



## April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

Through the blood of Jesus we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

### Readings for May 7, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
Gospel John 10:1010



### MASS INTENTIONS – April 30 – May 6, 2017

6:30 AM	Thanksgiving – Nathaniel Rafanan	
7:30 AM	+ Joshua Aquino & Maria Bravo	
8:45 AM	+ Ernesto Macciardi	
10:15 AM	+ Rachaele Camilla Rocucci & St. Luke Parishioners	
11:45 AM	+ Efrain Rosas & Carolina Lopez	
1:15 PM	+ Isabel Gonzalez & Edgar Dario Arias	
5:30 PM	+ James William Smith	
Monday	6:45	+ Millie Marsiano & Della Elia
	8:30	+ Manuel Antaran
Tuesday	6:45	+ Valeriana Francisco
	8:30	+ John Tadeo
Wednesday	6:45	+ Jamie Herrera
	8:30	+ Maria Su
Thursday	6:45	+ Eufernia Bongaron
	8:30	Thanksgiving – Ana Nguyen
Friday	6:45	+ Douglas B. McGirr
	8:30	+ Teofilo Guting
Saturday	8:30	+ Martin Lisdale & Fausta Pilor
	5:30	+ Deacon Joe Artesi & Family



### DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Rodrigo Paz and Gregory Linayao who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.



### PLATE COLLECTIONS

April 23, 2017      \$ 9,470.<sup>00</sup>  
Bishop's Ministry Appeal      2,132.<sup>00</sup>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### May 7      Diocesan Assessment

If you have not already pledged to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal (different from the Diocesan Assessment), please consider doing so today. As of April 26, St. Luke's has received in one-time donations and pledges \$69,953 of our \$75,168 goal. Use the envelopes in the back of the church or in the pews to pledge today.

### SECOND COLLECTION – April 30, 2017

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection THIS 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!'

### ✓ SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Tuesday, May 9, there will be no confession or adoration as all the priests in the Stockton Diocese will be on a study retreat with the bishop.



### FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Thanks to the ICF #138 who manned the donation station last weekend and thanks to those generous individuals who donated lots of healthy food and/or monetary assistance. St. Luke's Preschool families will help with this ministry next month on May 20 & 21. The Food Pantry tells us that they especially need canned tomatoes and canned fruit, rice and beans.



### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The next general meeting of the ICF will be Thursday, May 11 in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom of the school. Mothers' Day will be celebrated by praying the rosary for our mothers, both living and deceased. We will join the Sacro Costato Sisters in the convent at 6 pm to pray the rosary, then dismiss to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for a general meeting. All are welcome to join us, you do NOT have to be Italian to come. Questions, contact Kathy at 609-1093.



### 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. The dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the gym, and is by reservation only.

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Visit our website often for news, information, and inspiration!

## **SACRO COSTATO LAY ASSOCIATION**

Join the S.C. Lay Association every first Friday of the month in the convent at 6 pm for prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Then join them every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 2 pm in the convent to learn more about the spirituality and charism of Father Eustachio Montemurro, Founder of the Missionary Sisters, on how to be a witness of God's love for all. In honor of the Blessed Mother during the month of May there will be a nightly rosary in the convent at 6 pm. For more information, call Alberta at 601-3298 or Rose Punzalan at 598-8280.

## **TREASURE HUNT**

### **St. Michael's Parish 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.

## **SUMMER FUTSAL CAMP**

*We Play*, one of the advertisers on our bulletin, and located at 3252 Tomahawk Drive in Stockton, is sponsoring a *Kick It Camp* for boys and girls ages 5 - 14. The camp will run Monday - Friday, June 12 - July 21, and children may come for half day or full day camp experiences. In addition to indoor soccer, there will be dodgeball, badminton, wiffleball, miniature golf, and basketball. Sibling, multi-week, and early registration discounts are available. For more detailed information, contact *We Play* at 937-0102 or visit their website at [www.weplay209.com](http://www.weplay209.com).



## **PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

Deacons John Ngo, Joseph Nguyen, and Tom Orlando will be ordained to the priesthood on May 20 at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of the Annunciation. All are welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of great joy for our entire diocese.



John Ngo

## **RICE BOWL COLLECTION**

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



*"We have treated the loss of our fetuses as a theoretical loss, a sad-but-necessary loss, as of civilians in wartime. We have not yet realized that the offspring lost are not the enemy's, nor our neighbor's, but our own. And it is not a loss of inert, amorphous tissue, but of a growing being unique in history."*

*Frederica Mathewes-Green, The Bitter Price of Choice*

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

Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh so briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sit with a friend at a noonday lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has grown and matured here; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos.

These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it's the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we'd like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?

I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn't much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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## **MARY GRAHAM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

... is sponsoring a Kids Art Auction on Wednesday, May 10 at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. 5:30 - 6:30 pm, hors-d'oeuvres, raffle, wine tasting; 7:00 pm Live Art Auction and dessert. Reservations are \$50 per person. For reservations or more information, please call Amber at 468-7635.