

**July 9, 2017**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

**Readings for July 16, 2017**

1<sup>st</sup>            Isaiah 55:10-11  
 2<sup>nd</sup>           Romans 8:18-23  
 Gospel       Matthew 13:1-23



**MASS INTENTIONS – July 9 - 15, 2017**

6:30 AM	Thanksgiving – Rubio & Corpuz Families	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke's Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Kathryn & Richard McGinnis	
10:15 AM	+ Joshua Aquino & Maria Bravo	
11:45 AM	+ Dr. Agustin & Ramon Ramirez	
1:15 PM	+ Jose & Maria Garcia; Concepcion Perez	
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving – Encarnacion Bactat	
Monday	8:30	+ Florina Torlai
Tuesday	8:30	+ Robert Madrid
Wednesday	8:30	Thanksgiving - Ron Pagal
Thursday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Anacleto Tubera
Friday	8:30	+ Martina Arzadon
Saturday	8:30	+ Rafael Franco
	5:30	+ Carolina & Alejandro Mendoza; Carmelita Velasco



**DEATHS**

Please pray for the soul of Titus Tabotabo and Maria del Carmen Caballero who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.



**PLATE COLLECTIONS**

June 25, 2017           \$    11,488.<sup>00</sup>  
 Diocesan Assessment       2,535.<sup>00</sup>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

❖ July 9, 2017    St. Luke's School

The second collection this weekend supports St. Luke's School. Half the collection goes into scholarships for students, the other half goes into the school general fund.

❖ July 15 – Bishop's Ministry Appeal

Helps to meet our obligation to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal, this year \$75, 168.

*Every child not allowed to be born, but unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, the Lord's face. Life is always, in all its phases and at any age, sacred.*  
 Pope Francis

**St. Luke's CYO Athletics**

Cross Country (XC) and  
 Girls Basketball

registration for the 2017-2018  
 season is now open at:

St. Luke's CYO Athletics Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/saintlukecyoathletics/>

St. Luke's CYO FaceBook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintLukeCYOathletics/>

Registration and uniform fees must be paid at one of our in-person registration sessions. Diocese Medical Release Form, Baptismal, and Birth records must be submitted either via e-mail or at one of our in-person registration sessions. There will be two in-person registration sessions:



**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

**10 am – 12 pm**

AND

**Thursday, July 20, 2017**

**6 pm – 7 pm**

Both registrations will be in front of St. Luke's Parish **Prendergast Gymnasium**.

The Diocese of Stockton Cross Country (XC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Invitational will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017. XC season will open the weekend of September 16, 2017. Girls Basketball season will open the weekend of September 9, 2017.

**Eligibility:** The athlete's family is registered as parishioners at St. Luke's Church. The athlete is enrolled in the parish school or CRE program. For more detailed information, please visit CYO Athletics at the above websites.

**FR. ALEX PACHECO CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

Fr. Alex Pacheco will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood next year, April 28, 2018. A book is being prepared for his family with well wishes and warm thoughts of him and how his ministry may have touched your life. A brief note, including a small photo would be great! Please send directly to Pat Mancebo, [pmancebo@clubztutoring.com](mailto:pmancebo@clubztutoring.com). Thank you on behalf of Fr. Alex!



**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

This month, July 15 & 16, the **Spanish-speaking families** of the parish will man the donation station collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the **Catholic Charities Food Pantry**. The Food Pantry tells us they especially need *canned tomatoes, canned fruit, rice and beans*. Thank you for your help.

[www.stlukestockton.us](http://www.stlukestockton.us)



## **CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The CRE office will be **CLOSED** during the month of July but will **reopen** on Monday, **August 7**, from 9 am – 12:00 pm and 2 – 4 pm.

## **MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD**

### **IS LOOKING A LITTLE BARE!!!**

**Salesian Summer Camp** begins THIS Monday and the 'snack cupboard' is looking quite bare. Your donations of any of the listed snack items below help us keep costs down for parish



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families wanting to provide a positive summer experience for their children.

