



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Is it hard to get into heaven? Jesus seems to say it is when he warns, "Try to come through the narrow door," His warning is somewhat confusing since he also says that "People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God."

I think about what happens on a freeway (or express way) when there is a bad accident. The police close off three lanes, only a single lane is open which is like the narrow door. All the traffic slows down and at times comes to a complete stop because of the bottle neck. As I think of the narrow door Jesus referred to, I see people all bunched up like cars in the freeway, moving very slowly, trying to squeeze through the open lane. Drivers are upset. They are fussing and fuming and making obscene gestures at each other. Cars and tempers are overheating. The bottleneck is a pain in the neck. Sin is like the accident on the free way which causes all the trouble.

This is not an inviting scene, this image of what it means to get to heaven. But when I think more clearly about the image of the narrow door, I realize that actually only one person has to get through the door. That person is Jesus. And through the door to heaven he has passed in the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. We do not have to force our way through the narrow door. All we need to do is to make sure we are united with Jesus. Many bodies do not have to get through the door, only one, and that is the body of Christ, the mystical body of Christ, the Church.

Jesus, however, gave a second warning. People, Jesus said, will protest to the master of the house, "We ate and drank in your presence. You taught in our streets. But the master of the house will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, you evildoers." This is disturbing because we eat and drink in Jesus' presence: at Mass we partake of his body and blood. Obviously a merely passive participation in Mass is not enough. Receiving Holy Communion without devotion which moves us to allow Jesus to transform our lives is of little spiritual value. What we do at Mass, especially in receiving communion, must influence the way we live. Jesus does not teach in our streets, but he does teach in our church during the Liturgy of the Word. That is why we must take to heart

the lessons of the Scriptures, such as that from this Sunday's Letter to the Hebrews: "My children, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord nor lose heart when he reproves you; for, whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. August 26 11:00AM (Bonifacia Buenaflor, Buenaflor-Roth Family), Wed. August 27 11:00AM (Vincent & Aubrey Bañaga, Lydia), Thur. August 28 11:00AM (Elyse Mathea, Lolo & Lola), Fri. August 29 11:00AM (Janice Ianne, Mom & Dad), Sat. August 30 4:30PM (Dionisio Junio Jr., Buenaflor-Roth Family), Sun. August 31 9:00AM (Lawrence Leal, Angela Nagy & Christi), and Port Costa 11:00AM (People of our Parish).



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.

Sunday Collection - August 17th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$1599; St. Patrick Mission \$328

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. **

Second Special Collection

Next weekend's collection will be going to St. Vincent de Paul. These donations help serve the communities of Crockett, Rodeo, Torme and Port Costa, and will add to the food pantry we collect as well. Our next collection won't be until after Thanksgiving, so this collection may help provide a holiday meal and warm clothes as we head into the cooler months. Thank you for your help in serving those in our community.



Parish Council

During the summer, our hard working parish council takes a short break. They will be back to work in August though, and are hoping that a few new faces will join them. If you are interested in helping make important decisions, or have some opinions and ideas on how to improve things, please think about becoming part of the council. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26th at 7PM in the parish hall. Mark it on your calendar, and come check it out!



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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

The Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass will also be held Saturday, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm at St. Rose Church

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

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