

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jesus' parables, as always, are designed to shock us into thinking. It is normal for us to feel that the employer in the gospel story was unfair and that's exactly how Jesus knew we would feel. It is true, the owner was more generous with some than with others, but was he unfair with anyone?

In Jesus' society, a laborer was paid at the end of the day and the normal pay was just enough for a person to feed his family for one day. Could it be that the owner of the vineyard was more generous with some than none of the people who worked for him that day would have to beg, borrow or steal in order to feed their families the next day? Would that be unfair for the employer to do that? What do you think Jesus was trying to tell us?

The clue to understanding this parable is where Jesus tells us, this is what the kingdom of heaven is like. Jesus was telling us why He was always willing to reach out to sinners, something he was frequently criticized for doing. He wants us to know it's never too late to find God if we wish to. Remember the good thief whom Jesus forgave on the cross. If we've not been living right, though, does not mean we can wait until the last minute to straighten ourselves out. If we do, we'll miss out on the joy of knowing God's love and presence in our lives right now and who knows whether we'll get the opportunity to repent at the last minute. "The usual daily wage" in the parable is a symbol for the immense happiness we will all have in God's kingdom. Some individuals may be closer to God because they served and loved God more faithfully than others, but we will all be equal in one way, whether we receive God's grace early or late in life. We will all be as happy as we can possibly be.

Jesus explained His forgiveness of sinners by this parable. St. Matthew found it helpful to use this same parable for a similar purpose when he wrote his gospel probably 50 or 60 years after Jesus preached it. During this period, many Jewish Christians, who had lived their whole lives faithful to God's law, had difficulty accepting new converts into the Church, converts coming from paganism, who represented those who came late to the vineyard. The parable was meant to help Jewish Christians welcome those who came to know Christ later in life and accept them as equals in

God's kingdom.

We are always happy to see people turn their lives toward God, whether they have strayed at some time in their lives and came back, or whether for the first time, even late in life. What is important is, they become believers in Christ and join His Church.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 22	11:00AM
Vincent & Lois Ramos †		Andrea Delsid
Wed.	September 23	11:00AM
Lisa Ruggeri		Gina Pena
Thur.	September 24	11:00AM
Oliver & Leah Banaga (birthday)		Mom / Lola
Fri.	September 25	11:00AM
Marlon Joseph F. Bueno †		Incarnacion
Sat.	September 26	4:30PM
John Heuer Jr. & Sr. † Ken Heuer †		Trudi
Sun.	** September 27**	9:00AM
Eilah Jordin †		Lolo & Lola
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

** Join us in the parish hall on 9/27 after mass for a breakfast/brunch in celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. **

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Sunday Collection -September 13th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1782
Priest Retirement	\$285
St. Patrick Mission	\$266
Priest Retirement	\$44

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

Thank you to Ed Balico and his team, and to everyone who attended the after-Mass signing party last Sunday and the parish meeting on Monday night. Over forty parishioners were in attendance at each event!

We are developing a Pastoral Strategic Plan for St. Rose of Lima, and we got off to a great start on Monday night. Please watch the Bulletin for more information and how you can make your voice heard. We'd appreciate your participation to strengthen our parish family and community.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 7:00pm

St. Rose of Lima Steering Committee

I.C.F. Crockett Branch #14

POLENTA
DINNER
OCTOBER 24, 2026
6:00PM
\$30

St. Rose of Lima Hall
555 Star St. Crockett, CA 94525

DINNER INCLUDES:
SALAD, POLENTA, SAUSAGE, CHICKEN, BREAD, & DESSERT

WINE INCLUDED AT DINNER

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!

TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE
PICK UP 4:30-5PM

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ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

NIGHT OF
Enchantment
MASQUERADE BALL
Dinner Dance & Fundraiser
An Evening of Fellowship, Celebration & Giving



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
ST. ROSE PARISH HALL
CROCKETT, CALIFORNIA

Enjoy an elegant night out and see our parish hall transformed into a Venetian masquerade! Tickets available in the Church office, or after Sunday Mass. Adults \$50, youth (16-7years) \$25 and 6 and under free.

Advertisement opportunity available too! Know any businesses that want to advertise? Or just want to put a special note for a friend or family member? Our event will have a beautiful keepsake program included with your ticket. Pricing and forms available in the parish office, please spread the word.

UPDATE!!

Due to a conflict of scheduling, there will be no parish council meeting this month. The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th!



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