



June 1, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Years ago, France and indeed the rest of the world, celebrated the bicentenary of the French Revolution. That happening, just over two-hundred years ago, was probably one of the greatest milestones in history. It is probably true to say that it gave birth to the modern democratic world. But the French Revolution included many events which even the French would like to forget and certainly contributed nothing to the advance of civilization, such as the execution of the king or the Reign of Terror. When you look at the two neighboring countries, Britain and France, with approximately the same population, which were in fact traditionally what the French call “frieres-enemies”, both are equally democratic today, even though England retains her monarchy and some aristocratic institutions, such as the House of Lords. Although England was bitterly opposed to the French Revolution, it has, like everywhere else, been transformed by it.

The precise event itself which opened a new chapter in our history took place between the 20-26 August of 1789. It was in fact “The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen” to give it its full title. It was the charter of a new age. It is a short document, with not many articles, which can be summed up in that marvelous slogan which became the catch-cry of the Revolution, “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.” Had the revolution produced nothing else but that slogan, it

was guaranteed to win the minds and hearts of future generations. Liberty was defined as the right of the individual to act freely, provided he or she did not harm another.

Since then, what we now call civil rights, has had a long and difficult birth. The African Americans only achieved theirs in the sixties, under the leadership of Martin Luther King, who paid for them with his life. Those of their color in South Africa had to wait another thirty years before apartheid was dismantled and Nelson Mandela had paid a ransom of twenty-eight years in prison. There were other martyrs, too numerous to mention in the Gulag Archipelago, who did not survive to see the Berlin Wall collapse and the establishment of civil liberties in the Soviet Bloc.

There are many places still in the world where the message of the French Revolution has not yet penetrated. But at least now, civil rights are firmly in the agenda. If they too wish to join the club, and there are now compelling economic reasons for doing so, they must first improve their record in human rights.

In this weekend's Gospel, Christ makes his farewell. It takes the form of a prayer for his disciples:

Holy Father,
I pray not only for these, but for those also
 who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us as you are in me
 and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent
 me.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	June 3	11:00AM
Tony Jacob †		

Wed.	June 4	11:00AM
Fatima Ubalde-Malabuyo (healing)		Ed & Mae

Thur.	June 5	11:00AM
Virginia Cachaper		Alma & Jong
(birthday)		

Fri.	June 6	11:00AM
Marvin Edwardes		Olivia
(birthday)		

Sat. June 7 4:30PM
Father's Day Novena

Sun.	June 8	9:00AM
Father's Day Novena		

Port Costa **11:00AM**
NO MASS

Sunday Collection - May 25th

St. Rose, Crockett \$2020

St. Patrick Mission	\$235
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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. **

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, following the 9:00AM Mass, please join us in the parish hall for a celebration of cultures. We invite parishioners and guests to dress in their ethnic clothing and bring a traditional dish from your culture to share!

Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is June 15th. Father's Day cards are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your father or father figure, living or deceased, in the Father's Day Novena, June 7th thru June 15th. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office by Thursday, June 4th.



Coffee and Canvas

Sunday, July 19TH
AT 10:10AM!!

WE ARE BACK!



Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups will be in the vestibule.



*****REMINDER, NO MASS AT ST. PATRICK MISSION NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH!*****

**ST. ROSE AT
THE
SUGARTOWN
FESTIVAL**

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

11 am until 6 pm

Bring something for our food drive bin

Items we need

Instant Mac and Cheese

Granola Bars

Fruit Bars

Instant Ramen Noodles

First 30 food donations get a free gift!!!!

