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

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MASSES:

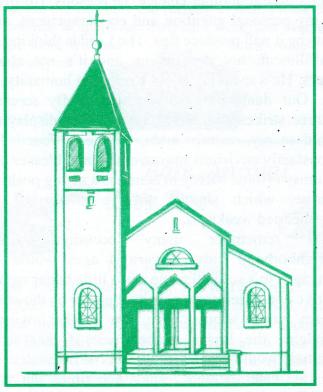
Saturday Crockett...... 4:30 pm (vigil) Port Costa 11:00 am Weekdays Crockett Tues. - Fri......12:00 noon Crockett......12:00 noon Holy Days

Saturday

Sunday

3:30 to 4:00 pm

& 7:00 pm



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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is baseball season once again. If you swing and miss the baseball three times, you're on your way back to the dugout. Three failures to clear the bar in pole vaulting or high jump and you're automatically out of the competition. Three is often our limit in forgiving injuries or tolerating failures.

The owner of the fig tree in the Gospel this weekend feels the same way. He wants the tree chopped down because it has failed to produce any fruit for three years. Jesus, playing the part of the gardener, intercedes in behalf of the faltering tree. Let's give it another chance, he reasons; I'll offer it my personal attention and encouragement, and maybe it will produce figs. The Lord is thinking of fulfillment, not destruction, and it's not about trees. He's speaking about struggling humanity.

Our demanding society can coldly scream, "three strikes and you're out." Jesus, displaying bold mercy, calmly adds, "make it four." He constantly envisions improvement and blesses our clumsy efforts. Mercy in action is a strong positive virtue, which should not be interpreted as softhearted weakness.

I remember many occasions when neighborhood kids of various ages would be engaged in a softball game and a little batter would strike out. Often some sensitive player on the other team would shout, "give him another swing." Imagine the loving peacefulness if that same attitude would prevail in all areas of life.

St. Peter denied Jesus three times yet was given another chance and never denied Him again. He went on to become the Pope and died a martyr's death. Without that gratuitous fourth swing, the entire history of Christianity would have been written differently. Judas was also offered another chance but refused it.

Forgiveness is an integral part of God's nature, not to be abused or presumed but used by weak struggling people like us. Since the Creator knows our proneness to failure, he ministers to us not in terms of "three" or "four" but extends His mercy

to "seven times" and even "seventy times seven times."

In this little parable, failing humanity plays the role of the fig tree, with demanding society as the boss and Jesus as the gardener. Holy mercy wins the argument and the story has a happy ending, for the tree is spared and figs are expected next year. The tree should never forget Who caused the owner to change his mind and spare its life. The Gardener did it.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	March 26	Noon
Cynthia Stoughtenboro	ugh †	Lois Baty
Wed.	March 27	Noon
Ray Austria †		Olivia Austria
Thur.	March 28	Noon
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Fri.	March 29	Noon
Special Intentions		
Sat.	March 30	4:30 pm
Joseph Noe †		Family
Sun.	March 31	9am
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00am
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Sunday Collection - March 17

St.	Rose,	Crockett/Regular	Sunday	\$1334

\$249

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

March 30: June Gallo, Lydia Banaga, Mary

Duckworth

Lector: Trudi Jensen Welcome: Keith Olsen

March 31: Mae Combong, Jesse Peralta Lector: Ed Combong, Sylvia Smith Welcome: Marleana Airoldi

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

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E-MAILS!

Our new Church Management/Contribution computer

program will allow us to do a lot more to organize our parish. Since we paid for this program, we would love to



Email

use as many aspects of it as we can. We are asking if you could please make sure we have an updated email address for your family on file with us. You can call or stop by the office, drop it in the collection basket, add it to the binder in the vestibule or even send it in the traditional mail!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Each time we encounter a suffering person, we encounter Jesus in disguise. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds agencies around the world

that aid those suffering. This collection will be March 30 and 31. Envelopes are in the pews and thank you in advance for your generosity.



Communal Anointing of the Sick

As part of our Lenten journey, there will be a Communal Anointing of the Sick on the Fifth Sunday

of Lent (April 6/7) you have family friends who would opportunity bring



at all masses. If members like to share in this them along.

Thank You!

A special thank you to Jose from Pristine, the company that so meticulously cleaned our beautiful church! They did a wonderful job on hands and knees scrubbing and repairing not only the carpets, but the floors in the vestibule and sacristy as well. Please take a moment to appreciate their hard work, and everyone extra time wipe those feet one your way in!



St. Rose Annual Fish Fry

The 34th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry is Friday, April 12th from 11:30am to 7:30pm in the St. Rose Parish Hall. Adult dinner tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under are \$7. Beverages will be available at a no host refreshment bar. Takeout dinners are available any time during serving hours. Mark the date on your calendar now! Tickets on sale now! Call (510)787-2052 for more info.

Volunteers are needed! Please sign up in the vestibule if you can spare some time! This is our biggest fundraiser, and we could really use our whole family from St. Rose and St. Patrick.



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