



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

An author, Rabbi Harold Kushner writes in his book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*: “Life is not fair. The wrong people get sick and the wrong people get robbed and the wrong people get killed in wars and in accidents.” He tells us some people see unfairness and conclude there is no God. Rabbi Kushner argues that the sense of unfairness, the sense of anger and indignation and injustice and sympathy that we feel when these things happen, are in themselves the surest proof of God's reality, for these feelings are planted in our hearts by a God who recognizes unfairness and injustice, who feels anger and indignation and sympathy. But our God is also a patient God who is not ready to come and destroy His creation for every sin and evil He sees, rather, He is ready to come down to call us to holiness and to save us. If God zapped a person every time someone stepped out of line, how many of us would be left? What I am saying is just one attempt among many to understand evil in the world and in our lives. This weekend's parable of the wheat and the weeds also attempts to find an answer to this mystery.

We don't need to be told there are weeds in God's kingdom. We all know that. The church and its leaders are not always perfect. Fr. Andrew Greely once said “if you ever find a perfect church, by all means join it; just know that once you join it, it will no longer be perfect.” Imperfection is all around us, in our nation and other nations, in our friends and members of our families. The important lesson in this weekend's parable is that the end, all things will be made right. The wheat, the good, will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father and those who do evil, the weeds, will endure the flames of a fiery furnace. The parable tells us, God is the one who is going to make that judgment, but believe that before we stand before God, we will probably have judged ourselves when we look at how we lived. I believe that God will be more merciful on us than we are on ourselves.

The word for weeds in this weekend's gospel in Greek is described as a specific weed that looks like wheat when it begins to grow, but of course it is only a weed. Sometimes that's the way evil inserts itself into our world. It has the appearance of something good,

but it is not good. Just because it looks good doesn't mean it is good for us.

Evil will always remain a mystery, and we'll always be struggling against it and struggling to understand it. Don't let its appearance as something good fool us, remember that there will be a day of reckoning, there is an invisible force for evil in the world, and God's kingdom will prevail and overcome all evil in the end. Let's live and pray that we are all on the winning side.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	July 21	11:00AM
Shawn Duttenhefner † Buenaflor-Roth Family		
Wed.	July 22	11:00A
Roger Asuncion † Family		
Thur.	July 23	11:00AM
Jong Arcega Alma (Birthday)		
Fri.	July 24	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	July 25	4:30PM
John & Pauline Cardoza † Donna & Dennis		
Sun.	July 26	9:00AM
David Ponti† Mom		
Port Costa	11:00AM	
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -July 12th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2374
St. Patrick Mission	\$292

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

June Financial Overview

St. Rose Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2767.24
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$366.83
Secretary Wages	\$2152.90
Health Insurance	\$1554.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$124.51
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$690.89
Comcast	\$330.78
Garbage	\$362.01
Liability	\$2252.91
EDD	\$163.11
IRS	\$1483.24
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Washing machine (Service/replace)	\$349.00
Workers Comp	\$389.00
Total	\$13,586.90
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$8861.00
CCD Envelope	\$391.00
Maintenance	\$229.00
Facility Use	\$115.00
Reimbursement	\$350.00
Fundraisers	\$2835.00
Donations	\$2100.00
Father's Day	\$980.00
Other income	\$212.00
Total	\$16,073.00
St. Patrick Mission Expense:	
PG&E	\$22.50
CCWD	\$75.83
Day Nite Pest Control	\$158.00
Reimbursement	\$350.00
Liability	\$1481.25
Assessment	\$465.50
Total:	\$2553.08
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1435.00
Father's Day	\$45.00
CCD Envelope	\$78.00
Total	\$1558.00