

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

I borrowed these ideas from “Chicken Soup for the Soul” (Volume 2). When we see geese flying south at this time of year, there is a reason why they fly that way. As each flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following it. This uplift that is provided by the V formation allows the flock to get to their destination more quickly and easily. They are traveling in the thrust of one another. It would seem logical that people who share a common direction can reach their destination more quickly and easily by graveling together and supporting one another. Apparently, God thinks this is a good idea too. So, He gave us the Church. We can more quickly and easily reach our home with Him if we travel together. We have an excellent guide in this journey and it is Jesus, for He tells us in this weekend's gospel: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

There is an attitude many have in society today, that they don't need the Church. They can find God and love God on their own. Certainly, we do have to come to know God in a personal way or our religion will simply be mechanical. But God in His wisdom gave us an important help to knowing Him and serving Him; that is, by being part of the Church, not just in name such as calling ourselves Christians, but by active participation in the Church.

There is another thing science knows about geese. When one of them falls out of formation, they quickly feel the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and they get back into formation for the lifting power that is provided by the others. Unfortunately, when we humans try to go it alone spiritually, we are often slow to realize we are making no progress spiritually or we are even going in the wrong direction. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay connected with those people who are headed the same way as we are. It's also interesting to note that if a bird gets sick or is injured, and falls out of formation, two others fall out with it and follow it down to give help and protection until it either gets well or dies. Then they will either launch out on their own or join a new formation until they get back to their group. We have a responsibility to care for each other. St. Paul tells us in this weekend's gospel “owe nothing to anyone except

to love one another for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

So, are you wondering why all this talk about the Church? It is because our gospel this weekend is about the CHURCH.

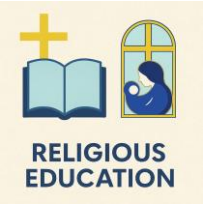
Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 8	11:00AM
Cynthia K. Gomez †		Gina Pena
Wed.	September 9	11:00AM
Edna Kin (healing)		Gina Pena
Thur.	September 10	11:00AM
Nicolas Cachaper † (heavenly birthday)		Alma & Jong
Fri.	September 11	11:00AM
Sara Marie Y. Pajarillo † (birthday)		Gina Pena
Sat.	September 12	4:30P
Our 4:30 Choir		St. Rose
Sun.	September 13	9:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Port Costa	11:00AM	
People of the Parish		
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Faith Formation

Just a reminder for students preparing for Confirmation and First Communion, that classes will start back up on Sunday, September 13th.



Sunday Collection -August 30th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1750
St. Patrick Mission	\$382

Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

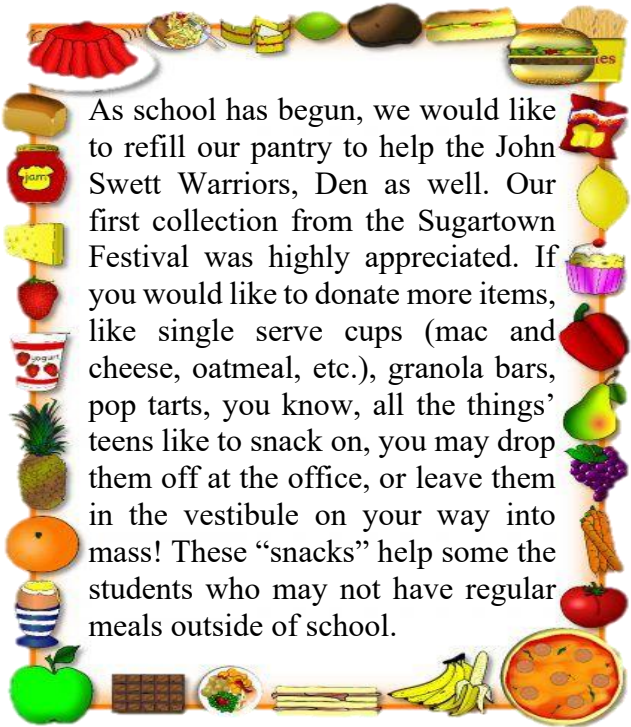
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As school has begun, we would like to refill our pantry to help the John Swett Warriors, Den as well. Our first collection from the Sugartown Festival was highly appreciated. If you would like to donate more items, like single serve cups (mac and cheese, oatmeal, etc.), granola bars, pop tarts, you know, all the things’ teens like to snack on, you may drop them off at the office, or leave them in the vestibule on your way into mass! These “snacks” help some the students who may not have regular meals outside of school.



NEWS FROM OR SVDP REPS:

Join us Sunday, September 13, 7:30–11:00 a.m. at the Lefty Gomez Community Center for a warm pancake breakfast. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Community Food Pantry, serving local neighbors in need. \$12 in advance | \$15 at the door.

Tickets: www.bit.ly/ChiliPancake

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
7:30–11am

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul
Community Food Pantry



\$12 Per Person

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Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon,
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 **Lefty Gomez Rec Center**
470 Parker Ave, Rodeo

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:30-11am
CAR SHOW STARTS AT 11am

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, September 19, 2026
11 AM–12 PM

 **Rodeo Senior Center**
189 Parker Ave, Rodeo

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