

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Most of us know how much work is involved in caring for a garden. Just imagine how much work is involved with setting up an entire vineyard. It is a full-time occupation. In this weekend's First Reading, the prophet Isaiah who lived in the 8th century B.C., describes some of what was involved in caring for a vineyard. If we wonder why there needed to be a watchtower in the vineyard, it was needed, both day and night, to protect the grapes from thieves and predators, especially during harvest time. Apparently, Isaiah the prophet was a musician as well as a talented poet. As he sang his song, we can imagine the shock his audience felt when they discovered they were the vineyard he was singing about. From history, we know Isaiah's prophecy about the destruction of the vineyard literally proved to be true when first the Assyrians, then later the Babylonians, invaded the land of Israel and destroyed most of the cities, villages, homes and farms in Israel.

This weekend's parable is Jesus' second response to the Jewish leaders. (next weekend's is the third). They all tell us something about the kingdom. This weekend's parable is very easy to understand. The people of Israel are often compared to a vineyard in the Scriptures, and our First Reading this weekend is one of the best examples of that comparison. In the passage from Isaiah in the First Reading, the complaint was with the grapes, they were too sour to be eaten or to be used for wine. In the gospel, notice that the problem is not with the grapes, but with those charged with the task of caring for the vineyard; the Jewish religious leaders. Throughout their 1000-year history, the leaders almost always rejected the teachings of the prophets. Often the prophets were put to death for doing what God had sent them to do. In the parable, the first two groups who were sent to the vineyard to obtain the fruit that was owed to the owner represents the prophets God sent. So the owner of the vineyard (that is, God) decided to send His son. It would be a huge offense (as well as a very stupid thing to do) if the workers rejected or harmed the son. It would be as grievous as if they were to do anything to the owner himself. But they thought they could get by with it. Instead, they lost everything they did have. Sometimes that happens to us when we get too greedy

— one of the several lessons the story of Adam and Eve teaches us. As one man remarked when he lost a lot of money in the stock market: “You can be a bull or you can be a bear, but you can’t be a pig.”

God looks for holiness among His people and he looks for those with authority, not only religious leaders but also parents and teachers, to lead God's people. It is indeed a big responsibility.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 6	11:00AM
Josephine Dixon Solis †		Gina Pena
Wed.	October 7	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Thur.	October 8	11:00AM
Teresita F. Atienza		Ferrer Family
Fri.	October 9	11:00AM
Rose Catalano †		Dennis & Donna Hoffman
Sat.	October 10	4:30PM
Elliott Avery		Lolo & Lola
Sun.	October 11	9:00AM
Tom & Beatrice Leal †		Keith & Laury Sweetnam
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -September 27th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1349
St. Patrick Mission	\$N/A

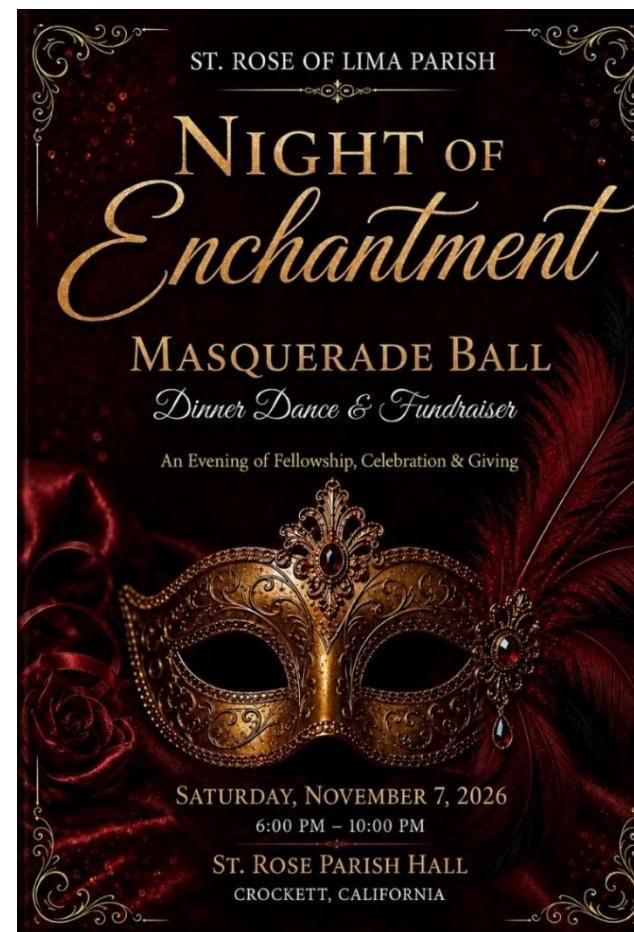
Thank you again to all who support our Parish! We know how generous you have been in the changing times!

***In able to meet our 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. **



October Mass Count

Not many may realize it, but every October the Diocese asks its parishes to count the number of participants at each weekend mass for every week. We thought it was time to make sure that all our parishioners are aware of this! So, now is a great time to check in on those you may not have seen at Mass for a while and encourage them back, invite someone new to come along or even just try to carve out some time in your busy schedule to make it to one of the masses yourself!



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.

