

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others.

Readings February 13, 2017

1st Sirach 15:15-20
 2nd 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Gospel Matthew 5:17-37



MASS INTENTIONS – February 5 - 11, 2017

6:30 AM	+ Asuncion F. Herrera	
7:30 AM	+ Dominick Hoc	
8:45 AM	+ Micheala Shelton	
10:15 AM	+ Michel Abdallah	
11:45 AM	+ Michael Poe	
1:15 PM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving – Encarnacion Bactat	
Monday	6:45	+ Adelina & Manuel Masiglat
	8:30	+ Salvador Ramirez & Dolores Ramirez
Tuesday	6:45	Special Intention – Sacro Costato Sisters
	8:30	+ Albert Novo
Wednesday	6:45	Thanksgiving – Ben & Flora Aquina & Family
	8:30	+ Jose Galvez
Thursday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Margaret Feld
Friday	6:45	Thanksgiving – Vo Van Chin
	8:30	+ William & Prima Adiong
Saturday	8:30	+ Michelle Franklin
	5:30	+ Tony & Edmund Zeiter



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Khoun Onesavanh and Mario Navarro who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.



PLATE COLLECTIONS

January 29, 2017 \$ 10,199.⁰⁰
 Offering Envelopes 2,540.⁰⁰

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection supports the Diocesan Assessment, the fee each parish pays to the Diocese for administrative services. Next weekend, the second collection will support St. Luke's School. As always, your generous support is very much appreciated.

MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Laissez les bons temps rouler!!



Children's Religious Education representatives will be selling tickets after the 8:45, 10:15, and 11:45 am masses for their annual Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner on February 6, beginning at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Dine in (Social Hall) or take home. Tickets will also be available in the CRE Office, 462-0410.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Thank you to those who have been donating food. The Food Pantry tells us they especially need **canned tomatoes and canned fruit**. Remember to pick up an extra can or two each time you shop. This month, February 18 & 19, **Couples for Christ** will help with this ministry.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION #138 NEWS



Fun times are being planned for 2017! Be a part of it! Join the ICF at St. Luke's by coming to a meeting or contacting ICF President, Joe Curtis, at 406-4778 or Secretary, Kathy Hall at 609-1093. You *do not* have to be Italian to join! Currently a member? – Just a reminder that 2017 dues are *now being collected*. Bring your check, cash, or money order to a meeting or mail to Darlene. **This month the monthly meeting will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, at the school in the 8th grade classroom beginning at 6:30 pm.** It's a potluck – so bring your favorite dish to share and a couple of friends. Newcomers are always made to feel welcome. Forget about a baby-sitter - the kiddies are always welcome. Benvenuti, to everyone!

CENTRAL CA SCHOOL OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE

... will hold its annual *Carnevale* Shrimp and Pasta Dinner on Tuesday, February 28. For more information contact Elyse at 465-7909 or e-mail: esciutti@comcast.net.

Reservation forms can also be found on the web at: www.ItalianSchoolOfStockton.com.

Thank you for your support.

CITY OF STOCKTON

... is accepting applications for Boards, Commissions, and Committees. To see what is available, visit the City's website at www.stocktonca.gov/bcvancancies.

GO PAPERLESS

Visit our website at www.stlukestockton.us to view bulletins and other events at St. Luke Parish.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Healing the Pain of Abortion. One Weekend at a Time

Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. It is an opportunity to heal repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief in a safe and confidential environment. The next English weekend will be April 28 – 30. For more information in English or to register, contact Kim at 465-5433 or for Spanish, contact Gloria 510-384-6875.

66TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH TEA

Sponsored by the Stockton Unit of Church Women United on Thursday, February 16 at 1 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 800 Brookside Road. The guest speaker will be Dr. Scott Jensen. For information, please contact Rita at 477-7388 or Frances at 463-7056.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Presentation Parish is looking to fill two part-time paid positions.

- 1) Cook and grocery shopper
- 2) Housekeeper

If you want additional information or wish to apply, contact Norma Rodriguez at 209-320-5715.

And ...

Cathedral of the Annunciation School and Sacred Heart School, Patterson, are each seeking a dynamic, energetic principal to help lead the parish's Catholic school, effective the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must be Catholic with a valid California administrative credential and five or more years of experience working in Catholic schools. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of introduction, resume, and three letters of recommendation. Application forms may be found on the Careers page of the Catholic School Office website: <https://goo.gl/bocB3J>. **Deadline** for completed applications is **February 24, 2017**.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1!

All Masses will be in the church. Mass times are:

6:45 and 8:30 am, 5:30 pm – English

7:30 pm – Spanish

Liturgy of the Word with ashes

12:15 pm in English

Masses in Vietnamese will be at the Mary Help of Christians Center, 7707 Murray Drive at:

7:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Interested in attending St. Mary's High School? Applications are now being taken. Call 957-3340, ext. 103 for more information.

Reflecting on God's Word

In today's reading from the Letter to the Corinthians Paul says it is the power of God working through him, not his own wisdom or talents, that allowed the Corinthians to put their faith in the gospel. The Corinthians themselves were so self-satisfied and proud about their gifts that they had forgotten who gave them what they had and what their gifts were for. Paul reminds them, and us, that everything we have—even our faith—is from the Lord and for others. It is the Lord's light that shines through those who, like Paul, put their trust in God. To walk in that light is to allow God's generosity, mercy, and justice to shine through us. And that means sharing all we have, as individuals and as a community, the way God has done and continues to do for us.

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church is entitled *Lumen Gentium*, "Light of the Nations," because that is what the Church is called to be. Christ's light is given to us—not only for our own personal benefit now or salvation someday—but that others might "see the light" and turn their gaze and their lives toward the dawning Sun of Justice: Christ, our Light.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

En la lectura de hoy de la carta a los corintios Pablo dice que es el poder de Dios obrando a través de él y no su propia sabiduría ni talentos lo que hizo que los corintios pusieran su fe en el Evangelio. Los mismos corintios estaban tan satisfechos de sí mismos y tan orgullosos de sus propios dones que se les había olvidado quién se los había concedido y para qué eran sus dones. Pablo les recuerda a ellos y también nos recuerda a nosotros que todo lo que tenemos, incluso nuestra fe, viene del Señor y es para beneficio de los demás. Lo que brilla es la luz del Señor a través de aquellas personas que como Pablo ponen su confianza en Dios. Caminar en esa luz significa permitir que la generosidad, la misericordia y la justicia de Dios brillen a través de nosotros. Y eso significa también compartir todo lo que tenemos, personalmente y como comunidad, de la misma manera que Dios lo ha hecho y sigue haciéndolo por nosotros.

El documento del Concilio Vaticano Segundo sobre la Constitución Dogmática de la Iglesia se titula *Lumen Gentium*, o sea, "Luz de las Naciones", porque la Iglesia está llamada a ser precisamente eso. La luz de Cristo se nos da no sólo para nuestro propio beneficio en el presente, ni aún sólo para nuestra salvación futura, sino para que otras personas puedan "ver la luz" y dirijan su mirada y su vida hacia la alborada del Sol de Justicia: Cristo, nuestra Luz.

—Virginia Stillwell

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