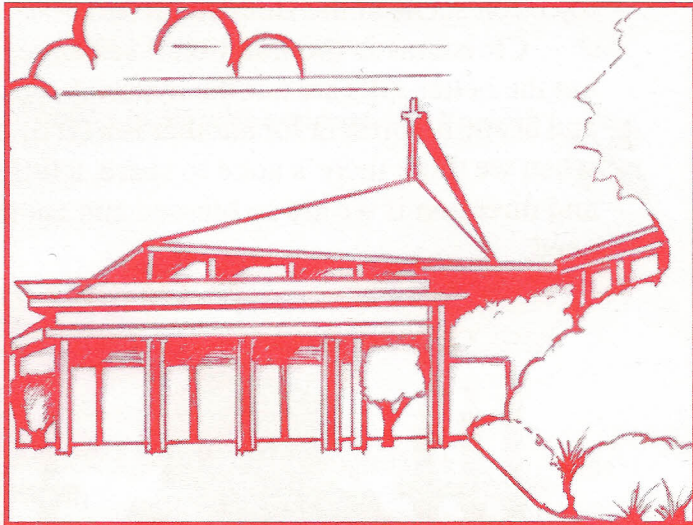


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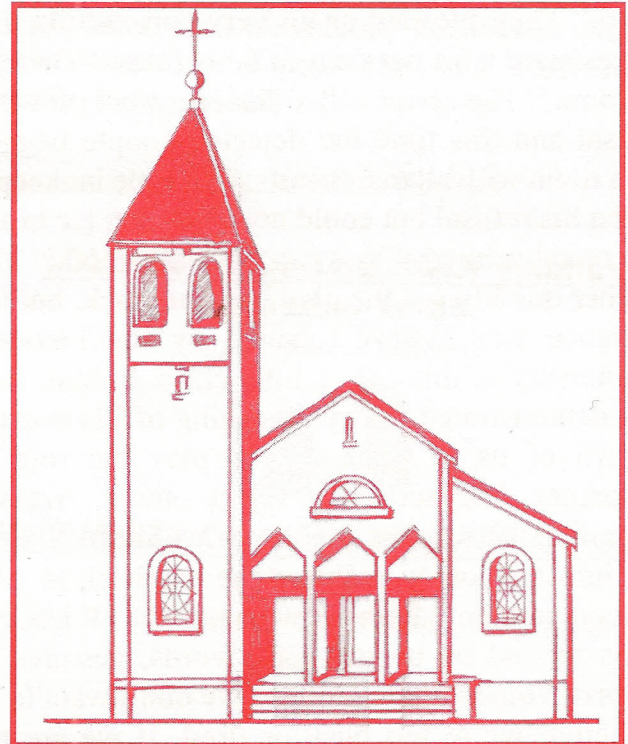
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MASSES:

Saturday	Crockett..... 4:30 pm (vigil)
Sunday	Crockett.....9:00 am
	Port Costa.....11:00 am
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	Tues. - Fri.....12:00 noon
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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm



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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In a neighborhood school, a class of children with learning disabilities was presenting a Christmas play for the PTA. The production had three acts. The opening scene was at Nazareth, with the decree of Caesar Augustus; the next was at Bethlehem with the refusal of the innkeeper; and finally, the manger site in the hill country. The faculty and parents were anxious about the children's abilities to perform, but the first act went just fine.

In the second act Joseph and Mary knocked on the door of the inn and were quickly refused by the little innkeeper, with the words: "There is no room." They pleaded again very sorrowfully and he hesitated a bit but then said his lines: "There is no room." The script called for one more plea and refusal and this time the dejected couple begged for a room with all their hearts. The little innkeeper began his refusal but could not continue. He broke down and sobbed: "You can have my room." The teacher quickly got the play back on track, but the audience was visibly touched by the innocent spontaneity of this caring little child. In him, they saw demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas.

All of us to some degree play the role of innkeeper. We accept or reject others. Are we more like the original innkeeper who turned them out into the lonely night or the small child who welcomed them? Perhaps we hang "No Vacancy" signs around us by our rude words, gestures or tones of voices - telling others we don't want to be bothered; we're too busy or tired. If we are the exclusive type, catering only to the better class of people, the chances are that we could have turned away Joseph and Mary - and in doing that we would have also rejected Jesus, hidden within.

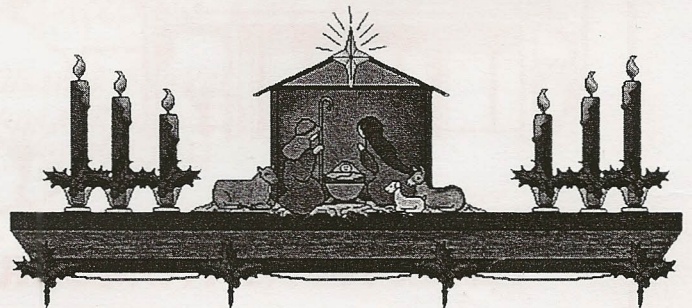
Some people are strictly unbending, while others believe that there's always room for one more. Can we make an exception in an exceptional situation, like that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph?

It is said of St. Theresa of Kolkata, who has helped perhaps a half a million people die with a bit of dignity, that she always makes room for one

more. Don't you wonder what Jesus was thinking of in later life when He said, "Whatsoever you do for others you do for Me"? Could He have been reflecting back to the day of His birth and the rejection scene at the Bethlehem Inn?

Christmas is the traditional season of giving, but the better gifts are not the material ones. A true and beautiful present for another is a bit of our time when we think there's none to spare, a little advice and direction if we are so blessed and another is in need.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, and Time. Rows include Wed. Dec 26 (Noon), Thur. Dec 27 (Noon), Fri. Dec 28 (Noon), Sat. Dec 29 (4:30 pm), Sun. Dec 30 (9am), and Port Costa (11:00am).

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Corpus Christy Monastery

Sunday Collection - December 16

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday	\$1864
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Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

December 29: Lydia Banaga, Hugh Duckworth, June Gallo

Lector: Mary Duckworth

Welcome: John Valentini

December 30: Juliet Posadas, Dixie Peralta, Mae Combong, Judy Lesmeister, Jesus Hernandez, Lourdes Hernandez

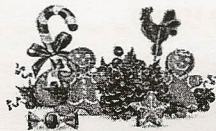
Lector: Sylvia Smith, Jenny Sebastian

Welcome: Marleana Airoidi

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Church office closed Wednesday, December 26th!

DISCERNMENT DAY: Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 19, 2019 at their monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests. For more information and to register visit www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events/ or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and more! The event is free and all meals will be provided.

New Year Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 29-30

Usual weekend schedule



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

(New Year)

4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass - St. Rose of Lima, December 31, 2018

10:00 A.M. - St. Rose of Lima, January 1, 2019



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