



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

You can't turn on the television these days without hearing about politics. Will Rogers once told a story you might enjoy that was about two politicians. One said to the other: "I will stop telling lies about you, if you'll stop telling the truth about me."

Jesus would have made a lousy politician. Politicians are busy telling us how they are going to solve all our problems if we vote for them. Jesus is telling us, if we follow Him, it's going to bring us problems. "Whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross and follow me." Let us not assume from this statement that if we decide not to follow Him, we'll be without any problems. Having problems comes with being human. Problems and crosses are part of everyone's life, whether they believe in Christ or not. Following Christ helps us deal, with them more easily; the cross that we take up if we follow Christ will not defeat us but will bring us to resurrection.

Religion and philosophy have always tried to understand the mystery of suffering, especially the difficult problem of why good people suffer. So many ways to explain suffering are out there. None of them can take away all the mystery from suffering. For me personally, the best answer is found in the gospel. Jesus through His cross and resurrection, has given us hope in our pain and hopelessness and has assured us that if we follow Him in faith, that can only lead to eternal glory.

As we heard in this weekend's gospel, St. Peter had faith in Jesus. He had just finished professing that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." The words were hardly out of his mouth when Jesus said that being faithful to His mission, that being the Messiah, would cost Him His life, but He would rise again. That didn't match St. Peter's idea of the Messiah. In St. Peter's mind, the Messiah would rally the Jewish people. He would defeat the Romans who occupied their land. He would bring back the days when Israel had their own king. That the Messiah would have to suffer was not just in the plan according to S t. Peter.

When God tells us something and we listen and we believe it, we're seeing and knowing as God sees and knows, even if we can't fully understand everything at the time. We're beginning to think like God does. St. Peter's problem was he stopped listening

to Jesus when Jesus started talking about suffering and he started to dictate to Jesus the way things were going to be. We should listen to what God speaks to us in the Scriptures. We should profess our faith in His word. As we struggle in our own crosses and difficulties, we should celebrate how Jesus overcame His sufferings and His cross through the resurrection. In that event, we are given a vision of God's plan of victory for all who live in His grace.

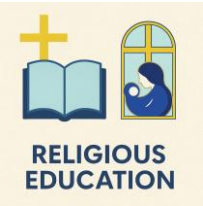
Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 1	11:00AM
Dionisio Junio Jr. † Buenaflor- Roth Family		
Wed.	September 2	11:00AM
Janice Ianne Mom & Dad (birthday)		
Thur.	September 3	11:00AM
Vilma (birthday)		
Fri.	September 4	11:00AM
Vincent Bañaga Lydia & Family (birthday)		
Sat.	September 5	4:30PM
Christian Lacsina Mom & Dad (thanksgiving)		
Sun.	September 6	9:00AM
Lawrence & Myrna Leal † Keith & Laury Sweetnam		
Port Costa	September 6	11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Faith Formation

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



Sunday Collection -August 23rd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2166
Mission Coop	\$857
St. Patrick Mission	\$NA

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

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Your generous gift to St. Rose of Lima enables us to provide beneficial programs that lift up our congregation and serve our community. We are deeply grateful for your support and invite you to contribute online by scanning the QR code.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parishioners who attended St. Rose of Lima's feast day! A tremendous thank you to the planning committee that helped bring our St. Rose Feast Day celebration to life. Over 100 parishioners attended mass and participated in the delicious potluck lunch in the church hall where we were treated to a performance by our Filipino community dance group. Members of the group are from our surrounding communities including Hercules, Richmond, Pinole, and Vallejo. It was truly a festive day! Having all the different facets of our St. Rose/St. Patrick Mission faith community come together to create a successful event is exactly what our parish needs!

The next meeting of our St. Rose Community Parishioner's group will be held on **September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. We hope to see you there!

We are all in this together, and may God bless you!

Food Bank

We're proud of the impact you have had! The food barrel in the vestibule from Contra Costa Food Bank is beginning to fill up again. Your commitment to helping our community all year is unmistakable. Please just double check that all items are sealed and not expired. Right now, this is the suggested list for donations:

- Nut butters (peanut, almond)
- Jam/jelly/honey
- Canned tuna and chicken (in water)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Shelf-stable milk
- Applesauce
- Beans/lentils (dry or canned)
- Rice
- Whole grain cereals/crackers
- Oat/oatmeal/farina
- Whole wheat/grain pasta
- Canned soups/vegetables/tomato products (low sodium, easy open)
- Canned fruits (in juice)
- 100% Fruit juice (cartons or small boxes only)
- Nonperishable ready-to-eat meals: chili, ravioli, meats, etc. (low sodium)

Check out the Contra Costa Food Bank website for more suggestions:
www.foodbankccs.org/fooddrive

