

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Christ flows through us as life flows through the vine into the branches. The language is familiar: Christ is in us and acts through us; we are the body of Christ. Though the image is familiar, we rarely take it seriously. We would be much happier, under most circumstances, to have someone else be Christ's body.

The early church had a richer understanding of this image. They believed that as the body of Christ, God entered them, they were "divinized" at baptism. They became, quite literally, God- incompletely and in a sacramental way, to be sure, but the identity was established, to be completed in heaven. But this language was too much for later generations, who spoke of being made "like" God instead of being made God. Yet the stronger language remains in the Scriptures, still challenging us to move away from our fears, to think what it means to have God flow in us and our actions, to have God depend on us and our actions.

This is a vision of God that is not familiar to us or that we seem not to like very much. It makes God too close, too fallible, changeable and dependent. But this is part of the vision that formed the early church.

Another part of the vision is St. Paul's picture of all creation, especially all humanity, being in God. He borrowed the image from Stoic philosophers, but Christians were quick to make it their own. St. Paul used it to describe God's grace flowing over us, sweeping us up into Christ. Tertullian later adapted it to baptism, describing the water bath as the sea of God's love in which we swim.

Christians have used this image to try to convince others of the truth of the faith. Down the years, from St. Paul at Athens to Karl Rahner's notion of "anonymous Christianity", Christians have been collaring non-Christians on street corners, in markets and even slave ships, urging them that they really are Christians in their heart of hearts, and all they need to complete their identity is baptism and a quick study of the catechism. Not surprisingly, most people so confronted have resented such suggestions.

Rather than continuing to force this metaphor down unwilling throats, we might do better to let people be comfortable with their own selfdefinitions. What we might do, meanwhile, is try to live that image ourselves. If we believe that everyone lives and moves in God, why don't we treat them that way? Why don't we acknowledge the presence of God in them and around them? How would people react if we treated them as if we were saying to them, "You are the presence of God to me?"

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!	happy mathematic
St. Patrick Mission	\$361
St. Rose, Crockett	\$1684
<u> Sunday Collectíon – May 1</u>	<u>4th</u>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 16	11:00AM
Nicholas Vicent P. Ma	rtinez	Mom
(birthday)		
Wed.	<u>May 17</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
Robert Bañaga Sr. †		Lacsina Family
Thur.	May 18	11:00AM
Theresa Festa †		Lily Militar
Fri.	May 19	11:00AM
Antonio Jacob †		Imelda Bernas
Sat.	May 20	4:30PM
Thomas Wolthuis †	•/	anda Abbondanza
Sun.	May 21	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomas, Jose and	Manuel †	
Port Costa		11:00AM

People of the Parish

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 also be out and about Monday night (5/15) 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.



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 sign up in the vestibule. 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.

April Financial Overview

St. Patrick Mission	
Expense:	
CCWD	\$82.05
PG&E	\$82.73
Fire Extinguisher Service	\$51.00
Day Nite Pest Control	\$58.00
Total:	<u>\$273.78</u>
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1194.00
Holy Days	\$55.00
Easter	\$406.00
Maintenance	\$175.00
CCD Envelope	\$65.00
Sacramental Services (Baptism)	\$100.00
Total	<u>\$1995.00</u>

April Financial Overview

St. Rose Expense:

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Priest Salary	\$2648.75
Secretary Wages	\$1835.91
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$449.76
Health Insurance	\$1107.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$60.21
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1840.80
Comcast	\$273.45
Garbage	\$290.21
EDD	\$123.27
IRS	\$1318.84
Liability	\$2025.40
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Palms	\$76.50
Easter Lilies	\$210.46
Maintenance supplies	\$53.18
Roof repair deposit	\$1000.00
Lay Employee Pension	\$492.63
Unemployment Comp	\$173.24
Bishop Confirmation Stipend	\$500.00
Confirmation MC	\$125.00
Confirmation Stipend Deacon	\$125.00
Fire Extinguisher Service	\$384.41
Hosts	\$59.74
Copier agreement	\$59.98
Choir	\$200.00
Kel-Aire (Hall heater)	\$2926.81
Total	\$18,961.03
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$9054.00
Holy Days	\$785.00
Easter	\$5284.00
Maintenance	\$366.00
CCD Envelope	\$191.00
Flowers	\$192.00
Interest from Diocese	\$811.97
Donations for Roof	\$65.00
Fish Fry	\$18,936.60
RCIA	\$60.00
Total	\$35,745.57

Bankruptcy

For information, visit www.oakdiocese.org. There is also a toll-free information line for inquiries at 888-733-1425. For access to some court documents about Chapter 11 case, please visit our http://www.kccllc.net/RCBO.