

St. Rose of Lima Church

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BAPTISMS: By appointment with the priest at least one month in advance.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, at least six months in advance.

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



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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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

I have a friend who told me, he stopped sending Christmas cards, going to holiday parties, and buying gifts. It was becoming too expensive and didn't make sense anymore. We can all appreciate this feeling, when we are stuck in pre-holiday mall traffic, or are crowding to the check-out counters and see the cash register totaling up large figures. But the expenses and inconveniences are soon forgotten in the hope of making someone happy with a gift purchased just for them.

Gift giving, card sending and visits are obviously things we don't have to do. But these kind and thoughtful deeds strengthen our ties of family and friendship. The Scrooges may seem to be happier since they don't send money on others or try to be friendly, but most likely they're very sad and lonely people. The tragedy in that is their own doing. They don't realize that there's more joy in giving than in receiving.

We have an excellent example of the true spirit of Christmas in this weekend's Gospel, in the kindly deed of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, being pregnant, could have easily chosen not to visit her cousin Elizabeth. But precisely because she was pregnant with Jesus, she could not remain aloof.

It was "with haste" that she climbed the long steep hill to her cousin's home in Ain Karin, to willingly assist her. Her greeting was so divinely inspired and powerful, that it moved Elizabeth to spontaneous prayer and uplifted the spirit of her unborn child John.

When we visit friends and family, we should carry with us that same joy-filled attitude, which in itself is a tremendous gift to offer another. Using Mary as our model, we might try to worry less about being entertained and concentrate more on helping and uplifting. Jesus told the world that He came to serve, not to be served. I wonder if He learned that from His mother.

Happiness can be found in the most unusual places. Mary discovered it in the hill country, in the stable and even in exile, for Jesus was with her.

Since He promised to be with us, our finest gift to others is to live and give His love.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Christmas Eve Dec 24 4:30pm, 10pm

People of the Parish

Port Costa 8:00pm

People of the Parish

Tues. Christmas Dec 25 9 am

People of the Parish

Wed. Dec 26 Noon

Mariano Arriola†

Dale Arriola

& Amparo Baloy†

Thur. Dec 27 Noon

Mariano Arriola†

Dale Arriola

& Amparo Baloy†

Fri. Dec 28 Noon

Mariano Arriola†

Dale Arriola

& Amparo Baloy†

Sat. Dec 29 4:30 pm

Santiago Mateo †

Bernardina

Sun. Dec 30 9am

Thanksgiving

Flora Bernal

Port Costa 11:00am

People of the Parish

Sunday Collection - December 16

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$1864
Pointsettia/Decorations	\$643
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$305
Pointsettia/Decorations	\$60

Thanks to all who support our Parish!



Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

December 29: Lydia Banaga, Hugh Duckworth, June Gallo

Lector: Mary Duckworth

Welcome: John Valentini

December 30: Juliet Posadas, Dixie Peralta, Mae Combong, Judy Lesmeister, Jesus Hernandez, Lourdes Hernandez

Lector: Sylvia Smith, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Marleana Airoidi

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

CC Café/ Senior Outreach Services

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Special Second Collection

We are having a special second collection this weekend for the victims of the California Wildfires.

Bishop Barber offers the following prayer:

"We pray for all those suffering from the fires in our State. For those who have lost everything, that our solidarity will show them the merciful face of Christ. We also pray for those who have died, that the Lord may welcome them in His peace, comfort their families and encourage those who are providing relief and support. We also pray for the brave women and men battling the fires and providing immediate aid to all affected, for their safety and strength."

~ Bishop Barber



Corpus Christy Monastery

DISCERNMENT DAY: Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 19, 2019 at their monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests. For more information and to register visit www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events/ or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and more! The event is free and all meals will be provided.



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Dear friends,

Warmest greetings!

We are in the season of Advent once again. It is a time to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming birth of Christ. It is a time of expectation, of watchfulness and a time of self-examination.


I wish to sincerely express my thanks to all of you for continuing to support me as your Parochial Administrator. The Ministry Fair we had last November produced wonderful results. Many signed-up to be involved. I hope you continue to be involved in the life of our parish community with unwavering interest and enthusiasm, because by sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure, we continue to be able to serve our community with the various ministries and programs we offer. Liturgy and Faith Formation are still our priority programs, but we should not forget that we should also maintain our facilities, ensuring that there is heat and air conditioning at church and the parish hall, making it conducive for worship and other services or events. This year I would like to once again make an earnest appeal reiterating what Mr. Joe Surges mentioned in his letter regarding our Parish Financial status. Please consider adding or increasing your weekly offering. Our weekly collection is barely enough to pay for our weekly expenses. Your gift will surely help a lot. I am sure we will not be able to keep all our parish programs running and our facilities functioning without the help stemming from your generous hearts. I know there are a lot of generous parishioners among you here. We have a wonderful community; by joining hands together we fulfill God's plan through our Lord Jesus Christ, of sharing the Good News to everyone especially the needy, which is in line with Pope Francis' vision for the whole Christian world.

I pray that God will continue to shower on you and your family His bountiful blessings. As we await the coming of the Son of God, may your hearts be filled with joy and your life be peaceful. God bless.

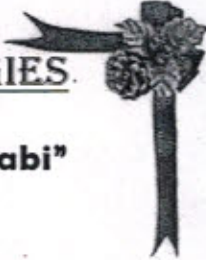
In Christ, the Word made Flesh,


Fr. Leonardo Alban Asuncion





ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGIES



MISA DE GALLO TRIDUM- "Simbang Gabi"

Thursday & Friday (Dec 20-21) 7:00PM
Saturday (December 22) 5:30 AM
(followed by breakfast at the Parish Hall)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Communal Anointing of the Sick

December 22-23, 2018

At all usual weekend Masses.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec 23, 7:00PM. St. Rose of Lima (FREE)



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018 (Monday)

4:30 P.M. Children's Mass (Music c/o Bob Banaga) -St. Rose of Lima

8:00- P.M. Christmas Mass, St. Patrick, Port Costa

10:00 P.M. Christmas Mass (Music c/o Runette Peralta & Choir), St.
Rose of Lima, Crockett

CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2018

9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Mass (Music c/o: Runette & Choir) St. Rose
of Lima, Crockett

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 29-30

Usual weekend schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD (New Year)

4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass -St. Rose of Lima, December 31, 2018

10:00 A.M. - St. Rose of Lima, January 1, 2019



**A BLESSED ADVENT, A JOY-FILLED CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR BE WITH YOU ALL!**