



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Jesus' father-like love for us is demonstrated in this weekend's gospel. He had pity for the crowds. The Greek word here for "pity" is a mouthful. It's the word that gives us the English word: spleen. It means Jesus was emotionally moved in the depths of His being. The people had no leadership, they were suffering. They were like sheep without a shepherd. Here was the One who could give them direction and healing. But He needed help. Too many people were in need. So He chose twelve among His followers who would work closely with Him, bringing encouragement to the hopeless, freedom to those whose lives were controlled by evil, healing to those broken down by disease. All they needed was to open their hearts and minds in faith to the messages of Jesus.

Jesus is the real healer, the only savior, our source of hope and life and holiness. When the gospel tells us He gave authority to the twelve, it was the authority to act in His name and by His power. Whenever one who has been delegated is acting in His name, it is really Jesus who is present and is at work. When a priest baptizes, he doesn't have power personally to give divine life to an infant. He has the authority to do so because it was given to him, but it is Christ in whose name he serves. It is Christ who is really doing it. This is illustrated with the gospel of Jesus healing a blind man by putting mud on the man's eyes. The mud brought healing because of the action of Jesus and the faith of the man who was blind. When a priest baptizes, he is kind of like the mud. Jesus is just using him to do what he wants him to do: bring light and life to the one being baptized. St. Augustine illustrated this idea in a dramatic way by saying, it wouldn't matter if St. Peter were doing the baptism, or St. Paul or Judas; it is Christ who is baptizing.

This principal that the sacraments are the actions of Christ carries through all the sacraments. It is Christ who forgives sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation speaking through the words of the priest; it is Christ who is the great High Priest offering acceptable sacrifice to the Father at Mass. It is Christ who gives the Spirit in Confirmation, Christ who unites a man and a woman in marriage to grow in love and to share in the work of creation by bringing new life into the world. It is Christ who ordains deacons, priests and

bishops to serve God's people in His name. It is Christ who touches us with His healing love in the Sacrament of the Sick.

This weekend, we hear Jesus' pity. He had deep feelings for those who suffer and that's why He gave us the Sacrament of the Sick. St. Mark tells us specifically, and St. James too, that oil is to be used in this healing. Of course, God expects us to use whatever gifts He has given us to find healing: a healthy diet, exercise, a good doctor, etc. Prayer is one of those gifts and should be used in combination with whatever resources we have and should not just be a last resort. "I guess all we can do is pray." It may be a last resort, but it should be a first resort too.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. June 16 (11:00AM) with Cresencio Junio and Buenaflor-Roth Family; Wed. June 17 (11:00AM) Living Memorial; Thur. June 18 (11:00A) with Lawrence Leal and Keith & Laury Sweetnam; Fri. June 19 (11:00AM) Father's Day Novena; Sat. June 20 (4:30PM) Father's Day Novena with Sid Jensen Sr. and Family; Sun. June 21 (9:00AM) Father's Day Novena.

Port Costa 11:00AM Father's Day Novena



Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is June 21st. Father's Day envelopes are available in the vestibule if you would like to enroll your father or father figure, living or deceased, in the Father's Day Novena, June 21st thru June 28th. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office by Thursday, June 17th.



Sunday Collection - June 7th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$2744), CCD (\$261), St. Patrick Mission (\$298), CCD (\$53).

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. **

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Concert Fundraiser

In light of everything going on with our little parish, we would like this concert to be a celebration of our parish family past and present. With that in mind, the committee has decided to cut ticket prices from \$30 to \$10!

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Fundraiser Concert Sunday 3pm, June 28, 2026. Come and be captivated by the heartwarming beautiful tenor voice of Senen Bagos, Jr. with songs that will take you back to the classic Italian, French and Filipino era. Accompaniment provided by: Ray Capiral on piano and Renato Francisco on violin. Admission \$30 church donation. Children under 18: free admission. Group discount; buy 5 tickets, get 1 free. Light refreshment after the show. St. Rose Church 555 Third Ave., Crockett, CA Office: 510 787-2052 Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm

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