

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us; in him we shall never be disturbed.

Readings for March 5, 2017

1st Genesis 2:7-9:3:1-7
 2nd Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel Matthew 4:1-11



MASS INTENTIONS – February 26-March 4, 2017

6:30 AM	Special Intention – Donnie Queirolo	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Evangeline Sinon	
10:15 AM	+ John Stewart	
11:45 AM	+ Rick Blanco	
1:15 PM	+ Julio Juarez & Jojo Quilantang	
5:30 PM	+ Kenneth Stockwell	
Monday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Bill & Juanita Lawson
Tuesday	6:45	+ Caridad Pablico Pamuspusan
	8:30	+ Hebert Deloris
Ash Wednesday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Pat & Naty Dichupa, Sr.
	5:30	+ Bob Queirolo , Queirolo Family
	7:30	+ Amado Ledesma, Jr.
Thursday	6:45	+ Mitzi Manandic
	8:30	+ Dusty Lanson
Friday	6:45	+ Douglas B. McGirr
	8:30	+ Irineo & Adriana DeJesus
Saturday	8:30	+ Deacon Joe Artesi & Family
	5:30	Thanksgiving – Vicente & Maria Cruz, Diana Lourdes



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Viola (Zukie) Van Dever and Norman Desmarais who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.



PLATE COLLECTIONS

February 19, 2017 \$ 10,301.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Each Salesian parish is asked to support the formation of young men in the Salesian seminary. The second collection this weekend is St. Luke's obligation to support this ministry. The second collection NEXT weekend supports the Diocesan Assessment, the fee the Diocese charges each parish for administrative services. There will be a collection at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, which goes into the General Fund of St. Luke's Parish. Thank you.

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.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Thank you to those who have been donating food and many thanks to the Couples for Christ for manning the

Donation Station last weekend, collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. March 18 & 19, St. Luke's Youth Group will help with this ministry. Catholic Charities tells us that they are in need of canned fruit and canned tomatoes, so pick up an extra can or two each time you shop and bring your donations on the designated weekend.

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.



HELP PROTECT OUR PROPERTY!!

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. 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 vandals are destroying our property.

CHRISM MASS – Cathedral of the Annunciation

When: Thursday, April 6, 6:00 pm

At this Mass, all the priests of the Diocese renew their priestly vows. Bishop blesses and consecrates the sacred oils to be used throughout the year ahead for baptism, confirmation, ordination, anointing of the catechumens and anointing of the sick. All are invited to participate in the Mass.



MADE FOR MORE

Where are you headed to in LIFE? St. Luke's Youth Ministries and the Salesian Vocations Office are hosting a **VOCATIONS FAIR**, here at St. Luke's Gym 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.

"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.

LENTEN RETREAT – Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Presented by the Children of God Prayer Community in the Social Hall on Friday, March 3, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, and on Saturday, March 4, from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. The workshop will focus on how to receive and use the power of the Holy Spirit, how to experience God's love on an ongoing basis, how to receive the transforming grace and presence of the Lord in spite of our sinfulness, how to be victorious in this life in spite of trials and tribulations, among other topics. The retreat is free of charge and everybody is welcome. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Linda at 466-5520.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Luke School is now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year. Competitive tuition rates, high academic standards, safe environment. Call Danette at 464-0801 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Tablesetting Luncheon will be Saturday, March 11, 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$25. Call Lexie at 464-0801 for more information.

Reflecting on God's Word

I am writing this in the aftermath of the earthquake that shattered Haiti in January of 2010. The devastation was beyond words. Newspapers and telecasts were filled with pictures of the dead and heart-breaking stories. More than 220,000 were killed and thousands upon thousands were wounded. There is little food, water, or shelter, and few medical supplies. Yet even in the face of this tragic event, an evening news program two nights after the earthquake had footage of a large group in Port au Prince lifting their voices and hands in prayer, praising God.

This radical faith in God is what Jesus calls his disciples to have. The Father did not intervene to save his Son from death, but neither did he allow death to have the final word. He raised his Son from the dead. This saving death has remained the sign above all signs that God wills us to have eternal life. It can seem impossible at times not to worry about tomorrow. But Jesus assures us that the Father does not abandon us—ever!

We are all called to be stewards of the mysteries of the faith that is centered in the person and saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are to hand on what has been handed down to us: that Jesus is God's only Son, who suffered and died and was raised for our salvation, and by our baptism we are brought into this mystery of living, dying, and rising in Christ.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Escribo esto contemplando las secuelas del terremoto que destrozó a Haití en enero de 2010. La devastación no tiene palabras. Los periódicos y las transmisiones de televisión están repletos de fotos de los muertos y de historias desgarradoras. Más de 220,000 personas murieron y hay cientos de miles de heridos. Hay muy poca comida, agua y vivienda, y escasos suministros médicos. Aun así, en medio de un acontecimiento tan trágico, dos días después del terremoto un noticiero televisivo nos mostraba imágenes de un grupo grande en Puerto Príncipe con sus manos en alto y voces alzadas en oración de alabanza a Dios.

Ésta es la clase de fe radical en Dios que Jesús quiere de sus discípulos. El Padre no intervino para salvar a su Hijo de la muerte, pero tampoco permitió que la muerte tuviera la última palabra, sino que resucitó a su Hijo de entre los muertos. Esta muerte salvífica sigue siendo el signo por sobre todos los signos de que Dios quiere la vida eterna para nosotros. A veces parece imposible dejar de preocuparnos por el mañana, pero Jesús nos asegura que el Padre no nos abandona ¡nunca!

Estamos llamados a ser administradores de los misterios de la fe que se centran en la persona de Jesucristo, y de su muerte y resurrección que nos trajeron la salvación. Debemos transmitir lo que se nos ha transmitido a nosotros: que Jesús es el Hijo único de Dios, y que él sufrió, murió y resucitó por nuestra salvación, y que por nuestro bautismo quedamos inmersos en el misterio de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Cristo.

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