



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A lady wrote this story about herself. She recalled that when she was a child, her wealthy parents would take an extended vacation every summer and they would leave her in the care of a sitter. When she was eleven, the sitter quit right before her parents were to go on vacation, but her parents were able to hire a substitute. The girl came upon her mother wrapping up and hiding all the family jewels and silverware. The little girl asked why, since her mother had never done that before. Her mother explained that she could not trust the new sitter with the family valuables. You can imagine how the little girl interpreted this remark. Her parents were trusting the sitter with their daughter but not with anything that had material value. Was she not a “family valuable” of greater importance than knives and forks?

That remark surely did not make the little girl feel valued. I am sure her parents would have protested that they greatly valued their daughter. The point here that we are making is that, we can all say we value something or someone. But sometimes the things or people we value most are taken for granted.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God and living in God's grace is of the highest value to us. Going to Mass, prayer, keeping the Commandments, loving God and each other is not just a form of insurance that we will be happy in the next life. It is something that we make as part of our lives. In the gospel, the man who found the treasure was lucky, but the treasure wasn't legally and fully his until he sacrificed his possessions in order to buy the field. The man who wanted the pearl had to do the same. The kingdom of heaven doesn't come automatically. We have to invest in it to really possess it, rather we should say, to have it possess is. The most important thing we have to invest is our time, time to pray and to reflect on the Scriptures, perhaps even to serve God or the Church with some of our gifts and talents. But it also requires an investment of our will, choosing to guide our lives by Christ's teachings rather than making up our own rules about what is good or bad. It even takes an investment of our finances, since if we value our faith, we will adequately support it.

When this life is over, we will have to leave behind most of our treasures. But we will take with us

our good works and our love for God and others. These will be our joy for all eternity. A life of holiness and goodness is a treasure that will not fail.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	July 28	11:00AM
Onorata M. Ferrer †		Gemma
Wed.	July 29	11:00A
Rocky Ty (birthday)		Lolo & Lola
Thur.	July 30	11:00AM
Patricia Ann Roth†		Buenaflor- Roth Family
Fri.	July 31	11:00AM
Roger Asuncion †		Family
Sat.	Aug 1	4:30PM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Sun.	Aug 2	9:00AM
Celia Delgado†		Your Family
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -July 19th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1401
St. Patrick Mission	\$247

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 2026 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. **

Food Bank

You may have forgotten the food barrel in the vestibule from Contra Costa Food Bank; it happens when things are a fixture for a while! Our commitment to helping our community is a yearlong process. Right now, this is the suggested list for donations:

- Nut butters (peanut, almond)
- Jam/jelly/honey
- Canned tuna and chicken (in water)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Shelf-stable milk
- Applesauce
- Beans/lentils (dry or canned)
- Rice
- Whole grain cereals/crackers
- Oat/oatmeal/farina
- Whole wheat/grain pasta
- Canned soups/vegetables/tomato products (low sodium, easy open)
- Canned fruits (in juice)
- 100% Fruit juice (cartons or small boxes only)
- Nonperishable ready-to-eat meals: chili, ravioli, meats, etc. (low sodium)

Please remember summer can be an especially hard time for families with kids; check out the Contra Costa Food Bank website for more suggestions:

www.foodbankccs.org/fooddrive

St. Rose of Lima Feast
Day Celebration

August 23rd is the feast day, the liturgical date we remember a saint or event, for our patron saint, St. Rose of Lima.

This year we will be celebrating St. Rose with a Novena that will culminate on August 23rd with a special mass, followed by a celebration in the hall. During the Novena, families can help support the parish by sponsoring a mass for the day during the Novena. The sponsorship forms are available in the vestibule. There is also a pot luck sign up there as well.

We encourage all parishioner to invite friends and neighbors to come celebrate with our parish. Please spread the word!



SAVE OUR PARISH UPDATE:

The next update meeting will be held, Monday, August 3rd at 7:00PM in the parish hall. We encourage all to come.