



April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

On this day of days, we offer joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Be intent upon the life Christ offers us.

Readings for April 23, 2017

1st Acts 2:42-27
2nd 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel John 20:19-31



MASS INTENTIONS – April 16 - 23, 2017

6:30 AM	In Thanksgiving Narag, Pinzon & Sauro Families	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Josephine Lopez	
10:15 AM	+ Castillo & Stockwell Families	
11:45 AM	+ Robert Madrid	
1:15 PM	Thanksgiving – Rodriguez & Flores Family	
5:30 PM	No 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday	
Monday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Theresa Luu
Tuesday	8:30	+ For souls miscarried babies
Wednesday	8:30	+ Bayani Quietson & Special Intention – Rose Ramirez
Thursday	8:30	+ Prudencia N. Caliso
Friday	8:30	+ Ken Volpi
Saturday	8:30	Thanksgiving - Narag, Pinzon, Sauro Families
	5:30	+ Tony & Edmund Zeiter



PLATE COLLECTIONS

April 9, 2017 \$ 12,875.⁰⁰
St. Luke's Parish provided St. Luke's School with a cash subsidy of \$3,141.⁰⁰

for April, 2017.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second Collection April 16: Diocesan Assessment
Second Collection April 23: Bishop's Ministry Appeal
If you have not already pledged to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal, please consider doing so today. If we do not meet our goal, the difference must be made up from the general fund. Use the envelopes in the back of the church or in the pews to pledge today. Thank you!

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL BINGO – April 27

Doors open at 5:30 pm, games begin at 6:30 pm. Food available for purchase. Must be over 21 to play. Bingo packet is \$20 (10 game sheets with 4 cards per sheet.) Questions – call Jennifer at 957-3340, ext. 121

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FATHER RIC'S PILGRIMS

There will be an orientation meeting for those interested in joining the October Holy Land Pilgrimage. Join Father Ric in the Meeting Room at 1:30 pm on April 23. Having lived in the Holy Land for a number of years, Father Ric is very familiar with all the best places to visit, dine, and tour. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – join Father Ric NEXT Sunday to learn about the trip!

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Rice Bowl money will be collected the two weekends following Easter. There will be baskets at either side of the sanctuary where you may return Rice Bowls. Thank you.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Tuesday, April 18 – No Confession or Adoration
Tuesday, April 25 – Confession & Adoration resumes

Saturday, April 22 – No Confession
Saturday, April 29 – Confession resumes

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

... continues through April 22 at 3:00 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to come and experience the Mercy of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit. The novena will conclude on Sunday, April 23 with a potluck in the Social Hall from 5 – 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

DID YOU KNOW? L,Sabian?

All dioceses and eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators assuring that victims of abuse will be heard. In 2016, dioceses and eparchies provided outreach and support to 250 victims/survivors and their families who came forward to report abuse. Continued support was also provided to 1,510 victims/survivors and their families who reported abuse in prior years. Todas las diocesis y eparquias tienen Coordinadores de Asistencia a las Víctimas para asegurar que todas las víctimas de abuso sean escuchadas. En el 2016, las diocesis y las eparquias brindaron ayuda y apoyo a 250 víctimas/sobrevivientes y a sus familias quienes se presentaron para reportar el abuso, También se les brindó un apoyo continuo a 1,510 víctimas/sobrevivientes y a sus familias quienes habían reportado abuso en años anteriores.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

This month, April 22 & 23, the Italian Catholic Federation will man the Donation Station collecting food for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Especially needed are canned tomatoes and canned fruit, rice and beans.

BULLETIN ADS

Do you have a business you would like to advertise in St. Luke's bulletin or someone you would like to memorialize? It is the time of year to advertise or renew your ad in the bulletin. The price is still only \$150 for a 1 5/8 x 7/8 ad for one whole year. Questions?? Call Laura in the church office, 948-3450 or e-mail: Irodriguez@stlukestockton.us. Thank you.

MARRIAGE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Many couples are hurting and want to get their marriage back, but don't know what to do. Retrouvaille is a Christian based program that will give you communication tools necessary to get back in touch with each other. For upcoming weekends, visit their website at retroca.com or call 800-470-2230.

ST. MICHAEL'S INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE

When: Sunday, May 7 - 8 am - 4 pm
Where: 5882 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton
Have stuff to sell? The cost is \$25 per table and is payable in advance in the church office. For further information, call 481-7230 or 483-1505.

CHILDREN OF GOD PRAYER GROUP...

... invites you to attend our Mass and Healing service.

When: Sat., April 22, 2017
Where: St. Luke's Parish gym
3847 N. Sutter Street
Time: 2:00 pm. Healing teams available.
For more info please contact Linda at 466-5522.

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life, until all my brothers and sisters are protected and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"I have noticed that everyone who is for abortion has been born."

President Ronald Reagan

Reflecting on God's Word

Sports reporters love to describe games in the present tense. A television announcer will say of the play that won the game, "If she doesn't get that rebound her team walks away without the win." A journalist writing for the next day's paper will write, "She sees the block coming and gets the shot off just in time." The purpose of this technique is to make us feel as though we are witnessing the event here and now.

In the scriptures that describe the events of Easter the present tense is no reporter's technique. It is the core of our belief in the Resurrection. Yes, Christ was raised from the dead two thousand years ago, but that's only the beginning of the story. Christ *is* risen and we *are* witnessing that event here and now. Those who were reborn in baptism, anointed in confirmation, and ate and drank with the Lord in the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil can attest to that truth. Christ *is* risen, and is filling those who believe with his life-giving Spirit today. As we give witness to our faith we would do well to follow the lead of the sports reporters and the psalmist, who sings, "This *is* the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Alleluia!

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Los reporteros de deportes describen los partidos en el tiempo presente. Un locutor de televisión anunciará de esta manera la jugada que ganó el partido: "Si no se recupera, su equipo terminará no ganando". Una periodista que escribe para la edición del siguiente día redactará así: "Es en el tiro de esquina que se apunta el gol". El propósito de esta técnica es para hacernos sentir que estamos presenciando el partido aquí y ahora.

El uso del tiempo presente en las Escrituras que describen los sucesos de la Pascua no tiene nada que ver con la técnica de ningún reportero. Se trata del centro de nuestra fe en la Resurrección. Sí, Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos hace dos mil años, pero ése es sólo el comienzo de la historia. Cristo ha resucitado y nosotros *somos* testigos de ese suceso aquí y ahora. Los que han renacido en el Bautismo, han sido ungidos en la Confirmación, y comieron y bebieron con el Señor en la Eucaristía de la Vigilia Pascual pueden dar testimonio de esa verdad. Cristo resucitado derrama su Espíritu dador de vida hoy sobre todos los creyentes. Al dar testimonio de nuestra fe sería bueno seguir el ejemplo de los reporteros de deportes y del salmista, que canta: "Éste es el día en que actuó el Señor, festejémos y alegrémos con él". ¡Aleluya!

—Virginia Stillwell

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