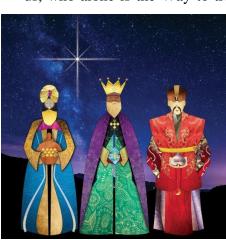
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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Magi were men of great determination, with marked pertinacity of purpose which nothing could deter Mere worldly gains would before long have discouraged them. But neither the magnitude of the distance, nor the dangers of travel, lack of information, weariness, nor fear of the coming ordeal to meet the tyrant in Jerusalem stopped them. They were men of determination, bent on a quest of love.

Today people search far and wide for fulfillment and happiness. Many want to experience total contentment without delay. Therefore, the craze for pleasure, the frequent drug-trips, the unbridled craving for amusement. Yet none of these can really satisfy the heart of humankind, because it was made by its Creator for God alone, and it is not at rest until it rests in God. St. Augustine says, "How often the search of humankind, especially the youth, ends in total frustration."

The search of the Wise Men, though long and arduous, ended in finding Christ, Emmanuel: God with us, who alone is the Way to true Peace, to true inner



happiness, and to full life, for he is the Life. Yet it was not the glorious and resplendent Christ that they found, but the lowly and humble Jesus in the arms of his Mother. In finding Christ, all their labors were counted as nothing, and they were filled

with deep peace and joy. They returned to their own countrymen sharing with others their joy and insights concerning this Child. They brought to others the real treasure they now possessed: that of the faith in the Messiah King.

Only the humble will be wise enough to find God in the lowly Babe of Bethlehem, though they may have to overcome many difficulties, and hurdle many obstacles. As he was found in the arms of his Mother, so he will be found today in the Church where he can be experienced in word and sacrament, the word of the Scriptures and the Paschal Mystery celebration on our

altars. Our resolve is to encounter him there on every occasion.

This Sunday, we celebrate Epiphany or manifestation of Christ our King, our God and our Crucified Savior. He has manifested himself to the Magi, and he has manifested himself to us. We in turn wish to manifest him to the world around us by our solid Catholic faith, our undying hope in his promises, and by our universal love which manifests best of all the Spirit of Jesus reigning in our hearts, and coming to the aid of our fellowmen and women in need.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	January 9	11:00AM
Ed & Mae (Anniversary)		
Wed.	January 10	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Thur.	January 11	11:00AM
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Sat.	January 13	4:30PM
Bob Banaga†		June Gallo
Sun.	January 14	9AM
Paulo Coccé †		Bill & Diane
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

First Offering Envelopes

For those that receive their parish envelopes in the mail, the January envelopes include one labeled First Offering. The money collected in this envelope helps to offset some of the cost of the envelope service the parish uses. In preparing a budget for 2024, our Finance Council found that if all of the families in our parish donated just \$20 to this collection, it would just about pay for the envelope service for the whole year!

Sunday Collection - December 31st

St. Rose, Crockett \$1458

St. Patrick Mission \$75

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

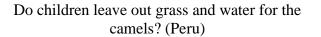
How do you celebrate the Epiphany?



Do you leave your shoes outside to receive a little gift from the Three Wise Men? (Spain)

Do you participate in a parade or procession? (Poland, Guatemala)

Does La Befana bring you a little sweet or gift? (Italy)



Perhaps you throw a party with a Kings Cake? (New Orleans)

Maybe you prefer a plunge into icy water to retrieve a crucifix, or just take a dip through a crucifix shaped hole? (Bulgaria, Turkey, Russia)

There is also a taste of the sweet Rusca de Reyes with baby Jesus hidden inside?
(Mexico)

These are just a few of the many ways!



St. Patrick Mission

After 125 years of service, we would hate to lose our beautiful St. Patrick Mission. Please consider taking one Sunday a month to partake in the 11:00AM Mass there instead of St. Rose, or if you are already a St. Patrick parishioner invite a new face. Also, if anyone

would be so kind as to volunteer to help out with opening and church and filling in when Joe is unavailable, please let Father Leo know. Help us keep the legacy of this hidden gem alive.



JANUARY WORD SEARCH

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Coming soon . . .

It may only be the first full week of January, but before you know it Lent will be here, and with that our annual Fish Fry! Please mark you calendars now for Friday, March 22nd! We will also have sign ups in the vestibule soon for volunteers. It was uplifting to see volunteers from many different groups work together so well last year, and hopefully you can all make that happen again.