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

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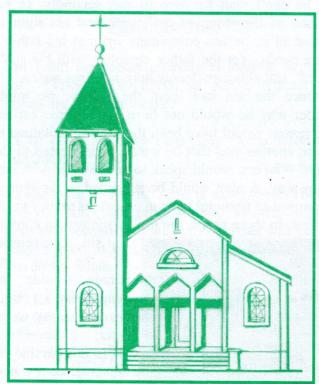
MASSES:

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

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WELCOME! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you! If you are not on our parish list—please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the office.		
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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The parable, traditionally known as The Prodigal Son, is also called the parable of The Forgiving Father. It exemplifies compassion in action. Some of the following thoughts are credited to Dr. Kenneth Bailey of the School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon. He notes that in the Middle Eastern society, like our own, the father may or may not make a will, but in any case, he would always retain the rights to and in the interest of the money until he died. If the children were to request their share of the estate prematurely, it would be like telling their dad to "drop dead."

In this parable, the younger son insults his father in two ways. First, he asks for the money now, showing that he can't wait for him to die; secondly, in his demand of the share of the estate and his right to dispose of it, he has completely ignored his father's future needs. Yet the father complies with his son's request, and although deeply hurt, he is not angry.

Once the son had spent the money, we might wonder why he would not have come home earlier. One reason would have been that he was ashamed to return; another was that he would be subjected to the "shun" – no one would speak to or associate with him in any way. A man would be subjected to the shun if he married an immoral woman or lost his money to the gentiles. In these cases, the guilty one was to confess



his sin, compensate for the loss and remain outside the community until proven worthy to reenter.

In this parable the father initiates a new way of forgiveness.

Rather than applying the shun, he runs (something old men normally did not do) to meet his son, who had openly and deliberately insulted him. The father does not wait for apologies but forgives him immediately and totally. The young man is delighted by this unexpected and overflowing love.

Jesus uses the story as an example of God's forgiveness to us and as a model of our forgiveness to each other. The father's love had healed the past; the son's present repentance and conversion would correct the future.

Note that the elder son did apply the shun, he refused to welcome home his brother. We can either imitate the compassionate father or the merciless elder brother when it comes to pardoning another person. We can hurry to meet them with open arms, or turn our back and refuse to speak to them. Which way do you choose-to run or shun?

Each time we remit and forget past hurts and offenses, we grow a little bigger and better. If we are living in the midst of bitterness and hatred, we are slowly starving ourselves. It is high time to "break away and return to the Father."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	Sept 17	Noon
MaryLou Austria		Olivia & Marvin
Wed.	Sept 18	Noon
Alice Littleton †		· Family
Thur.	Sept 19	Noon
Eliseo Villanueva (birthday)		Lily Militar
Fri.	Sept 20	Noon
Nenette Tan	epergy series provide	Fr. Leo
Sat.	Sept 21	4:30pm
John Heuser Sr. † & John Heuser III †		Jensen Family
Sun.	Sept 22	9am
Jack Rose †		Franca
Port Costa		11:00am
People of the Parish		a. Misself

Sunday Collection - September 8

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday \$1361

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$265

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

Sept 21: Franca Ponti, John Valentini, Carol Lawson

Lector: Mary Duckworth **Welcome:** Mike Radcliff

Sept 22: Lourdes Hernandez, Barbara Denton,

Bernardina de la Pena, Angela Reese, Evelyn

Balico, Dixie Peralta,

Lector: Jesse Peralta, Ed Combong

Welcome: Inez Foley

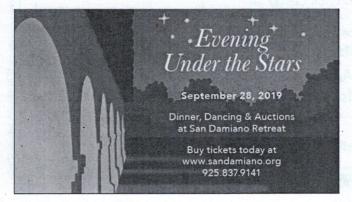
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Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program is starting September 15th, **THIS WEEKEND**, so please register now! Forms are in the vestibule.

CCD: preparation for First Holy Communion every 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 two-year formation program for adults. Contact Fr. Leo for more information.

The Forgotten Beatitude

Blessed are you if you can laugh at yourself; for you shall never cease to be amused.





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