

April 23, 2017

**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

MY LORD and MY GOD



MASS INTENTIONS – April 23 - 29, 2017

6:30 AM	+ Douglas B. McGirr	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Richard & Kathryn McGinnis	
10:15 AM	+ Frances, Luisa, Jhon Broussard	
11:45 AM	Thanksgiving – Nilo Ayong	
1:15 PM	+ Virginia Delgadillo & Romulo Sanchez	
5:30 PM	+ James William Smith	
Monday	6:45	+ Alice O'Donnell
	8:30	+ For souls of miscarried babies
Tuesday	6:45	+ Herminia Cleto
	8:30	Thanksgiving – Theresa Luu
Wednesday	6:45	Thanksgiving – Vilay, Larisa, Klarissa Refuerzo
	8:30	+ Ciriaco & Alice Ame
Thursday	6:45	+ Alice O'Donnell
	8:30	+ The souls of aborted babies
Friday	6:45	+ Holy Souls
	8:30	Thanksgiving – Happy Birthday – Ernesto Angeles
Saturday	8:30	+ Placida Vicente
	5:30	Thanksgiving – Vreeland & Jennifer Cruz & Isaiah Gee



PLATE COLLECTIONS

Easter, April 16, 2017 \$ 20,106.⁰⁰
Holy Thursday 2,053.⁰⁰
Good Friday 2,461.⁰⁰
Diocesan Assessment 3,199.⁰⁰

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second Collection April 23 Bishop's Ministry Appeal
 Second Collection April 30 Youth Ministry

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!

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SECOND COLLECTION

The 2nd collection next weekend supports our very own Youth Ministries programs here at St. Luke's. Since 1975 our parish has made outreach to youth a priority. In that time many hundreds of children, teens and young adults have encountered Christ in our parish community. Many have gone on to serve in dioceses throughout our country as youth ministers, catechism teachers, music directors, as well as Peace Corp volunteers, and even lay missionaries. Countless others continue to pass the Faith along to their children through their vocation as married couples. Your generous support will help us to continue reaching out, NOT to the 'Church of tomorrow,' but to the 'young Church of TODAY!'

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

This weekend, 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.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

GENERAL MEETING

... will be Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the **8TH GRADE CLASSROOM** and will feature a Mother's Day Theme. After the meeting members will recite the rosary for their mothers, both living and deceased. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray for the women in the world who mean so much to all of us.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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 today, 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 THIS Sunday to learn about the trip!

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Rice Bowl money will be collected this Sunday and next. There will be baskets at either side of the sanctuary where you may return Rice Bowls. Thank you.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Tuesday, April 25 – Confession & Adoration resumes

 Saturday, April 29 – Confession resumes



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

... continues through April 23 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. Everyone is welcome!

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.

MANY THANKS

God bless all our wonderful volunteer Churchkeepers; all the special helpers that came for the big Easter Church Cleanup and especially those who come every Saturday morning from 9 am - 11 am. We are blessed with a charitable community of servants for our St. Luke family.

MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER -



St. Luke's appreciates its volunteers! For those who are involved in any parish ministry, there will be a dinner in YOUR honor on Wednesday, May 3. Please RSVP to the leader of your organization or Laura in the office.

PRAYER VIGIL TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

If abortion is not "the business of government" why are taxpayers funding it? Join fellow Christians on the sidewalk in prayer on Friday, April 28 from 8 am - 10 am, 4555 Precissi Lane. People across the nation are participating in the Pro-Life Action League's 2nd annual call to defund Planned Parenthood with prayer and witness. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from taxpayers every year. With a prayerful, peaceful presence you can be a witness for Life! Questions, call/text Janelle at 209-518-2565 or visit: www.protestpp.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Stockton is looking for a communications coordinator. This position updates and maintains the diocesan website, diocesan Facebook page and databases, responds to inquiries, troubleshoots issues and interfaces with vendors, website software providers, and database developers and their help desks, assists the Bishop's Office in public media communications and relations. You may e-mail your resume to Linda at ldillen@stocktondiocese.org.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know? L,Sabian?There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexually abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church. A cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood, regardless of when the abuse occurred.

En la Iglesia Catolica no hay un plaza de prescripcion para remover del ministerio public a un clerigo que haya abusado sexualmente de un menor. Un clerigo contra quien existe un acto establecido, or admititido, de abuso sexual de un menor es removido permanentemente del sacerdocio, independientemente de cmindo haya ocurrido el abuse.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

De vez en cuando me siento en uno de los bancos durante una celebración litúrgica y debo confesar que me gusta sentarme hacia delante y fijarme en las personas que regresan de recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Sé todo lo que dicen los libros sobre esto, lo que me enseñaron mis maestros y lo que dicen los sacerdotes que he escuchado predicar. Todos dicen que se supone que estemos rezando en ese momento, pero yo no lo puedo evitar. Me gusta fijarme en la gente. Yo creo que tal vez a Dios pudiera gustarle tanto como a mí.

Cuando estoy sentado ahí fijándome en esas personas pienso que todos somos creyentes de una manera u otra. Jorge, que viene solo y sin su familia todas las semanas. Melisa, que coquetea con todos los chicos más de lo que debe y cuyos padres casi nunca se sonríen. Ese señor, que siempre baja sus ojos y alza sus manos. Inés, que ha estado cuidando de su mamá por más tiempo del que nadie en la iglesia pueda recordar y ahora a ella misma se le empieza a notar su edad. El chico desgarbado de la prepa, que debe jugar bien al baloncesto, porque es bien alto y lleva muy orondo la chamarra de su escuela con una letra grande. Arturo, cuya esposa acaba de morir. Y otros doscientos creyentes más. Todos están aquí cada domingo y todos son parte del Cuerpo de Cristo. Y también es por eso que yo soy creyente, porque ellos son creyentes; y la mayoría de las veces necesito que ellos crean para yo poder creer.

En el Evangelio de esta semana Tomás no podía ser creyente por sí mismo. Habiéndose perdido la reunión del domingo, no podía decir que sí sin ayuda. Pero una semana más tarde, cuando estaba allí con todos los demás, todo fue muy diferente para él. Es más, ese día se convirtió en creyente. Por eso es que me fijo en las personas que regresan de recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Ellas me hacen creyente.

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Whenever the length of the **Reflection** or bulletin prevents us running both the English and Spanish versions, one will appear in the bulletin, and the other on the website. They will be alternated in this regard. Due to the length of this Sunday's Reflection, the English version may be found on the website at: www.stlukestockton.us.