



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

This story comes from a writing called the Acts of Thomas that goes back to about 100 years after the time of the Apostles. The story is imaginative and non historical-more like a parable. The story goes that after the Spirit came on Pentecost, the Apostles divided up the different regions of the world, and by chance, St. Thomas was chosen to go to India. Although he didn't want to go. Jesus appeared and persuaded him to go. St. Thomas had been a carpenter in his younger years. When he got to India, he met the king who was intent on building a place for himself. St. Thomas discussed the project with the king and the king was convinced St. Thomas would do a great job of building a beautiful palace. So the king gave St. Thomas a large sum of money and went on a trip. St. Thomas took all the money and gave it to the poor and never started building the palace. After a while, the king sent a messenger to ask St. Thomas how the palace was going and St. Thomas said it was coming along fine. He just needed some more money and St. Thomas again gave it all to the poor and did not even start on the palace. Shortly thereafter, the king figured the palace must be almost finished, and being eager to see it decided to come back home. When he king found out St. Thomas had given away all the money the king had given him and had done nothing on the palace, he had St. Thomas arrested and decided to have him put to death. It just so happen, while St. Thomas was in prison, the king's brother Gad dies. Gad's spirit was taken to heaven and an angel showed Gad a number of wonderful mansions he could choose for his eternal dwelling place. As Gad was considering which mansion to choose, he saw an exceptionally beautiful mansion on a lovely estate and decided he wanted that one. The angel said, "No," that particular mansion was the palace St. Thomas has been building for the king. All the good works St. Thomas did with the king's money which was distributed to the poor went into the building that wonderful mansion. Gad said he had to tell his brother, the king, before the king put St. Thomas to death. So Gad was allowed to return to earth for a short time to tell his brother, the king, about the mansion in heaven. Gad promised his brother a blessed afterlife if he became a follower of Jesus, which he did.

Jesus said in this weekend's Gospel that He is going to prepare a place, but we must not forget we are preparing the place, too, by our good works. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Matthew 7:13-14). The Gospel reminds us that at present we are living in two worlds. We have our everyday world of keeping a roof over our head and putting food on the table, and we have a world which we hope to be part of forever, a world where Jesus (together with us) is building a place for us to be able to enjoy our heavenly Father, His presence and his love, and the love of all our brothers and sisters, for all eternity.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Mother's Day Novena for Tues through Sun, and Port Costa on Sun.



Sunday Collection - April 26th

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Items include St. Rose, Crockett (\$1434), Bishops Appeal (\$347), St. Patrick Mission (\$305), Bishops Appeal (\$21).

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 2026 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. **

CROCKETT SCOUTS Fish Fry Fundraiser. Friday, May 15th 4PM - 8PM. Crockett Scout Hall. Dinner Includes all you can eat: Battered Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries, Corn. \$30 Adults | \$12 Children under 12.

Hello, May! Bring us new hope and make our lives beautiful like spring flowers. Image of white flowers.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Fundraiser Concert. Sunday 3pm, June 28, 2026. Come and be captivated by the heartwarming beautiful tenor voice of Senen Bagos, Jr. with songs that will take you back to the classic Italian, French and Filipino era.

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