

May 29, 2022

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We celebrate this Sunday the fact that Jesus, our Lord, has been taken up into heaven. Through his obedient suffering and death Jesus had been raised from the dead, and in his ascension, he enjoys the fullness of life. On this feast, God wishes to enlighten our innermost vision so that we may know the great hope to which he has called us. We are destined to follow Jesus where he has gone before us. Our glorious heritage is to share in his spiritual wealth forever. Most of us desperately need this sign of hope.

In this life, we are much like a farmer who goes about the business of preparing the soil, planting the seed and cultivating a crop. A dry spell prevails. There is danger, a nagging fear, that the crop will fail, that all the work has been in vain. Then one day the farmer looks to the sky. He sees dark clouds, heavy with moisture, slowly gathering over his farm. The sun is obscured, but the darkness is not a sign of despair; it is filled with hope. He begins to pray that the clouds will bring much-needed moisture to his parched crops. He waits patiently. Then with a flash of lightning and a roll of thunder, the clouds pour down their life -giving rain. The storm passes and the warm-cheerful rays of the sun break through.

Whatever occupies our time -working at a job, being a homemaker, going to school – we are probably like the farmer who first looked only at the soil. We have a downward vision. That can be very discouraging because we run the risk of becoming bored or frustrated with life, fearing that it is not worth the trouble or that everything we do has a very little meaning. From time to time we need to look, not downward, but upward toward heaven where Jesus has gone before us. Our vision is obscured now by the dark clouds of the problems we face in life, but we must never despair. We must believe that, as suffering and death led to fullness of life for Jesus, so the clouds of this life will bring the life-giving waters of God's grace to us. In death, filled with greater awesomeness than a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder, the clouds will part for us and we will see the Son of God in all his glorious radiance coming for us.

The celebration is one of hope as we look forward to heaven. When we leave after Mass, however, we should hear a voice within us saying: "Why do you stand here looking up at the skies? This Jesus who has been taken from you will return." From the Mass we go back to looking "downward" as we again take up our everyday lives. But we should do so with a great optimism and firm hope.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	<b>May 31</b>	11:00AM
Alma Echano		Lisa Urbano
Wed.	June 1	11:00AM
Christina Quiapo		
(Thankgiving)		
Thur.	June 2	11:00PM
Denise Quiapo		
(Thanksgiving)		
Fri.	June 3	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Sat.	June 4	4:30PM
Sid Jensen Sr. †		Andrea Delsid
Sun.	June 5	9:00AM
Mary Pagni †		Franca Ponti
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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## Sunday Collection - May 22

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2044
Bishops Appeal (5/15)	\$352
St. Patrick Mission	\$365
Bishops Appeal (5/15)	\$80

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, www.stroseoflimacrockettca.org/, FOR THE LATEST IN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES!

## Coffee and Canvas

Everyone who attended our first event had so much fun, that our next one has already been scheduled!



# SATURDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00AM!!

Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

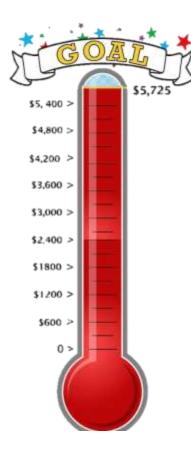


### **Upcoming Projects**

#### **JUST \$275 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL!!!**

Some of you may remember a couple years ago before Covid, though it feels like eons, we had the conditioning unit for the church serviced and found that one of the air compressors was no longer working. Pastoral Council felt that replacement, for \$5,980 was the best choice, especially since the unit is from the late 90's. Thank you to our wonderful little parish for helping us make it to where we are. We hope to have the system up and running in soon.

**UPDATE:** We have currently raised \$5,725 for this repair!



## <u>Father's Day Novena</u>

Father's Day is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day cards 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 10<sup>th</sup> -June 19<sup>th</sup>. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office before Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

