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:

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

WELCOME! Our warmest welcome to all newly arrived in the parish. We thank G out the form below and place in the coll	od for you! If yo	u are not on	our parish list-please t
Name	Phone		
Address	City		Zip
□ New to Parish □ New Address □	New Phone #	☐ Moving	☐ Send Envelopes



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Christmas season, forecasting peacefulness often brings the opposite. How can sadness crowd out the pleasant thoughts of His birth, and the gifts, good food and warmth generated by our annual circle of family and friends? Some psychologists attribute Christmas depression to our carefree childhood emotions, which we will never be able to recapture. Others say that holiday sorrow is triggered at this sentimental time by a keen sense of our many unfulfilled dreams. Even if we don't understand the causes, we have all to some degree experienced this Christmas despondency.

The Church demonstrates her ancient wisdom today by celebrating a Sunday of Joy, two weeks before Christmas, to counteract our negative gloominess. The prophet Zephaniah sets the desired mood in the First Reading: "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion, sing joyfully, O Israel."

The Second Reading this weekend also helps set the mood, with St., Paul cheering the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord, always...Dismiss all anxiety from your minds." This is good news for everyone. The world in general stands in need of all the joyful thoughts available during this season.

If we are more joyful and less pessimistic in mind, perhaps our bodies will respond favorably, helping us to achieve a fuller degree of health and holiness. Modern wholistic health care tells us that a joyful mind promotes a healthy body.

You have probably heard or read the magazine editor Norman Cousins came down with a terrible sickness and was not responding to medicine. He decided to buy a small piece of equipment, which he positioned in his room, and it helped him regain his health. The equipment was a projector with which he watched the Marx Brothers movies, and he laughed and laughed his way to health.

There are many reasons to be happy The liturgy challenges us to smile, hoping for good things in the future and being glad that Jesus was born into the world as savior of all. His presence

continues to warm our cold world and make a hostile environment peaceful. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again. Rejoice!"

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 18	Noon
	Parish
Dec 19	Noon
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Dec 20	Noon,7 pm
	Jenny
Dec 21	Noon, 7 pm
WHEN	Dale Arriola
Dec 22	5:30 am, 4:30pm
	· Bob & Lydia
Dec 23	9am
	Jenny
	11:00am
	Dec 19 Dec 20 Dec 21



Sunday Collection - December 9

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$1354
Religious Retirement	\$246
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$ 342
Religious Retirement	\$58

Thanks to all who support our Parish!



Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

December 22: Franca Ponti, Carol Lawson, John

Valentini

Lector: John Paradela Welcome: Mike Radcliff

December 23: Angela Reese, Jesse Peralta, Juliet

Posadas, Dixie Peralta, Sylvia Patino, Renee

Ratterree

Lector: Jesse Peralta, Sylvia Smith

Welcome: Cookie Maracich

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.

Crockett Christmas Committee

In the next few weeks we will be collecting canned/nonperishable items in the vestibule for the Crockett Christmas Committee. We also welcome new/ unopened toys for children. These items are distributed to those in need in our community. For more information or questions, contact Debbie at 510-722-3052.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23), we will be having our annual Advent Communal

Anointing of the at St. Rose of Patrick. If vou members



Sick at all masses Lima and St. have family friends who need invite them to these masses. Come and be healed with God's healing touch.

"Misa de Gallo" (Simbang Gabi)

We invite you to join us in celebrating a Triduum "Misa de Gallo" (Simbang Gabi) on December 20, 21, 22, 2018. This is a Filipino tradition of celebrating mass for 9 days prior to Christmas. Masses on December 20 and 21 will be at 7:00 P.M. and the mass on December 22 will be at 5:30 A.M. There will be light refreshment after mass on

December 20 and 21 and a Filipino breakfast on December 22.

Poinsettias & Christmas Decorations

The poinsettias that decorate our Church during the Christmas season are in honor of our departed loved ones, and their names will be displayed on the alter. The donation for each name is \$10, envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please get them in no later than Monday December 17th!



Schedules

Please note that the Advent and Christmas liturgyschedule is in the vestibule. Please pick up your copy!



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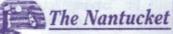
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