# St. Rose of Lima Church

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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:**

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm



St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

	Il who celebrate with us, whether longtime resident o God for you! If you are not on our parish list—please fil llection basket or mail to the office.
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#### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We normally would not expect to hear a Sunday Gospel about wine, women and song, but this is what St. John presents today. He tells of a wedding reception which Jesus, His mother and the apostles attended. The crowd was drinking wine, dancing and singing, with Jesus joining in the merriment.

Jesus' presence at the wedding feast at Cana makes some people feel uneasy. To remedy the dismaying situation, they say that it wasn't wine Jesus and the other guests were drinking, but grape juice. I agreed that it was grape juice at one time, but that was long before the wedding reception. Isn't it ironic that many fundamentalists who advocate the literal meaning for every word of the Scripture, say in this case that wine means grape juice?

Well back at the reception, they were having a good time because "at a certain point the wine ran out." The waiters filled six stone water jars with water, each holding about 20 gallons; and quicker than you could say "fermentation," Jesus produced 120 gallons of "the bubbly stuff." Then the singing, dancing and drinking continued, with the groom being complimented on the quality of his wine. Whatever and whomever the Lord blesses, takes on genuine quality. He makes neither cheap people nor cheap wine.

This benevolent miracle in fact was not Jesus' original idea. He was practically "forced" into it by His mother. At first Jesus protested, stating that He would make no wine before His time. But the Virgin Mary

convinced Him that this was the time. Thus, St. John is presenting a warm, humanistic view of Mary. She did not live her entire life with a sword



of sorrow piercing her heart. She too could laugh, dance, sing and order 120 gallons of wine.

On several occasions people have told me that they would not be serving alcoholic beverages at their wedding reception, or they were having "a Christian wedding." I suppose they consider the whole Cana affair very un-Christian.

The key concept is to use but not abuse. Drinking wine, like eating food, spending money, using time,

sex, sleep, work or whatever should be done with thoughtful intelligence. We can be foodaholics, talkaholics, sexaholics, workaholics, chocoholics or cell phoneaholics but still we should not condemn something because people abuse it. "I'll drink to that," is an old and sacred expression for giving your word. It's an unwritten signature, a promise to keep your part of the bargain. We know there was a heavy concentration of pain and sorrow in the lives of Jesus, Mary and the apostles – but here we meet them in one of their most joyful relaxed times.

Our Lord proclaims the goodness of all creation. All things can add to the fullness of life. Jesus demonstrates at Cana how recreation and having fun go hand in hand with work and prayer.

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	Jan 22	Noon
Juliet Posadas †		Bernardina
Wed.	Jan 23	Noon
Juliet Posadas †		Bob & Lydia
Thur.	Jan 24	Noon
Roger Olivares †		Helen Olivares
Fri.	Jan 25	Noon
Rey & Jeanette		Bob & Lydia
Banaga †		
Sat.	Jan 26	4:30 pm
Deanne Pagni †		Mary & Medoro
Giovanna Pini †		Pagni
Sun.	Jan 27	9am
Tony Licad †		Bernardina
Port Costa		11:00am
People of the Parish		

The office will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### Sunday Collection - January 13

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$1161
Seminary	\$310
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$320
Seminary	\$79

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

#### Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

January 26: Franca Ponti, John Valentini, Carol Lawson

Lector: Marissa Perlas

Welcome: Hugh Duckworth

January 27: Bernardina de la Pena, Angela Reese,

Dixie Peralta, Sylvia Patino, Renee Ratterree

· Lector: Sylvia Smith, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Cookie Maricich

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

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CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck

Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

#### 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.

Thank you to those who have provided the office with their lost contribution information! We have narrowed down the choices in programs (they sure are pricey!) and are hoping to have everything available in the first weeks of February.



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