## Baptism of the Lord (2nd Sunday Ordinary)

January 14, 2024

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Is there a need for Jesus to be baptized? No, there was no need for Jesus to be baptized for he is God's beloved Son, the spotless Lamb of God whom St. John the Baptist will soon proclaim as the One who will take away all sin from fallen humankind. But his purpose in descending into the waters is twofold.

First, he has always submitted to the Law as a true Israelite and now he wishes to humble himself before the eyes of all and receive the baptism of St. John. Like all the rest, he allows them to think of him as a sinner. In reality, he is taking all of humankind with him and plunging it into his Paschal Mystery. The sinless One embodies in himself all humanity, so as to cleanse them from all defilement. The bystanders see Jesus of Nazareth as a sinner like themselves, but in reality, he is the lamb covered with the sins of humanity, though spotless and sinless himself.

But water is not only the symbol of cleansing. It is chiefly the sign of new life. Without water, the life of plants and animals and even man eventually dies. But with water comes life again. Even in the Book of Genesis, the author sees living creatures first emerging from the waters. For him, only creatures with blood were considered living. Jesus descends into the water to sanctify it, as the sacred element which he will designate for the rebirth of all mankind, the sacred sign of Christian baptism. In the waters that Jesus has sanctified, all who accept him will be born anew with a rebirth that is marvelous, making man the very child of God.

Second, in baptism, the child is immersed into a totally new atmosphere, that of the most Blessed Trinity. This is the Christian atmosphere which surrounds and envelops every one reborn in Christ. Again, the Father looks down, and says of the newly baptized Child: "This is my beloved child, my favor rests in him. "Again, the Spirit comes to possess the newly baptized, and dwell in it as in his Holy Temple. He is the Spirit of love and mercy, of gentleness and purity, all of which is symbolized by the image of he dove. Impelled by that Spirit which is the identical Spirit of Jesus, the Christians' aim in life is to spread the fragrance of the Christ's-life, which is that of love and mercy, gentleness and purity of heart.

The feast of the baptism of the Lord ought to reawaken in us the earnest desire to appreciate our own

baptism and carry out faithfully our baptismal commitment. This we can only do with the help of the dwelling Holy Spirit.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

11:00AM

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week

January 16

Tues.

**Port Costa** 

People of the Parish

January 10	11.00/11/1
	Lydia
January 17	11:00AM
January 18	11:00AM
January 19	11:00AM
January 20	4:30PM
January 21	9AM
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	Family
	January 17  January 18  January 19  January 20  January 21

# Sunday Collection - January 7<sup>th</sup>

St. Rose, Crockett	\$3383
Maintenance	\$432
St. Patrick Mission	\$175
Maintenance	\$30

#### Thank you again to all who support our Parish!



## 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

#### 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 your calendars now for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>! 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.



#### <u>December Financial Overview</u> St. Patrick Mission

#### **Expense:**

hidden gem alive.

Day Nite Pest Control	\$158.00
CCWD	\$116.90
PG&E	\$66.11
Property Tax	\$1299.49
Diocesan Assessment	\$447.00
Liability	\$904.00
Bi-annual Reimb.	\$1500.00
Total:	<b>\$4491.50</b>
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$641.00
Christmas	\$370.00
Holy Days	\$63.00
Maintenance	\$35.00
CCD Envelope	\$50.00
Flowers	\$106.00
Donations	\$140.00
Phillips 66 Anni. Donation	\$1000.00
Total	\$2405.00

#### December Financial Overview

#### St. Rose

#### **Expense:**

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Priest Salary	\$2648.75
Secretary Wages	\$2980.32
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$469.90
Health Insurance	\$1150.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$76.44
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1062.82
Comcast	\$264.41
Garbage	\$327.52
IRS	\$1321.77
EDD	\$123.57
Liability	\$2025.40
Diocesan Assessment	\$4701.75
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Missals	\$872.79
Finance Council move to Living Mem	\$7520.31
Poinsettias	\$306.86
Choir	\$200.00
Kel Air (AC @ CCD)	\$9710.00
Building Repair (CCD)	\$775.00
Virtus Training	\$50.00
<u>Total</u>	\$37,188.09
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$8173.00
Christmas	\$3650.00
Holy Days	\$425.00
Maintenance	\$352.00
CCD Envelope	\$257.00
Flowers/Decorations	\$1209.00
Sacramental Certificate	\$10.00
Facility Use –Parking lot	\$300.00
CCD Tuition	\$120.00
Donations	\$1382.00
St. Patrick Bi-annual reimb.	\$1500.00
Breaking Bread 2024	\$205.00
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\$2313.00

\$10000.00

\$29,896.00

**Christmas Concert** 

Withdrawal from Diocesan Savings