



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is one thing to know about a person, his or her life and his or her teaching, and quite another thing to know that person with loving knowledge and genuine friendship. Many know a good deal about Christ, his life and teaching, but it is quite another thing to know Christ personally. That comes with a personal encounter with Christ in the depth of one's heart or Christ discovered hidden in one's fellow human being. Such is the encounter that changed St. Paul from a rabid persecutor of Christ to his most ardent follower and champion. And such a spiritual experience is changing many today both young and old from a lukewarm, careless way of life, even from a life of sin and all manner of indulgence, to a different, fervent and meaningful life of genuine Christian commitment. They have experienced a deep insight into his love for them and feel impelled to make a return of love by leading a life worthy of Christ's love. It is amazing how many people of all classes have had this experience in this our day of materialism and permissiveness.



Saints Peter, James and John had been in the company of Jesus for a long time already. Daily they had seen his exemplary life, heard his dynamic words, listened to his parables and their explanations, witnessed his signs and miracles and shared his companionship. But on that day when they climbed the mountain with Him, something happened. They could not explain it too well. None of the saints have been able to describe adequately their deeply spiritual encounters with the Deity. But they never doubted the reality of that special experience which they enjoyed that day. It formed part of the kerygma of the Early Church and all three evangelists; Matthew, Mark and Luke narrate it at some length. Jesus knows only too well that his trusted friends would need strengthening for the great hour of trial that lay ahead, the hour of his passion and death.

God often gives his friends special graces and favors before letting them taste the bitter cup of suffering, and letting them share a greater portion of the cross. He foresees that unexpected failure, that illness paralyzing all effort, that death entering into the family circle, that hour of discouragement because of personal disgrace or losses. But before the blow falls,

he grants his beloved one beforehand special marks of his love, glimpses of God's plan and a tasting of God's immense love.

Like the three Apostles entering into the overshadowing cloud, we determine to be more involved than ever with the mystery and the Person of Christ, who alone is our Way and our Life. Like St. Paul, we resolve to champion his cause, to spend ourselves for others, be they in our close family circle or in our fellowmen or women whom we know are in need of our help. God's special graces are given with a purpose. We do not wish to default.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. February 27 (11:00AM), Wed. February 28 (11:00AM), Thur. February 29 (11:00AM), Fri. March 1 (11:00AM), Sat. March 2 (4:30PM), Sun. March 3 (9AM), and Port Costa (11:00AM).



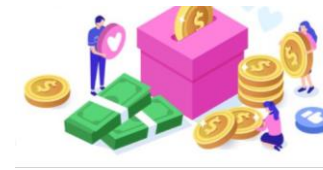
Stations of the Cross

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 18th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1124), St. Patrick Mission (\$100).

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. Dinner Served 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Includes fish, fries, corn, coleslaw and a roll. Tickets on sale now. For tickets call Rectory Office at (510) 787-2052.



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 Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection is for our monthly collection. This month we are supporting our maintenance fund to help keep our buildings and grounds in good shape. Thank you!

