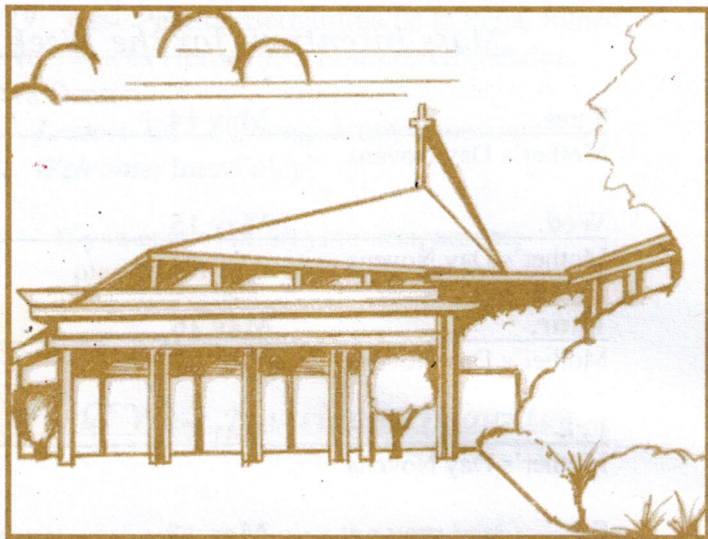


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MASSES:

Saturday	Crockett	4:30 pm (vigil)
Sunday	Crockett	9:00 am
	Port Costa	11:00 am
Weekdays	Crockett	
	Tues. - Fri	12:00 noon
Holy Days	Crockett	12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday	3:30 to 4:00 pm
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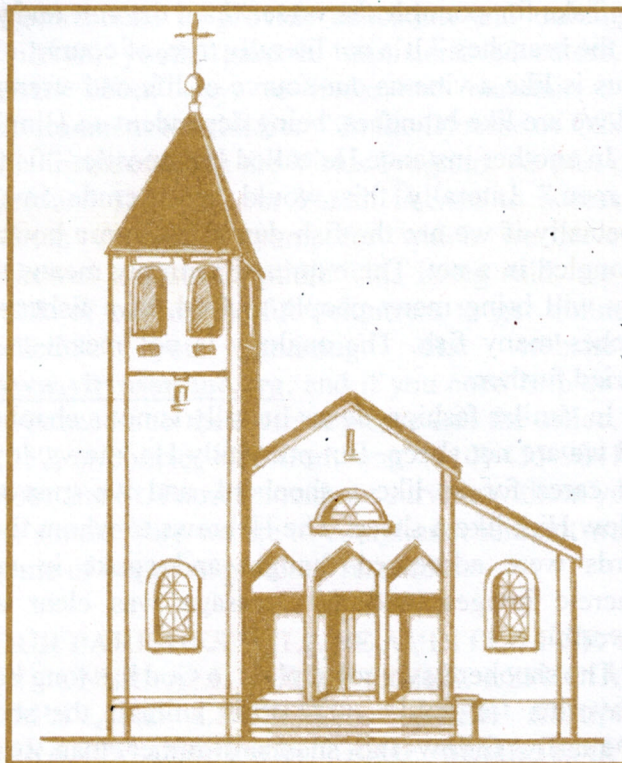
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BAPTISMS: By appointment with the priest at least one month in advance.

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.



St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa

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.

Name _____ Phone _____

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

"I am a person not a sheep." exclaimed a lady attending a Bible class. She told how the biblical passages referring to people as sheep always made her cringe. Some others who said they "hadn't really thought about it before," agreed that she made a good point. I tried to explain that the sheep and shepherd expressions (and many other Scriptural verses) are poetic - not meant to be taken literally.

As the shepherd and sheep theme runs through this Sunday's liturgy, please remember that there is no implication that we are dumb animals, blindly led by another. The Bible is truly a book of many literary styles. There is much poetry in it, meant to be interpreted by common poetic rules.

Take for example the verse, "I am the vine and you are the branches." It's not literally true, of course - but Jesus is like a vine as our source of life and strength; and we are like branches, being dependent on Him.

In another instance He called His apostles "fishers of men." Literally this would be a crude image, especially if we are the fish dangling from a hook or entangled in a net. The expression simply means that they will bring many people to God, as a fisherman catches many fish. The analogy is not meant to be carried further.

In similar fashion, Jesus literally is not a shepherd and we are not sheep. But poetically He knows, loves and cares for us like a shepherd, and we trust and follow Him like a sheep. The Hebrews to whom these words were addressed thought and spoke in very concrete images, and the message was clear and powerful.

The shepherd symbol applied to God has long been a favorite, for unlike most other animals the sheep voluntarily follow the shepherd rather than being chased from behind. It is also said that in ancient times the shepherd would break one leg of an unruly sheep which constantly strayed, lest it get lost or killed by predators. The shepherd then would carry the injured sheep whenever the flock moved. When the leg finally healed, the sheep would never stray again for it was now the shepherd's pet.

Our Good Shepherd blesses us with guidance and discipline for our good, lest we stray and get lost. Jesus, in taking the human flesh, accommodated Himself to our nature, language and ways. Whether it's leading, feeding or healing, the analogy of the shepherd and his

sheep is fittingly applied to the spiritual bond between the Savior and His people.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. May 14 Noon
Mother's Day Novena

Wed. May 15 Noon
Mother's Day Novena

Thur. May 16 Noon
Mother's Day Novena

Fri. May 17 Noon
Mother's Day Novena

Sat. May 18 4:30pm
Mother's Day Novena (Azucena Joson †) Sons & Daughters

Sun. May 19 9am
People of the Parish

Port Costa 11:00am
Mother's Day Novena



Sunday Collection - May 5

- St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday \$1656
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$232

Thanks to all who support our Parish!

Congratulations to our Faith Formation students, Sophia Urban and Gustavo Valdes, who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday!



ICF Members

Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

May 18: June Gallo, Hugh Duckworth, Lydia Banaga

Lector: Mary Duckworth

Welcome: Mike Radcliff

May 19: Jesse Peralta, Bernardina de la Pena, Renee Ratterree, Jesus Hernandez, Lourdes Hernandez, Barbara Denton

Lector: Ed Combong, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Inez Foley

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

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ICF Bingo

Bingo and Hot Dog night hosted by ICF Branch 14. 6pm all the fun starts! Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$10.00 which includes Hot Dog with all the trimmings and one

bingo card. Additional cards are

available, and cost is \$5.00 each. The event will be held at St Rose of Lima church hall, 555 Third Ave. in Crockett. Come and enjoy an evening of fun!



Just a reminder, we meet this Tuesday, May 14th! Mass is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and meeting to follow at 7:30.

Safe Environment Training



The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People states, "Diocese/eparchies will establish safe environment programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children." In the Diocese of Oakland, this includes using the Virtus Program. As part of the Oakland Diocese, our Parish is able to access The Virtus Online Program, for which we have just renewed our subscription. This being said, we need **ALL** of our wonderful volunteers to get online and schedule your training. The website is www.virtusonline.org, and if you need help or don't have access to the internet please call the office, 787-2052, or contact Mae Combong, (510) 455-9041. St. Rose and St. Patrick could not survive without you, so let's make sure we are in compliance and not wasting some of our most precious resources.

OUR PARISHES WILL BE AUDITED FOR THIS IN JUNE!!! ALL VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY EM'S AND LECTORS, PARISH COUNCIL, FINANCE COUNCIL AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING!

