

**February 19, 2017**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

**Readings for February 26, 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah 49:14-15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Corinthians 4:15  
 Gospel Matthew 6:24-34



**MASS INTENTIONS – February 19 - 26, 2017**

6:30 AM	+ Robert Hanania	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Rick Peters	
10:15 AM	+ Federico, Sr., Matilde & Antonio Medina	
11:45 AM	Thanksgiving – Jonathan & Carmela San Miguel & family	
1:15 PM	Thanksgiving – Rosa & Roberto Hernandez	
5:30 PM	+ Antonio Murillo	
Monday	8:30	+ Mary Magdalena Diep
Tuesday	6:45	+ Ken Volpi
	8:30	+ Narciso Volpi
Wednesday	6:45	+ Lester Garry Hawkins
	8:30	+ Dionicia Babila
Thursday	6:45	+ John Perry
	8:30	+ Jose A. Juarez, III
Friday	6:45	+ Gina Iglesias-Israel
	8:30	+Veronica Torlai
Saturday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Franklin Rafanan
	5:30	+ Carlo DeParti

**DEATHS**



Please pray for the soul of Frank Daniel who passed away this week. May God grant him eternal rest and bring consolation to his family.



**PLATE COLLECTIONS**

January 29, 2017 \$ 9,735.<sup>00</sup>

**SECOND COLLECTION**

St. Luke's Parish provided St. Luke's School with a cash subsidy of \$2,400 for the month of February. The second collection NEXT weekend supports the Salesian Seminary fund. Thank you.

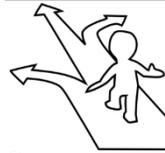
**ADORATION SCHEDULE CHANGE**

There will be **NO Adoration or Confession** on Tuesday, February 21.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. There will be only one Mass on that day at 8:30 am.

**MADE FOR MORE**



Gym

Where are you headed to in LIFE? St. Luke's Youth Ministries and the Salesian Vocations Office is hosting a **VOCATIONS FAIR**, here at St. Luke's on **SUNDAY, MARCH 5** from **3 pm – 9 pm**. Music, games, team competitions, **"WHERE YA' HEADED?" Workshops for Junior High, High School, and College Age people**. The day includes mass at 5:30 and a **FREE** dinner! Join us for a day that just might change your life! Questions, call Paul, 942-1026.

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**



**Thank you** to those who have been donating food. This weekend, February 18 & 19, **Couples for Christ** will man the donation station before and after all masses collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

**FATHER RIC FLIES AGAIN**

Father Ric's pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be October 1-10, 2017. Having lived in the Holy Land for a number of years, Father Ric is very familiar with all the best places to visit and tour. If you are interested in going, contact Father Ric ASAP as his tours fill up quickly.



**OH NO, NOT AGAIN**

Sadly, there has been vandalism in the restrooms recently. If you use the restroom and find it trashed, please tell a staff member as soon as you can. You can e-mail the office at [khall@stlukestockton.us](mailto:khall@stlukestockton.us). Please let us know your name and the time you were attending mass or some other event. This will help us to narrow down the window of time when the vandals are destroying the property.

**HEY – WHAT TIME ARE ASHES???**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1!**

Masses will be in the church.

**Masses in English are:**

6:45 and 8:30 am, 5:30 pm

**Mass in Spanish is:**

7:30 pm

**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



## **COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF PENANCE**

Prepare your heart for Easter by attending the Communal Celebration of Penance on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm. Attend as a family or as an individual. Our Salesians plus priests from around the Stockton area will be available for confession in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

## **GO MUSTANGS!! - CONGRATULATIONS**

... to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Spirit Division and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trinity Division boys' basketball teams. They both will advance to the championship game which will be on Sunday, February 26 at St. Mary's High School. Come on out and cheer our kids on – 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 11:15 am, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Parish Athletic Director at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/saintlukecyoathletics>



### **THINK ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST!**

Have YOU got what it takes?  
Come to a Vocations Discernment Evening for prayer, dinner, a priest's vocation story and time for any questions you have.

