - December 2

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$2612
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	No Mass

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

December 15: Lydia Banaga, Mary Duckworth, June Gallo

Lector: Marissa Perlas

Welcome: Hugh Duckworth

December 16: Lourdes Hernandez, Bernardina de la Pena, Angela Reese, Mae Combong, Judy Lesmeister, Jesus Hernandez

Lector: Sylvia Smith, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Marleana Airoidi

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find your own replacement.

Why do we light an Advent Wreath?

Advent wreaths are popular, but many of us don't know their meaning! The advent wreath is circular, with no beginning or end, to symbolize God's unending love for us and eternal life through Jesus Christ. There are four candles, each representing 1,000 year and lit one a week. The first two candles, for Hope and Faith, are violet, the color of prayer, penance and sacrifice. The third week, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, a rose candle, symbolic of joy, is lit as the waiting for the birth of Jesus is almost over. The fourth violet candle, "The Angel's Candle," stands for Peace, and is lit marking the final week of prayer and penance. It's message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men," as we dispel the darkness, closer to the light of Christ.



Second Sunday Social

The Men's Club has decided not to have the Second Sunday Social this month. They will start up again in January. We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Crockett Christmas Committee

In the next few weeks we will be collecting canned/nonperishable items in the vestibule for the Crockett Christmas Committee. We also welcome new/ unopened toys for children. These items are distributed to those in need in **our community**. For more information or questions, contact Debbie at 510-722-3052.



CC Café/ Senior Outreach Services

Enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch at the CC Café! Offered for adults 60+, Monday thru Friday. Reservations required one business day in advance. \$3 donation suggested. 850 Pomona St. Crockett. Call today to make your reservations 787-1341.



Communal Anointing of the Sick

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23), we will be having our annual Advent. Communal Anointing of the Sick at all masses at St. Rose of Lima and St. Patrick. If you have family members or friends who need this sacrament, invite them to these masses. Come and be healed with God's healing touch.



"Misa de Gallo" (Simbang Gabi)

We invite you to join us in celebrating a Triduum "Misa de Gallo" (Simbang Gabi) on December 20, 21, 22, 2018. This is a Filipino tradition of celebrating mass for 9 days prior to Christmas. Masses on December 20 and 21 will be at 7:00 P.M. and the mass on December 22 will be at 5:30 A.M. There will be light refreshment after mass on December 20 and 21 and a Filipino breakfast on December 22.



Poinsettias & Christmas Decorations

The poinsettias that decorate our Church during the Christmas season are in honor of our departed loved ones, and their names will be displayed on the alter. The donation for each name is \$10, envelopes will be in the vestibule.

Next weekend, December 15th & 16th, we will also be having a second collection to help support all the beautiful Christmas decorations that add to our Advent and Christmas liturgies.



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