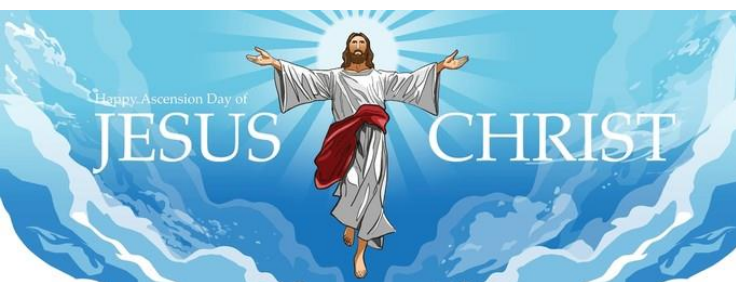




From the Desk of Fr. Leo

After celebrating the Solemnity of the Resurrection, we celebrate His Ascension to heaven. It is interesting that the Gospel from St. Matthew does not mention the Ascension. St. Matthew's Gospel ends with an appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. What Jesus had to say on that occasion is appropriate to this feast. But let us first say a word about how St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John deal with the Ascension. St. John only mentions the Ascension in Jesus' comments to Mary Magdalene when He appeared to her. St. Mark has a very brief mention of it, without giving any detailed or visual description of it. The image we all have of the Ascension comes from both the gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles which St. Luke also wrote. St. Luke gives us two versions of the Ascension. In his gospel, he tells us Jesus ascended on Easter Sunday night and in the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke informs us that Jesus ascended 40 days after Easter. Fr. Benoit makes a useful distinction between these two portrayals in St. Luke's two volumes. The ascension of Jesus on Easter can be understood as the glorification of Jesus in His father's presence, i.e., being seated at God's right hand thus making the ascension an essential part of the resurrection while the levitation of Jesus' body 40 days later symbolized the terminus of the appearances of the risen Jesus. During that brief period of time between the two ascensions, Jesus made many appearances: to His women followers, to His apostles, and to other disciples, instructing them and assuring them He had truly risen (Ray, Brown, The Anchor Bible, John XII-XXI, pg 1012)

In reference to this weekend's gospel, it is an appearance of the risen and glorified Jesus. If we accept Fr. Benoit's explanation of Jesus' ascension to glory on Easter and His other ascension 40 days later, Jesus would already be seated at the right hand of the Father in this appearance to the eleven in Galilee which



we hear in this weekend's gospel. Indeed we could assume that from what Jesus said in the gospel: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." This gospel is often referred to as the Great Commission. St. Matthew stresses the teaching part of Jesus; ministry as He commissions the eleven to carry on His teaching mission. They are to teach all nations what Jesus taught them and baptize them, and they are to know that Jesus is still with them.

Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. May 19 11:00AM
Dolores Reyes † Asuncion Family

Wed. May 20 11:00AM
Living Memorial

Thur. May 21 11:00AM
Jennifer & Brandon Bañaga Lydia & Family
(Anniversary)

Fri. May 22 11:00AM
Eddie del Rosario Rose Ilagan
& Rita Alvano

Sat. May 23 4:30PM
Soledad Caparas Banaban † Cris & Evelyn

Sun. May 24 9:00AM
Rose Catalano † Dennis & Donna

Port Costa 11:00AM
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St. Rose, Crockett \$923

St. Patrick Mission \$460

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\*\*\*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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May the Holy Spirit Light Your Way

Coming Soon . . . .

SAVE THE DATE! St.Rose/St. Patrick Mission will be participating in the Sugartown Festival this year. The date is July 19th, from 11:00am-6:00pm on Rolph Avenue. Stop by and see us, or even volunteer a few minutes in the both if you would like!



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
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