



July 12, 2026

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A family was on vacation, and as they rode down the highway there was a big sign that read: ROAD CLOSED. They maneuvered around the sign and continued on. Suddenly the road ended and there was an even larger sign: “WHAT PART OF “ROAD CLOSED?” didn't you understand?”

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus tells us why He uses parables, to help those who have trouble understanding His teachings explained what they need to know to be saved.

This weekend, and for the next two weekends, we will hear several of Jesus' parables about the kingdom of heaven. This weekend's parable and the explanation that goes with it is very clear. God's word is like a seed which can produce life, but if it falls on deaf ears, it produces nothing. It was what Jesus experienced as He traveled from one place to another, teaching. Certainly, from the time of Adam and Eve, there have been people who hear God's word, and they don't respond to it; like the hardened earth, or stony ground thick with weeds.

A good story, however, can often have several interpretations. I wish to suggest another way we can look at the parables, a way that might enhance our own spiritual growth. Instead of thinking of the field as all of human kind, let us think of the entire field as representing just ourselves. If we see ourselves as the field, we see that sometimes we are closed to God's word, sometimes we get very enthusiastic but our enthusiasm has no depth, sometimes our life is so cluttered with things we have to do or want to do, that we have no time left for God. But sometimes, our hearts and minds are like the rich soil, and we take God's word in and serve Him genuinely and faithfully. Looking at the parable that way, we see in ourselves hardened paths, stony ground and weeds, but we also see good soil. And we see, we have the freedom to determine how well God's word will take root in us by changing what we can in our lives so there is more good soil in our hearts and minds for the seed of God's word to fall upon.

When God sends moisture to the earth, it does the work of keeping the world green and alive. When God sends out His word, it is not full of empty promises; it is effective and powerful and is able to accomplish what it was sent to do. God's word was true, as roughly

50 years after the Babylonian exile, the Persians (Iran) destroyed the Babylonian empire (in reference to the First Reading), and allowed the Jews to return home. In this weekend's gospel parable, we are then presented with another way of thinking of the power of the Word of God: as a seed

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	July 14	11:00AM
Roger Asuncion †		Josie Underhill
Wed.	July 15	11:00A
Living Memorial		
Thur.	July 16	11:00AM
Carlo & Michelle Lacsina (Anniversary)		Lacsina Family
Fri.	July 17	11:00AM
Roger Asuncion †		Noel & Gie Asuncion
Sat.	July 18	4:30PM
Alfonso Combong Sr. †		Ed & Mae
Sun.	July 19	9:00AM
Vilma & Tony† (anniversary)		Family
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

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Your generous gift to St. Rose of Lima enables us to provide beneficial programs that lift up our congregation and serve our community. We are deeply grateful for your support and invite you to contribute online by scanning the QR code.



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Sunday Collection - July 5th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2374
Maintenance	\$186
St. Patrick Mission	\$292
Maintenance	\$35

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. **



Food Bank

You may have forgotten the food barrel in the vestibule from Contra Costa Food Bank; it happens when things are a fixture for a while! Our commitment to helping our community is a yearlong process. Right now, this is the suggested list for donations:

- Nut butters (peanut, almond)
- Jam/jelly/honey
- Canned tuna and chicken (in water)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Shelf-stable milk
- Applesauce
- Beans/lentils (dry or canned)
- Rice
- Whole grain cereals/crackers
- Oat/oatmeal/farina
- Whole wheat/grain pasta
- Canned soups/vegetables/tomato products (low sodium, easy open)
- Canned fruits (in juice)
- 100% Fruit juice (cartons or small boxes only)
- Nonperishable ready-to-eat meals: chili, ravioli, meats, etc. (low sodium)

Please remember summer can be an especially hard time for families with kids; check out the Contra Costa Food Bank website for more suggestions:

www.foodbankccs.org/fooddrive

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 past 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