When: Friday, February 24, 5:30 pm

Where: All Saints Parish  
4040 McKenna Dr., Turlock

Questions: Msgr. Armistead at 463-1305

## **"SENIOR" PROM**

Senior citizens are invited to attend a semi-formal evening of **free food and dancing**.

When: Friday, March 17, 4 – 6 pm

Where: UC Ballroom, UOP

Get your photo taken at the photobooth and have your very own star on our Walk of Fame! Please RSVP by February 27 in the parish office, 209-948-3450 or by calling 909-348-4437. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and someone will call ASAP.



## **BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL**

You heard from parishioners last week about the Bishop's Ministry Appeal. Father Ramon asks that you take a look at the BMA bulletins and Pledge Envelopes in the pews and prayerfully consider pledging a gift to help support the ministries of the Diocese and our parish. Make checks payable to the

**BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST.**

## **MINISTRY DAY – March 18 – St. Mary's High School**

Registration booklets are available in the parish office. Tickets are \$40 at the door. Call 466-0636 for info.

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

A 2006 movie called *Love Actually* has one of the best openings in recent years. It begins with two young people running toward each other and falling into each other's arms, kissing joyfully. Then you see a mother being hugged by her two little girls, then two older women, perhaps sisters, embracing. As these scenes give way to others, you become aware that all this takes place in an airport at the arrivals gate. Accompanying these images is a voiceover.

Whenever he feels down about the condition of the world, the speaker goes to the arrivals gate at Heathrow airport in London. Despite the fact that there is so much hatred and greed in the world, he says, Heathrow is one place where things seem different. At Heathrow love is everywhere.

All the while you hear this voice, you are watching people rush into each other's arms. For a full minute you see the world as a welcoming, warm, loving place. You know it's something of a set-up because who goes to meet people at airports other than family, good friends, people in a loving relationship? But isn't this God's plan for the world, what God wants most from us: love God; love one another.

The voiceover concludes by noting that right before the planes hit the Twin Towers in New York City, all the calls that went out were messages of love. People chose to have their final words be professions of love. Making that choice on a daily basis is what makes us perfect—that is, full-grown, complete, holy.

## **Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios**

Una película del año 2006 titulada *Love Actually* (*Ama de Verdad*, traducción libre) empieza con una de las mejores imágenes que he visto en años recientes. Dos jóvenes que corren uno hacia la otra y se abrazan y besan con mucha alegría. Entonces se ven dos niñas pequeñas que abrazan a su madre y después son dos mujeres de mayor edad, tal vez hermanas, que se abrazan. Al salir una y otra de estas escenas, uno se da cuenta que todo sucede en la puerta de llegada de un aeropuerto. Estas imágenes vienen acompañadas de un narrador de fondo.

Cada vez que el narrador se siente desanimado por las condiciones del mundo se va a la puerta de llegada del aeropuerto Heathrow en Londres. Él dice que, a pesar de todo el odio y la avaricia del mundo, Heathrow es un lugar donde las cosas parecen diferentes. En Heathrow el amor se encuentra en todos los lugares.

Cada vez que se escucha la voz del narrador se ven diferentes personas corriendo a abrazarse. Por un minuto entero se ve al mundo como un lugar acogedor, cálido y lleno de amor. Claro que se trata de un escenario programado pues, ¿quién va a recibir a otras personas al aeropuerto sino familiares, amigos y personas que se tienen cariño? Pero, ¿no es éste acaso el plan de Dios para el mundo? ¿No es esto lo que Dios más quiere de nosotros, que amemos a Dios y nos amemos los unos a los otros? El narrador concluye diciendo que todas las llamadas que se hicieron en la ciudad de Nueva York antes del derrumbe de las torres gemelas fueron mensajes de amor. Las personas decidieron que sus últimas palabras fueran profesiones de amor. Hacer esa misma decisión en la vida diaria es lo que nos hace perfectos; o sea, maduros, completos y santos.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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