



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

People want to get the most out of their money. They invest it where it can bring them the highest interest. They take chances on the lottery, hoping by a small amount to win a large sum. They purchase shares that promise the best dividends. Years ago, when Xerox duplicating machines came in the market those who bought up shares for a moderate price, soon became the recipients of large returns because of the giant strides that Xerox had made in so short a time. Small amounts produced big dividends.

It is worthy of note that in this weekend's gospel scene, Jesus does not create the food to nourish the immense crowd, but asks first of all for a contribution from his own. A little lad had brought along five barley loaves and two fish. Presumably he had not only intended to nourish himself but also to sell them to others. But when asked to give them to Jesus, he sacrificed both his own nourishment as well as the proceeds he would have obtained by selling the rest. It was a relatively small thing that he gave up, but he made the total sacrifice of it and kept nothing back. What must have been his immense surprise when Jesus fed that great throng of five thousand with five loaves and two fish! How glad he was then to have made the sacrifice. Not only was he himself nourished fully but he was instrumental in feeding that vast crowd. One loaf fed a thousand! What dividends!



This is the way the Lord works. He asked us for a small contribution, a small sacrifice of our time, talent or treasure, only to reward it with divine bounty and munificence. He asked the Samaritan woman for merely a drink of water but imparted knowledge of the Living Water (the Spirit); he brought her step by step to a conversion from her sinful life to acknowledge her need of a Messiah. Then finally he granted to her the supreme revelation that he himself was the Messiah King of Israel, something he had shown reluctance to do even to Israel's great ones. What dividends she got from merely sharing a drink of water! Nor was that all.

She became the instrument of evangelization for all her townspeople.

When the Lord asks for a contribution of our time, our talent or our treasure, he is never outdone in generosity. In the early Church, people brought up to the altar at the presentation of the gifts at Mass, the bread they themselves have made and the wine also. That made them set apart for sacred use. Then at communion time, the same gifts which had meantime been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ at the consecration, were returned to those who gave them. What immense dividends.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Patricia Ann Roth †	Buenaflor- Roth	Family
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Special Intentions		
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
Special Intentions		
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
David Botta †	Rita DiTomas	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Bill Airoidi †		Franca
<b>Port Costa</b>		<b>11:00AM</b>
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - July 21st

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1527
St. Patrick Mission	\$ N/A

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 2024 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. \*\*\*



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 27th at 7PM in the parish hall. Mark it on your calendare, and come check it out!

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](http://www.masstimes.org) or 1-800-MASS-TIMES.



Special Second Collection This Weekend-Bishops Appeal

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

To successfully achieve both our parish goals:

St. Rose- 63.6%! There is just a balance of \$2,184 left to go!

St. Patrick Mission – 150%! Remember 100% of the funds collected, after we have reached the goal, is returned directly to our parish!

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through mail, please place it in the collection basket next weekend.



Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 20-22 in San Juan Bautista or November 15-17 at San Damiano in Danville or go to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date and location that works for you!

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program will be starting on soon! Registration forms will be available in the office.

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion is a two-year program, and students must at least be in 1st grade.

CONFIRMATION: This is a two-year formation program. Classes TBD.

R.C.I.A. for those wanting to become Catholics. It is a two- year formation program for adults. Weekly meeting (TBA).