

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen to his voice and follow him.

Readings for May 14, 2017

1st Acts 6:1-7
 2nd 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Gospel John 14:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS – May 7 - 13, 2017

6:30 AM	+Reuben Tubera	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Samuel Hilow	
10:15 AM	+ Alfredo & Angie Flores	
11:45 AM	+ Sam Hilow	
1:15 PM	+ Inez, Edgar, Luis Hernandez	
5:30 PM	+ James William Smith	
Monday	6:45	+ Deacon Domingo T. Reyes
	8:30	+ Graciana & Mario Bartolome
Tuesday	6:45	+ Holy Souls
	8:30	+ Naty Dichupa
Wednesday	6:45	Special Intention – Sacro Costato Sisters
	8:30	+ Joe & Concha Garcia
Thursday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Souls of babies of miscarriages
Friday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	Thanksgiving – Tricia Canton
Saturday	8:30	+ Virginia Zarate
	5:30	Thanksgiving – town fiesta in Hindang Philippines and Jennifer Cruz



PLATE COLLECTIONS

April 30, 2017 \$ 10,556.⁰⁰
 Youth Ministry 2,905.⁰⁰

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 7 Diocesan Assessment
 May 14 St. Luke's School

The Diocesan Assessment is the management fee each parish must pay to the Diocese for administrative support. The second collection next weekend supports St. Luke School's general and scholarship funds.

SAN JOAQUIN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

... will be celebrating a Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 29 at 9 am in the Mausoleum, with Bishop Stephen Blaire presiding. Everyone is welcome to attend.

May 7 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

✓ SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Tuesday, May 9, there will be

no confession or adoration

as all priests in the Stockton Diocese will be on a study retreat with the bishop.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

St. Luke's Preschool families will man the donation station May 20 & 21. The Food Pantry tells us they especially need canned tomatoes, canned fruit, rice and beans. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. *Just a reminder* - food which has passed the expiration date must be **thrown away**. Please bring only freshly canned or boxed products for distribution to the needy. Thank you.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The next general meeting of the ICF will be Thursday, May 11 in the 8th 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 8th grade classroom for a general meeting. All are welcome to join us, you do NOT have to be Italian to come.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER –

Thanks to Lupe Reyes and Debbi Hatanaka for chairing the Ministry Appreciation Dinner, and to St. Luke's Church office staff for cooking and organizing the dinner. Most of all, thanks to the groups who minister to the people of the parish. We couldn't do it without you!

GET JUICED!!



St. Luke's RCIA is doing a fundraiser to support its faith formation program. For every \$10 donation you make, you get a \$35 Jamba Juice gift card. RCIA team members will be in front of the church after the 8:45, 10:15, and 11:45 am masses May 7, 14, & 21. Your support is appreciated.

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."
 ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta ~

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

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.



Tom Orlando

MARRIED COUPLES



Are you willing to spend a few minutes to find out about an experience that can make your good marriage even better? The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 15 – 16, 2017 in Manteca or September 29 – October 1 in Modesto. For more information visit the website at www.stocktonwwme.org or contact John & Angelica at applications@stocktonwwme.org or call 209-691-0603.

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 2nd 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Anthony's Church, Manteca is seeking a Music Director, responsible for coordinating all aspects of sacred music for masses, holy day, sacramental celebrations, funerals, and other events. Proficiency in piano and choral conducting and experience as a liturgical musician or director of liturgical music is preferred. This is primarily a full-time position. Interested candidates are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to St. Anthony's Church, Atten: Mary Ferreira, 505 E. North St., Manteca CA 95336 or e-mail mary@st-anthonys.org by Friday, May 26.

The Catholic School Office of the Diocese of Stockton is seeking a Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator. Please go to EdJoin to view the job description and to apply.

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/910387>.

Reflecting on God's Word

At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep recognized the shepherd's voice there was no mix-up with sheep that belonged to others.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home the difference between a good shepherd and a stranger. The good shepherd was concerned not only for the flock but for each sheep in it. He knew them and they knew him. "They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers" (John 10:5).

There are two words in Greek for "good"—*agathos* and *kalos*. *Agathos* refers to moral goodness, as in being a "good person." *Kalos* refers to being "good at" something. Certainly Jesus is the Good Shepherd in both senses, but the word used here is *kalos*, emphasizing his being "good at" shepherding.

Jesus knows his sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. He was willing to lay down his life for them. Most comforting of all, he came then and comes now so we might have life and have it more abundantly. This image challenges all who have been called to be shepherds in today's church, to be good shepherds and to be good at shepherding.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Al terminar el día los pastores traen a sus ovejas a un mismo redil guiándolas a través de una puerta que había sido custodiada durante la noche. Los pastores le ponían nombre a sus ovejas y las llamaban al amanecer, guiándolas de nuevo al pasto. Ya que las ovejas reconocían la voz de su pastor no se confundían con las ovejas que pertenecían a otros.

El que los pastores le dieran nombre a cada una de sus ovejas nos deja clara la diferencia entre un buen pastor y un extraño. El buen pastor se preocupaba no sólo de su rebaño en general, sino de cada oveja en particular. Ellas lo conocían a él y él las conocía a ellas. Las ovejas "nunca siguen a un extraño, sino que huyen de él, porque su voz les resulta desconocida" (Juan 10:5).

Existen dos palabras en griego para significar "bueno": *agathos* y *kalos*. *Agathos* se refiere a la bondad moral, como ser una "buena persona". *Kalos* quiere decir ser "bueno en" o "para" algo. Ciertamente Jesús es el Buen Pastor en ambos sentidos, pero la palabra que se usa aquí es *kalos*, a fin de enfatizar que él es "bueno para" pastorear.

Jesús conoce a sus ovejas por nombre, las dirige hacia un lugar seguro al caer la noche y las regresa al pasto. Él estuvo dispuesto a entregar su vida por ellas. Y lo más consolador es que vino entonces y viene ahora para darnos vida y vida en abundancia. Esta imagen nos desafía a todos los que hemos sido llamados a ser pastores en la Iglesia de hoy a ser buenos pastores y ser buenos para pastorear.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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