

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

What do you think Jesus is trying to enunciate in this weekend's gospel? What I think Jesus is enunciating here is the important principle of keeping things in balance. We have many needs in our life. We have to take care of ourselves physically, we need time for work, for fun, for family, for friends, for learning and for our spiritual needs. It is so easy to let one area of our lives get out of control at the expense of another area. And this can cause many problems.

One of the areas of our lives that many people tend to neglect is the spiritual. That is why every Sunday we are at Church to remember that there is more to life than getting up in the morning, going to work, going to bed at night and starting over the next day. We are in Church to care for the spiritual part of ourselves. That is what Jesus is talking about in the gospel this weekend. Giving to God what belongs to God may not have the excitement of a basketball game, or the pleasure of staying in bed on a Sunday morning. Yet, we are told in the third commandment to “Keep holy the Lord’s Day.” We’ve pretty much reduced His day to one hour and for some people even that is too much to ask. It is not all God said we owe Him. We could talk about charitable giving as in a mission collection that we do every year. Ultimately, we owe God for everything that we have. “What do we have that we have not received?” St. Paul asks us.

Catholics as a group make more money than most other denominations yet in terms of percent of giving, we are among the stingiest. This is not about talking money. I am just pointing out that God asks for more than time from us. And why? Not for His good, but for our own. We all have a spiritual part to ourselves and that part of us needs to be nurtured too. And although, we need other things like rest, food, family, friends, and fun, the spiritual part of us is the only part that will survive. The only things we will take with us when we leave this world are the things we have done to serve God and the good works we have done for others, nothing else. Our eternal happiness will depend on that. That should certainly be enough motivation to “give up” something that will benefit us momentarily in this life in order to make room for something that will benefit us forever. It takes mainly self-discipline to do this, and faith. Let us continuously

thank God for our faith and the prayers we offer as we offer our gifts of time and ourselves to our Lord. As we sing in one of the Psalms “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 20	11:00AM
Rosaurau del Rosario Jr. (birthday)		Rose Ilagan
Wed.	October 21	11:00AM
Living Memorial		
Thur.	October 22	11:00AM
Alexander Wu		
Fri.	October 23	11:00AM
Marcus & Lucas Hutchens		
Sat.	October 24	4:30PM
People of the Parish		
Sun.	October 25	9:00AM
Micelle Orillaneda (birthday)		Vilma
Port Costa	11:00AM	
Helen Petersen †		Dennis & Donna Hoffman
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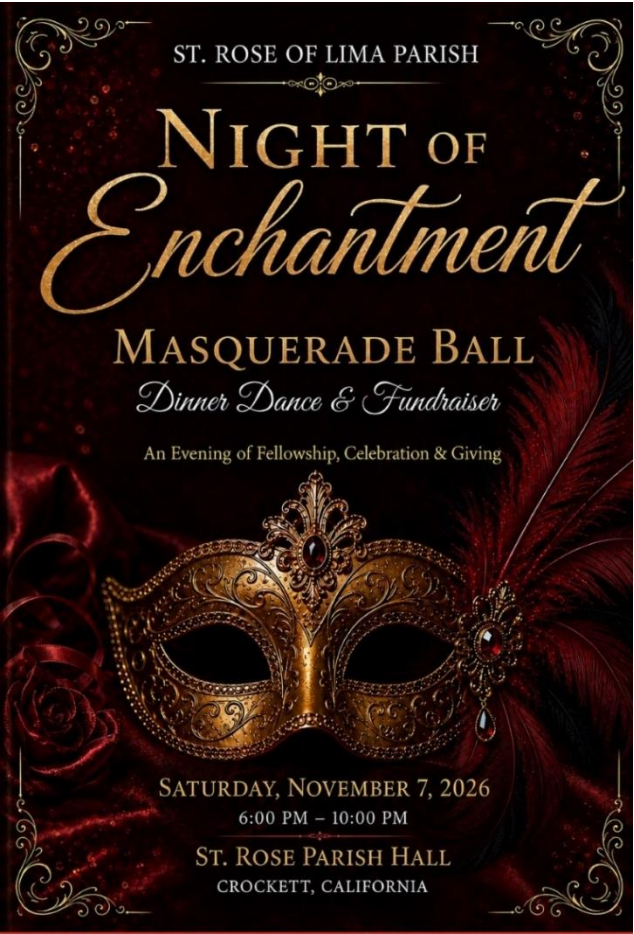


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Sunday Collection -October 11th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1910
St. Patrick Mission	\$86
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. **



Enjoy an elegant night out and see our parish hall transformed into a Venetian masquerade! Tickets available in the Church office, or after Sunday Mass. Adults \$50, youth (16-7years) \$25 and 6 and under free.

All Souls Remembrance Mass

We will be celebrating our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, October 31th at 10:00AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 suggested donation per name) by Wednesday October 28th!

