



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Have you ever heard of an animal called kinkajou. I came across this word for the first time and I had to look it up in a dictionary. A kinkajou is an animal of course, about the size of a large raccoon. It is related to the raccoon family and can be found in the wild in Southern Mexico, Central America and the northern parts of South America. It has a strong tail that it can use to hang from a tree limb. It has sharp claws and sharp teeth. A lady in Florida decided she wanted one for a pet. Having a dog was to commonplace, but having a pet kinkajou was really cool. It was a cute little pet when it was small, but when it experienced puberty for the first time, it went berserk. It tried to eat its own tail and tried to tear itself to pieces. The family was bitten and scratched trying to save the little creature from destroying itself (National Geographic; April 2014, page 118) You might be wondering why the family would subject themselves to getting bitten and clawed to save this little animal? The answer (and it's an important answer) is this: It was a wild animal and its nature showed itself at this mature stage of life. The nature of this family who loved their pet also showed itself in their efforts to save it from destroying itself. The nature of the wild animal conflicted with the nature of the caring family.



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We heard the story of Jesus giving His life for us. Many times I've been asked, "Why did Jesus have to die?" The reason goes back to the fact that it was in His nature to save us and He could not stop doing everything He was trying to do to, to lead us to salvation. There are elements in our nature that are driven by selfishness, pride, jealousy, cruelty, and all kinds of attitudes and behaviors that work against God's desire to save us. In Jesus' passion, we saw intense and pure love on the part of Jesus (that was His nature to be that way). And we saw the dark side of human nature working against Him and trying to destroy Him.

Because it is in Jesus' nature to love, He continues to reach out to us in love. He speaks to us each week in the Sacred Scriptures, He nourishes us each week by feeding us with His own body and blood.

He willingly shares His Spirit with us so that we can continue to live and love more like He does as we stumble along making our way to eternal happiness. But the story of Jesus is not over. This week we will follow the journey of Jesus through disaster and death to resurrection and new life. To help us as we make our journey, we are given His body and blood as our food and drink to nourish us and give us life – His risen life. If we follow Him with faith, our stories of love and good works can be as His story was, a story of love poured out that cannot be overcome by failure, a story of life that is not overcome by death.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 31	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Wed.	April 1	11:00AM
Leonardo Labao		Ed & Mae
	(healing)	
Thur.	April 2	7:00PM
Dolores Reyes †		Asuncion Family
	(birthday)	
Fri.	April 3	12:00PM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	April 4	7:30PM
People of the Parish		
Sun.	April 5	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday Collection -March 22nd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1658
Bishop's Overseas	\$143
St. Patrick Mission	\$200
Bishop's Overseas	\$55

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. **

Second Special Collection

This weekend's collection is our first collection for St. Vincent de Paul for this year. These donations help serve the communities of Crockett, Rodeo, Torme and Port Costa. This collection may help provide an Easter meal. Please remember that our neighbors still need help during the Spring and Summer months. Thank you for your help in serving those in our community.



THANK YOU!

A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Fry! Whether you spent time, money, or both to help keep the event going, it was seen. That includes everyone that showed up to enjoy the satisfying meal too!



Easter Flower Memorial



Church environment is vital for a conducive worship. If you are submitting the names of deceased loved ones, please have them into the office by Tuesday, March 31st. Thank you!

Reminder

Please check the schedule regarding mass next week, Holy Week. There are some time changes from the normal weekly/weekend masses.



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Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are held at St. Patrick Mission in Port Costa at 6:00PM.

