



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The family photo-album is not produced very often especially in this present period of cell phones, I pads and computers, and even then only on very special occasions and only for very special people. Our past is a very intimate part of us. We would not like strangers to "burgle" our "bank of youth."

Strangely, in the infancy narrative, St. Luke put in the album, a different set of pictures of the Holy Family. He does not shy away from the sordid or the sad. The animal eating-through where Mary cradled her baby is included.

Few would dispute that the family today is a threatened institution. In most developed countries, it is ravaged by divorce. The break-down rate hovers around the fifty percent mark. Parental authority is seriously undermined.

can prove terminal. Adversity, on the other hand, only serves to strengthen family ties. Such was the experience of the Holy Family.

If marriage today is in crisis, it may be because we are following the wrong models. Perhaps we have traded the Holy Family for our favorite soap-operas. We should peruse again that family album. Family solidarity comes through in each incident recorded, in bold relief. Mary's concern and care for her child is transparent.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. December 30 11:00AM, Wed. December 31 4:30PM, Thur. January 1 9:00AM, Fri. January 2 11:00AM, Sat. January 3 4:30PM, Sun. January 4 9:00AM, and Port Costa 11:00AM.

Sunday Collection -December 21st

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows include St. Rose, Crockett \$1641, Religious Retirement \$258, St. Patrick Mission \$222, Religious Retirement \$52.

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. **



Just a reminder of the changes in the Mass schedule for the week of New Years:

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD (New Year)

4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass -St. Rose of Lima, Wednesday, December 31, 2025

9:00 A.M. - New Year's Day Mass St. Rose of Lima, Thursday, January 1, 2026

There will be no 11:00AM Mass on either of those days.

Office Hours

The office will be closed Wednesday, December 24-Thursday, January 1st. It will re-open Monday, January 5th.

Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way Diane (Bottini) Thomas. A memorial mass will be held here, at St. Rose, on Thursday, January 15th, at 10:00AM.



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