# St. Rose of Lima Church

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# **TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

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

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#### **MASSES:**

Saturday Sunday

Weekdays

Holy Days

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

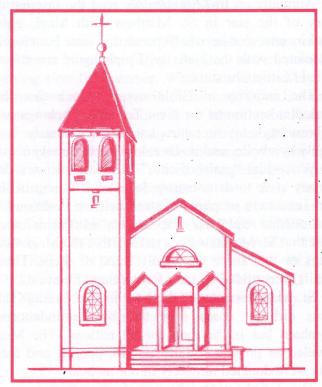
Tues. - Fri.........12:00 noon Crockett..........12:00 noon

& 7:00 pm

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday

3:30 to 4:00 pm



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## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Twinkle, twinkle, little star How I wonder what you are Up above the world so high Like a diamond in the sky

Long before Jane Taylor composed her famous nursery rhyme, "The Star," St. Matthew had written of another friendly light which twinkled across the heavens, enticing Wise Men from the East, all the way to Bethlehem. With wonderment, like the little boy in the movie "Close Encounters," they followed its magnetic brilliance until it stopped over the place where Jesus was born.

Annually on this Sunday, we read the fascinating story of the star in St. Matthew with Magi, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Separated in time but closely associated with the Nativity, Epiphany is sometimes called "Little Christmas."

The majority of Bible experts teach that this particular section of the New Testament belongs to a Hebrew style of literature known as Midrash. It is highly symbolic, and its literalness is to be taken with the proverbial "grain of salt." St. Matthew uses this literary style to demonstrate Jesus' fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy. Later Christian tradition has continued to read these chapters in a "Midrashic" way. Note that St. Matthew does not say that the Magi were kings or that there were only three of them. Those details were added by later folklore and tradition.

St. Matthew intends to show in this passage that Jesus did not come only for the descendants of Abraham but is the man for all nations. The Magi traveled as proxies for the Gentile people, and their gifts were donated remotely in our names.

The Epiphany celebration furthermore presents jarring contrasts between wise and foolish people and how they search for Jesus and what they expect of Him. With faith, these king-sized men searched the heaven and were granted a vision of light. With a dream to fulfill, they began their spiritual pilgrimage. Each of us also had a dream to dream and a star to follow.

The evil Herod, however, with no faith in the spiritual world, was a fearful man with only insincere questions about Jesus. He saw no guiding star, for he didn't look skyward. His world was beneath him. He lived by manipulating people with money and force.

He was afraid to dream a happy dream. Unlike the Wise Men, he offered no gifts to Jesus, but rather viewed Him as a rival to be destroyed. Herod caused Jesus and his family to flee and hide from him. Good people (Magi) love the light of truth and seek it. Evil people (Herod) banish it from their sight. Have you seen the Light? Does it direct your journey through life?

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	Jan 8	Noon
Aida Redoble- Quincena	<b>†</b>	Mariano Family
Wed.	Jan 9	Noon
Arturo "Rocky" Flores†		Mariano Family
Thur.	Jan 10	Noon
Tony Licad †		Ed & Mae
Fri.	Jan 11	Noon
Juliet Posadas†		Ed & Mae
Sat.	Jan 12	4:30 pm
Wilbur Figuera †		Bob & Lydia
Sun.	Jan 13	9am
Carolina O Mariano (birthday)		Mariano Family
Port Costa		11:00am
Frances Hallekampt †		Family

# Sunday Collection - December 30

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday \$1740

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$329

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

### Welcome Committee, Lectors and <u>Ministers</u>

January 12: Franca Ponti, Carol Lawson, John Valentini

Lector: John Paradela

Welcome: Cookie Maracich

January 13: Mae Combong, Judy Lesmeister, Jesus

Hernandez, Dixie Peralta, Sylvia Patino,

Renee Ratterree

Lector: Sylvia Smith, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Cookie Maracich

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

## CC Café/ Senior Outreach Services

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## Second Sunday Social

Our next get together is January13th. Please join us down in the hall after 9am Mass! We will also start collecting dues this month.



#### Special Second Collection

Next week is the annual Seminary collection. In the pews you will find a brochure which introduces you to our 19 seminarians and the different seminaries they

are attending. Also, in the pews you will find special collection envelopes for the Seminary Collection next weekend. We ask you to please be generous in supporting those called to serve us in the Oakland Diocese as future priests. Thank you for your generosity.



#### 2018 Taxes

It is soon time for taxes! Unfortunately, the program we have long been using decided to retire without asking over the summer. We have tried in every way to recapture all the contributions made from January to June, but the information is no where to be found in our system. The company who provided the program no longer supports it, and the last employee who knew how to trouble shoot it retired three years ago. We are picking out a new program to enter July through December contributions, but it may be a little later than normal. IF YOU HAVE RECORD OF YOUR JAN-JUNE CONTIBUTIONS AND WANT THEM ENTERED INTO THE NEW SYSTEM, PLEASE DROP THEM BY OR MAIL THEM TO THE OFFICE (555 Third Ave.)! We are truly sorry of any inconvenience this may cause you.

## Prayers for the Deceased



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