



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Throughout his life Jesus followed the Jewish form of greeting which was customary at that time, "Peace be with you." It was a way of saying, "Hello, how are you?" After his death and resurrection, Jesus transformed this greeting into a gift of serenity in the midst of this life's uncertainties. When Jesus greeted his disciples after his death and resurrection and said "Peace be with you," his words became an assurance that all was well. Jesus offered peace because he had won the victory over our twin enemies, sin and death.

Jesus offers us the same assurance which he gave to his disciples. He says to us in the Gospel reading this weekend, "Do not live in fear, little flock." And yet fear is part of life. The late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his inaugural address on March 4, 1933, said to the American people, "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." The United States at that time was sunk in a deep economic depression, the likes of which we have not seen since. Wealthy business men were reduced to selling pencils on street corners. Women who had cherished their elaborate homes found themselves without a place to live. A past of foolish economic maneuvers had brought about a terrible present and suggested nothing but a desolate future. Despite the President's reassuring words, many Americans thought they had much to fear.

What about us? Does our faith in the words of Jesus calm our fears, not about the economy, but about the great issues of life and death? The Letter to the Hebrews in the Mass this Sunday tells us that "faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see." What is our faith about the future based on? What is the source of our conviction? It is the past.

In 1933 the past begot fear in the hearts of Americans. For us the last should strengthen our faith. Think about the great ancestors of our faith. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Jacob and all the devout people of the Old Testament. They were seeking a homeland. They found it, not primarily on this earth, but in heaven. They finally discovered they had nothing to fear. Their destiny should fill us with confidence.

When we look to the era when Jesus was on this earth, what do we see? We see that by dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life.

We see that by his cross and resurrection, he has set us free; he is the Savior of the world.

Our faith is based on the reality of all that God has done, first in the events of the Old Testament and then in a special way in the death and resurrection of his Son. The only thing we have to fear, is not fear itself, but lack of faith.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with columns for Day, Date, and Time, listing Mass Intentions for the week of August 12-17, 2025.

Sunday Collection - August 3rd

Table listing Sunday Collection amounts for August 3rd, including St. Rose, Mission Coop, and St. Patrick Mission.

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 2025 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. \*\*

Don't Take a Vacation from God



Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy days should be a priority. If traveling to places one is unfamiliar with, information on church addresses and time of Masses can be found on the internet at www.masstimes.org or 1-800-MASS-TIMES.

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Pearl of the Orient Fashion Show Dinner Dance Gala

A journey through Philippines' historical and cultural influences Saturday, September 27, 2025 6 pm at St. Rose Parish Hall • Door opens 5:30 PM 555 3rd Avenue & Starr Street, Crockett Church parking lot on Starr Street, across parish hall

Attendance: \$60 • Semi-formal or Filipiniana Attire

Ticket Info: (510) 787-2052 (Mon.-Thurs • 9am-3pm) strosecrockett@comcast.net

July Financial Overview

St. Rose Expense:

Table listing St. Rose expenses for July, including Priest Salary, Annual Stipend, Secretary Wages, etc., totaling \$17,638.12.

Income:

Table listing St. Rose income for July, including Sunday's Plate, Maintenance, CCD Envelope, etc., totaling \$9647.00.

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:

Table listing St. Patrick Mission expenses for July, including PG&E, Day Nite Pest Control, totaling \$180.08.

Income:

Table listing St. Patrick Mission income for July, including Sundays Plate, Holy Days, Maintenance, CCD, totaling \$1323.00.