



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jesus tells us not to let anything or anyone (even those who are closer to us, even our own lives) be more important than He is. He does not make this request for His own glorification. He isn't looking for worldly glory. His life was a life of poverty and simplicity. Besides, He has all the glory He needs. He is, after all, the Son of God. You can't get any higher than that. He asks us to give Him central place in our hearts and in our lives for our own sake and for our own happiness. We'll never really be satisfied in life until we possess and are fully possessed by the life that Christ came to bring us. As St. Augustine said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

There are two themes that flow from this basic truth. I think the first message is that the gospel is not always a "feel good" message. Some people only want to hear peace, love and joy when they come to Church. They want a Church that always makes them "feel good." Peace, love and joy are wonderful and Jesus' promise of lasting happiness fill us with hope, and all preachers love to preach about these things, but sometimes, like this weekend, the gospel message is not easy to hear. Being willing to give up everything for Christ, even our own lives (and many people did) is a hard message. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister who spent the last two years of his life in prison for resisting Hitler, wrote a lot about "cheap grace", grace that didn't cost so much. Cheap grace means hoping to gain eternal happiness while asking ourselves, "What is the least I can get by with." One of Bonhoeffer's most memorable lines is "When Christ calls a person, He bids him come and die." Following Christ can cost us dearly. If we're afraid of that, if we're always looking for a Church that doesn't really challenge us, then we are not wanting to hear Christ.

The second theme of this weekend's gospel is kindness, especially to those who bring this message of life through death to us. That includes our hierarchy, the priests and religious, but it includes also parents and grandparents, neighbors and friends, teachers and spouses and all who have taught us about Christ and who have been models of faith for us. Most of us didn't get our faith out of a textbook. We got it by God's inspiration and by seeing how others lived it. I believe

some of us came to know some wonderful priests when growing up, but most seemed to be stuffy and distant. Our faith came primarily from our parents and those who taught us in school. And still is enriched by people we have known and do know. When you are here faithfully every week at St. Rose of Lima and St. Patrick and you pray and sing from your hearts, our spirits are lifted in prayer. So, this act of kindness to God's messengers that Jesus promises to reward applies to anyone.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	June 30	11:00AM
Marcelina Morales†		Your Children
Wed.	July 1	11:00AM
Teresa del Rosario (birthday)		Rose Ilagan
Thur.	July 2	11:00AM
Josie Gerona † (Death Anniversary)		
Fri.	July 3	11:00AM
Julian Lim †		Asuncion Family
Sat.	July 4	4:30PM
Mark Orillaneda (birthday)		Vilma
Sun.	July 5	9:00AM
Joe Airoidi †		Lawrence & Rita Detomasi
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -June 21st

St. Rose, Crockett \$1184

St. Patrick Mission \$205

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. **



SAVE OUR PARISH UPDATE:

Please help us in our effort to save St. Rose of Lima from closure. We request all parishioners to:

- Ensure you are registered with the Parish (even if you only attend occasionally)
- Sign our Petition in opposition to the closing
- Please consider writing a letter to the Bishop (see last week's bulletin)
- Attend our update meetings to stay informed. We need everyone's input!
- Please continue your support of our Parish through your typical collection plate contribution

We welcome all parishioners to our open update meetings! The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 7pm in the Parish Hall – Please Join Us

Let's Get Out and Help Our Faith Community!

