# St. Rose of Lima Church

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Fr. Leo Asuncion, Administrator



#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

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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:**

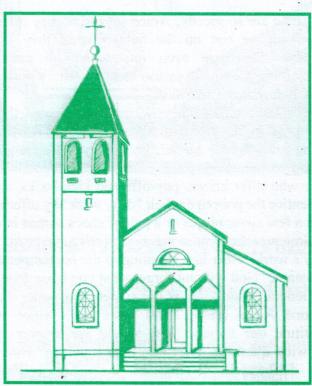
Saturday Crockett...... 4:30 pm (vigil)
Sunday Crockett.........9:00 am
Port Costa.........11:00 am
Weekdays Crockett

Holy Days

Tues. - Fri......12:00 noon
Crockett.......12:00 noon
& 7:00 pm

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm



St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

<b>WELCOME!</b> Our warmest welcome to newly arrived in the parish. We thank out the form below and place in the c	all who celebrate with us, whether longtime resident or God for you! If you are not on our parish list—please fill ollection basket or mail to the office.
Name	Phone
Address	City Zip
☐ New to Parish ☐ New Address	□ New Phone # □ Moving □ Send Envelopes



#### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

More than 700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Amos was on the biblical scene preaching the need for integrity. He was a farmer from southern Israel, who travelled to the rich north country, by divine inspiration. His mission was to condemn the selfishness of the rich who refuse to help their struggling brothers and sisters. Amos had a three-word formula for making money: Make it honestly.

He was infuriated with those people who cheated in their business dealings, and he predicted that God would take revenge on them. In this weekend's readings, we hear his anger blazing out against the cheats, the swindlers and all dishonest and selfish people.

Some are so greedy, Amos says, that they refuse to worship or rest on the Sabbath, lest they lose business. They are even impatient with nature, complaining that it takes too long for the wheat to ripen, before they can sell it.

Amos condemned the vendors who cheated their customers by using small measures (ephah) when selling grain by the bushel, and heavy scale weights (sheka) when buying by the pound. He also denounced those who offer bribes, pay-offs and kick-backs, and who entice the poor to do their "dirty work" by offering them a few silver pieces or a pair of shoes. Amos is an old-time preacher whose message needs to be heard in today's world. Hear him shouting to the contemporary charlatans, "God will not forget what you have done."

Generally speaking, is our society any better than the one Amos knew, 2700 years ago? Since we constitute our society, how would we answer the following questions? Am I an honest person? Have I ever deliberately cheated anyone? Am I 100% trustworthy with other people's money or possessions? Do I consider it sinful to take advantage of others, even though it's easy to do? If you don't rate well, you might be helped by reading the Book of Amos. It's only nine chapters.

Unfortunately, we live in an atmosphere of deception which makes us suspicious of other's motives and fearful of being cheated. We face everything from deliberate frauds and vicious lies to psychological manipulations -like the price \$19.99 to make us think it's much cheaper than \$20.00, or the box of breakfast cereal twice the size of its contents.

Honesty is not only the best policy, but the only one. The integrity we use in dealing with our neighbor determines whether or not we are honest with God. Don't we feel some obligation to be as good as our word and help people to continue to trust others? Jesus, like Amos, clearly taught that it is maliciously sinful to deceive or victimize the poor, the uninformed, the old, the young or anyone.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sept 24	Noon
	Lolo & Lola
Sept 25	Noon
Tecla Fernandez Mateo †	
Sept 26	Noon
Remedios de Leon †	
Sept 27	Noon
	Venus Garcia
Sept 28	4:30pm
	Bill & Diane Thomas
Sept 29	9am
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	11:00am
	Sept 25 Sept 26 Sept 27 Sept 28 Sept 29



#### Sunday Collection - September 15

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$1361
Priest Retirement	\$375
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$265
Priest Retirement	.\$69

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

## Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

Sept 28: Franca Ponti, John Valentini, Carol Lawson

Lector: Mary Duckworth Welcome: Mike Radcliff

Sept 29: Lourdes Hernandez, Barbara Denton,

Bernardina de la Pena, Angela Reese, Evelyn

Balico, Dixie Peralta,

Lector: Jesse Peralta, Ed Combong

Welcome: Inez Foley

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

#### CC Café/ Senior Outreach Services

Enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch at the CC Café! Offered for adults 60+, Monday thru Friday. Reservations required one business day in advance. \$3 donation suggested. 850 Pomona St. Crockett. Call today to make your reservations 787-1341.



#### Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program has started, so please register now! Forms are in the vestibule.

**CCD:** preparation for First Holy Communion every other Sunday at 10:15AM.

**Confirmation:** Registration is now open. This is a two-year formation program, and we will be having first- and second-year students. Classes will be every other Sunday at 10:15 AM, and then a 2hr class with Fr. Leo once a month.

**R.C.I.A** for those wanting to become Catholics. It is a twoyear formation program for adults. Contact Fr. Leo for more information.

#### Pastoral Council



Our next meeting is this Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish hall!



#### YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We will be having a second collection next weekend. To successfully achieve both our parish goals:

St. Rose - \$6000 We are at 64% of our goal, with a balance of \$2141 to go!

St. Patrick Mission - \$900 We are at 120%!!

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