

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The theme of this weekend's readings is forgiveness. Reading the paper each day shows us what refusing to forgive does to nations, as they keep trying to get revenge on one another for some real or imagined act of cruelty. Some of the battles between different people have roots that go back hundreds of years. Many still live by the ancient principle of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” That rule was meant to keep a person from exacting more revenge than what was appropriate. In other words, if someone knocked out one of your teeth, you could only knock out one of theirs and no more! I couldn't find the exact quote, but I think it was Martin Luther King who said, “If we all insisted on an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, soon everyone in the world would be blind and toothless.” In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:38), Jesus told us that's no longer the rule we should live by. This weekend's parable illustrates His position of forgiveness. We can't hold on to hating and desire for revenge. We have to let go.

Refusing to forgive is a form of anger. Anger we will not let go. The man in the parable in this weekend's gospel, who refused to forgive his fellow servant may have been motivated by selfishness or pettiness or greed or by the refusal to let anyone take advantage of him. I think in most cases, however, when someone refuses to let go of their anger, it is because of pride. We tell ourselves, when we are hurt by someone, we should not have been treated like that. No doubt, we were treated badly, but we do more harm to ourselves than to anyone else when we keep that anger alive in us. It will only eat us up emotionally and maybe even physically. As a priest and counselor, I have seen what refusing to forgive does to the individual who cannot let go of the pain or hurt someone has caused them. Jesus' admonition to forgive is good not only spiritually but psychologically too. One of the people we often have difficulty forgiving is ourselves. We do something we are embarrassed about or ashamed of and we continue to beat ourselves up. If we do it to ourselves, we always feel a lot of depression until we come to realize it; the problem was pride (more accurately it was neurotic pride). Our pride tells us, we should be better than we really are and when we fail, our pride comes down on us with vengeance. Certainly,

we should keep working to improve ourselves and to learn from our mistakes, but we also need to accept the fact that we are not perfect. Beating ourselves up will not help us improve ourselves. We must not forget how generous God has been to us. God's love and mercy is worth more than many billions of dollars. It's worth is infinite, because God's love is infinite.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 15	11:00AM
Mark Henry Dedios		Barbara Dedios
Wed.	September 16	11:00AM
Living Memorial		
Thur.	September 17	11:00AM
Alma & Jong		(safe travels)
Fri.	September 18	11:00AM
Lena McCrossen †		Gina Pena
		(birthday)
Sat.	September 19	4:30PM
Alice Littleton †		Family
Sun.	September 20	9:00AM
Ellen Roth †		Buenaflor- Roth
		Family
Port Costa	September 20	11:00AM
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection -September 6th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2878
CCD	\$345
St. Patrick Mission	\$168
CCD	\$86

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

The next meeting of our St. Rose Community Parishioner's group will be held THIS MONDAY, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We hope to see you there!

August Financial Overview

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:	
PG&E	\$28.13
CCWD	\$116.47
Reimbursement	\$350.00
Kel-Aire	\$307.20
Day Nite Pest	\$158.00
Fire Extinguishers	\$110.00
Quarterly Cleaning	\$360.00
Total:	\$1429.80
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1024.00
Holy Days	\$15.00
CCD Envelope	\$82.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Sacramental Services	\$300.00
Total	\$1446.00

August Financial Overview

St. Rose

Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2767.24
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$369.98
Annual Mass Stipend	\$965.00
Fire Extinguishers	\$745.00
Secretary Wages	\$2399.77
Health Insurance	\$1554.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$132.42
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$909.84
Bookkeeping	\$300.00
Comcast	\$331.10
Garbage	\$538.97
Liability	\$2252.91
EDD	\$248.69
IRS	\$2420.71
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Copier Service	\$120.74
St. Rose Celebration	\$262.21
Total	\$16,919.06
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$10,920.00
Holy Days	\$285.00
CCD Envelope	\$652.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
Sacramental Service	\$400.00
Facility Use	\$1315.00
Reimbursement	\$460.00
Donations	\$50.00
Other income candles	\$397.00
St. Rose Novena	\$1560.00
Fundraiser	\$170.00
Total	\$16,459.00

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Just a reminder as you read these numbers, this is a reflection of what the parish has brought in and the expenses we have had for the month. This is not a reflection of what is in our accounts.