



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

There are many themes packed in this weekend's readings, and we can only touch on a few of these ideas. One of the important themes is love. It is out of love that Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit. From the beginning He has loved us and He asks only for our love in return. In our Gospel this weekend, He gives us a criterion to keep us from thinking love is just a matter of having warm, fuzzy feelings toward Him. The test of true love for Jesus is to do His will, just as He has always done the will of the Father. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." He says it twice in this weekend's short Gospel. In other words, love is measured more by what we do than by what we feel. Sometimes we find that to be such is a hard message to get across to people. The attitude so many people have is: if they don't feel it, they don't think it is. It's not that feelings are bad. Having warm, loving feelings toward God or toward others is wonderful. But love has to go beyond just feelings or it's just superficial. Anyone who's married knows that.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus tells His apostles that, although He is leaving them for a time, He would not abandon them. First of all, He would give them another Advocate. Of course Jesus was not planning on leaving them with a substitute for Himself. In other words, the Holy Spirit would be with them in a new way, a way they would know only through the help of the Spirit.

Jesus describes the work of the Holy Spirit in numerous ways. Here He mentions two things about the Spirit: He tells us the Spirit will be with us always and He calls the Spirit the Spirit of Truth. In connection with this idea I want to share a story. The partners at a huge New York Law firm were discussing their most lucrative – and controversial client: a gigantic chemical company. The managing partner summed up the situation. "Their billings are in excess of \$100 million a year, and they pay like clockwork. But for that, can we justify defending them against polluting rivers and lakes, unlawful toxic dump sites and emitting poisonous gases into the atmosphere?" Everyone on the board was silent until the senior partner spoke up. "You're right, entirely right. We should raise our fees."

Too often, life is like that. We use all kinds of defense mechanisms, rationalizations, justifications, denials, projections, etc. to avoid dealing with the

truth. Jesus called the Paraclete the Spirit of Truth. Facing the truth without regard for profit, power, comfort, convention or popularity takes courage and help from the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of Truth, Christ gives us guide us to recognize the wisdom in His commands to us and to know His loving presence with us as we come to the celebration of the Eucharist. He is always with us; we have His word on that.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Tues. May 12 (Baby Matty Bañaga), Wed. May 13 (Thanksgiving), Thur. May 14 (Melen McBride), Fri. May 15 (Rochelle), Sat. May 16 (Carina C. Rempillo), Sun. May 17 (Theo Jacob), and Port Costa.

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Sunday Collection -May 3rd

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$2734), Maintenance (\$512), St. Patrick Mission (\$316), Maintenance (\$30).

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. **



April Financial Overview

Financial overview for St. Patrick Mission. Expense: CCWD (\$54.52), Assessment (\$465.50), Liability (\$1481.25), Day Nite Pest (\$158.00), Maintenance (\$230.00), Total: \$2389.27. Income: Sundays Plate (\$972.00), Holy Days (\$125.00), Easter (\$330.00), Maintenance (\$35.00), CCD Envelope (\$85.00), Flowers (\$20.00), Donations (\$50.00), Total: \$1617.00.

April Financial Overview

Financial overview for St. Rose. Expense: Priest Salary (\$2767.24), Priest Food Reimbursement (\$369.42), Secretary Wages (\$2276.35), Health Insurance (\$1422.48), Lay Pension (\$643.14), PG&E Classrooms (\$108.59), PG&E Church/Rectory (\$1148.49), Comcast (\$330.81), Garbage (\$381.30), Assessment (\$3553.82), Liability (\$2252.91), EDD (\$177.20), IRS (\$1599.86), Unemployment (\$45.68), Church cleaning (\$340.00), Rectory Cleaning (\$260.00), Office supplies (\$235.70), Easter Lilies (\$256.65), Total: \$18,169.64. Income: Sunday's Plate (\$6563.10), Holy Days (\$698.00), Easter (\$4711.00), Maintenance (\$370.00), CCD Envelope (\$300.00), Facility Use (\$650.00), Fundraisers (\$20.00), Flowers (\$115.00), Donations (\$2100.00), Unrestricted Collections (\$749.00), Diocesan Interest (\$603.51), Total: \$16,922.61.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Fundraiser Concert Sunday, June 28, 2026 3:00PM. Songs that will take you back to the classic Italian, French and Filipino era. Accompaniment by: Ray Capiral on piano and Renato Francisco on violin. Light refreshments will be served after the show. St. Rose Church, 555 Third Ave., Crockett, CA, Office 510-787-2052, Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-2:00PM. Admission: \$30 church donation (18 and under free). Group discount, buy 5 tickets get one free!