We are especially in need of:

- **Individually wrapped fruit snacks,**
- **fruit cups and pudding cups,**
- **Oreos and/or fish crackers,**
- **individual size chip bags**

Please remember that some campers have severe food allergies. We cannot use food items that contain peanuts or other tree nuts. Call the Youth Office to arrange a drop off or pick-up, 942-1026. Your generosity is much appreciated!

## **"What am I going to do with my child ALL Summer?"**



Look no further: There's still room at **Salesian Summer Camp, July 10-28.**

Some spaces available for 1, 2, or all 3 weeks of camp = a lifetime of memories! (for children entering grades 1 – 8).

**Outdoor & indoor fun, arts & crafts, sports, field trips, swimming, PLUS faith-filled young adult counselors who teach our kids that there's JOY in knowing JESUS!**

**PICK UP YOUR INFO PACKET AND REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Call 942-1026 for questions.**

### **St. Luke Catholic Elementary School receives a Full Six Year Accreditation Status!!**

St. Luke School has just received a full six year accreditation status from the *Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)* and *Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WASC)* stating that our school is a highly effective institution! Congratulations to all our faculty, staff and shareholders who worked so hard these past years and their commitment to student learning. Please pass the word and spread the Good News as families in our community search for a wonderful school to send their children!

*John Rieschick, Principal*

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

When you think of a king coming before his people, the image of someone riding on a donkey does not come to mind. If the Lone Ranger had Silver and Roy Rogers had Trigger, a similar white stallion would seem most fitting for a king. Not an ass, even a purebred one. But this image from the prophet Zechariah is one that must have planted itself in the imagination of Jesus, for that is how he made his great entrance into Jerusalem and was greeted as the Messiah. It was not the entrance of a powerful warrior, but of a gentle king whose rule would bring peace to the nations.

I have sometimes regretted the loss of St. Christopher from the calendar of saints. That legendary saint, whose name means "Christ-bearer," signaled that the risen Lord had now chosen to be carried by his disciples. We bear him in our bodies, minds, and hearts. We bring him to the world when we work to bring peace and healing and knowledge of the Father.

This necessitates being willing to take on the yoke of Jesus. I remember once hearing that the yokes Jesus made in the carpenter shop under Joseph's guidance rode easily on the shoulders of the animals, distributing evenly the weight they pulled. The yoke Jesus offers us is his teaching about the kingdom of heaven and how to live in it while in the world. This means putting on his attitude and spirit of attentive listening for the will of the Father—home schooling in the best sense.

## **Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios**

Cuando uno se imagina a un rey que viaja para visitar a su pueblo nunca nos lo imaginamos montado en un burro. Si el Llanero Solitario tenía a Silver y Roy Rogers tenía a Trigger, un caballo blanco de paso fino sería lo más apropiado para un rey y no un burro, aunque éste fuese de purasangre. Pero esta imagen del profeta Zacarías debió haberse clavado en la imaginación de Jesús, pues así fue como hizo su entrada triunfal en Jerusalén donde lo recibieron como el Mesías. No fue la entrada de un guerrero poderoso, sino la de un rey amable, cuya ley traería la paz a las naciones.

Algunas veces me lamento de que se haya quitado a san Cristóbal del santoral católico. Ese santo legendario, cuyo nombre significa "el que lleva a Cristo consigo", decía que el Señor resucitado había querido que sus discípulos lo llevaran consigo. Lo llevamos en nuestro cuerpo, en nuestra mente y en nuestro corazón. Lo llevamos al mundo cuando trabajamos por la paz y la reconciliación, y para que llegue a conocer al Padre.

Esto necesita nuestra voluntad de cargar el yugo de Jesús. Recuerdo haber escuchado una vez que los yugos que Jesús hizo en la carpintería bajo el asesoramiento de José eran fáciles de colocar sobre el cuello de los animales, para distribuir equitativamente el peso que arrastraban. El yugo que nos ofrece Jesús es su enseñanza acerca del reino de los cielos y cómo vivir en ese reino mientras estamos en el mundo. Eso significa revestirnos de la actitud de Jesús y de su espíritu de escucha atenta para conocer la voluntad del Padre. Eso es aprender dentro de la misma familia.