

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This weekend's readings can shed light in the ongoing discussion about the church through the image of "paradoxical house." In Acts 6, we see church as household. We are presented with an everyday occurrence: disagreement, discord in the community.

The Hellenists, those Christians who spoke Greek, are not receiving their share of the communal goods. A resolution is required.. The text does not tell us what the solution is, but rather continues to speak of another problem: Some of the members are overworked in the service of the community. Their many duties lead them to neglect those they think are the most important. A solution is found. A new office is created, new people are selected to become leaders in the community. This all bespeaks flexibility and growth, optimism and imagination. In the remark : a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith" we sense the excitement in the community of new converts, the newness of the message, the pride in the community in the spread of the belief in the proclamation of Jesus as the one sent by the Spirit. Here we see the church as "organization," as institution with the need for means of settling disputes, for expanding governance, for allowing equal sharing for all, a household in which solutions are sought in an atmosphere of love, consideration and enthusiasm.

In 1 Peter, the faithful are exhorted to become living stones in the structure which is the house of God. The metaphor draws on two qualities of stone as an image. Stone as material used for construction of a building is used in a positive sense. We are the building blocks through which the house of God comes into being. Stone as dead, as opposed to living matter, is used to emphasize the contrast between a



physical house of stone and the house of God which is build of living units replete with life, not only physical, but spiritual. In a further step this reading speaks of the stones which church members are, as more than living, as precious, as jewels calling to mind the holy city of the Apocalypse gleaning with "radiance like a most rare jewel."

The gospel reading speaks of the inside of the house that is the church. Its setting is the most intimate form of community, the meal. In this context we hear Jesus

speaking of the house of the Father, where he will prepare dwelling places for those who believe. In Jesus' farewell address, dwelling becomes the metaphor for living united with God. Jesus stresses that not only will he prepare a dwelling for those faithful with the Father, but that he is the dwelling place of the faithful with the Father. The Father also dwells in the Son. Just as faith is needed to grasp the value of the living stones which make up the community of the people of God in 1 Peter, so too in John 14, faith in Jesus is essential. Jesus is the way to the dwelling place with the Father.

Thus the readings for this weekend present many levels of the life of the church: (1) the practical institutional "household," (2) the place in which the living dialectic between the written word and the interpreting community is conducted, (3) the structure composed of living inspired beings united in faith to form the body of Christ (4) the father's house of many dwellings which Jesus has prepared for us.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - April 30th

| St. Rose, Crockett | \$1387 |
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| St. Patrick Mission | \$405 |

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Mass Intentions for the Week

| Tues. | May 9 | 11:00AM |
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| NO MASS! | | |
| Wed. | May 10 | 11:00AM |
| Mother's Day Novena | | |
| Thur. | May 11 | 11:00AM |
| Mother's Day Novena | | |
| Fri. | May 12 | 11:00AM |
| Mother's Day Novena | | |
| Sat. | May 13 | 4:30PM |
| Mother's Day Novena | | |
| Matty Banaga † | Grandad† & Wawa Lydia | |
| Sun. | May 14 | 9:00AM |
| Mother's Day Novena | | |
| Port Costa | | 11:00AM |
| Mathan's Day Mariana | | |

Mother's Day Novena

Crockett Scout Annual Fish Fry



Come support Troops 171/173 Friday, May 19th at the Crockett Scout Hall! They will be serving from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, dine in or to go. Adults are \$25.00 and children are \$10.00. For

tickets see your neighborhood scout or purchase at the door. The scouts will Fish, Exy also be out and about Monday night (5/8) selling tickets door to door. The proceeds will help both troops with various projects, including their Washington D.C. trip and scout camp this summer.



MASS CANCELLATION

Tuesday, May 9th, the 11:00AM mass is cancelled. Father Leo has decided that he needs to be at a meeting regarding the MAP process to represent St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission.

St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission this August! With that being said, we need your help. The parish is starting to put together a committee to help plan the festivities, so if you would like to be involved, or know someone that would be, please let us know. Also, we are starting to look for any pictures, memorabilia, etc. to help give a whole picture

of our beloved little church, so please spread the word. All items would stay with their owners, we would just like to scan copies of images and even jot down old stories of activities, priests and anything from the past.



The first meeting regarding our celebration will be Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00PM in the St. Rose Hall.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items to help our Confirmation Yard Sale Fundraiser. We had quite a variety of items to offer!



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