

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jesus' parables are so drawn from experiences in life that the fictional characters in them seem to be real people. Perhaps most realistic is the prodigal son. This story illustrates for us the meaning of the sacrament of Penance. Lent is a particularly appropriate season to celebrate the sacrament of penance., especially during one of the penance services before Easter.

In this weekend's Gospel, we see in St. Luke's version, how happy the father was when his prodigal son returned home. The fact that the father insisted on an elaborate banquet to celebrate the return of his lost son should encourage us to prepare for the celebration of the sacrament of penance with confidence in God's mercy. God our Father eagerly wishes to celebrate our repentance.

The young son's repentance is our model. After having squandered his inheritance, he came to his senses. He abandoned his dissolute way of living and resolved to return to his father. He prepared to confess his sins and to make an act of contrition. Before asking to be forgiven, he resolved to change his life,

In an earlier era of the Church, people confessed their sins to the bishop on Ash Wednesday. Sackcloth was given them to wear, ashes were sprinkled on their heads, and their names were entered in the book of penitents. The bishop assigned a penance which was to be performed during the entire season of Lent. This penance was medicinal rather than punitive. It was a way of bringing about a cure for the disease of sin rather than a form of punishment for a crime. That is the spirit of of the prodigal's father.

The penance was suited to the sin. If people had been selfish and greedy, they were required to distribute alms to the poor. If they had been guilty of self-indulgence, they were directed to fast and abstain from choice foods. If they had been negligent of God, they were given a regimen of prayer. The purpose of the penance was to effect a change of heart. In a special ceremony on Holy Thursday morning the penitents received absolution from the bishop and that evening they participated in the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

In our times we have inverted the order of the sacrament. We confess our sins, receive absolution, and then only later do we perform our penance. From the earlier practice of the Church, we can learn an

important lesson, that we should not wait until we go to confession and receive an official penance from the priest. We ought to practice penance long before we approach the priest. In other words, we ought to be working during the entire season of Lent to change our lives.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	April 1	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	April 2	11:00AM
Ricardo Lopez † Roda		
Thur.	April 3	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	April 4	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	April 5	4:30PM
Special Intentions		
Sun.	April 6	9:00AM
Carlos Barrera Herrera † Buitrago-Cohon Family		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2024, please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.



*** *The next fish fry meeting is this Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00PM in the hall.* ***

Sunday Collection -March 23rd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1916
St. Patrick Mission	\$285

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

***In able to meet our 2025 budgets, we would like to remind parishioners that we will need a minimum of \$2,100 for Sunday plate collections at St. Rose every weekend, and \$250 every Sunday at St. Patrick Mission. ***

37th Annual St. Rose Fish Fry
Friday April 11, 2025
 St. Rose Church Hall
 (Between 3rd and 4th Ave. on Starr St.)
 Crockett
 Dinner Served
 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Dinners: \$30.00
 Child (Under 12)-\$10.00
 INCLUDES FISH, FRIES, CORN, COLESLAW AND A ROLL!
 Dine In or Take Out Available!
 Tickets on Sale now
 For tickets call Rectory Office at (510) 787-2052, or may be purchased at the door the day of event.
 This event supported by the Crockett Community Foundation.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross has started, Fridays after the 11:00AM mass.



FISH FRY

Thank you to everyone who has donated beverages for the fish fry. We are still in need of 12oz sodas (Coke/ Diet Coke, Sprite, Pepsi/Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew), wine and beer for those that would still like to donate.

We also understand if monetary and physical donation just aren't in your budget right now. Please consider volunteering your time and talent instead! Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Crockett Improvement Association
3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast And Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 12th
Breakfast 9 am to Noon
FREE Easter Egg Hunt at Noon
 FREE Easter Bunny photos
Crockett Community Center
850 Pomona Street
Donation \$12
 Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon & Eggs
 Fruit, Coffee & Orange Juice
 50/50 Drawing & Raffle Prizes
 More information, crockettcia@gmail.com, or 1-415-870-6115

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection is for our monthly collection. This month we are supporting our CCD/religious education fund Thank you!

