

July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

Readings for July 23, 2017

1st Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 2nd Romans 8:26-27
 Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

MASS INTENTIONS – July 16 - 22, 2017

6:30 AM	+ Juan & Salvacion Corpuz	
7:30 AM	+ Meliton Rualizo & Pio Rualizo, Sr.	
8:45 AM	+ St. Luke's Parishioners	
10:15 AM	+ Richard & Kathryn McGinnis	
11:45 AM	Thanksgiving – Tricia Canton	
1:15 PM	Sp. Int. – Jess Lozano	
5:30 PM	+ Tom Farris	
Monday	8:30	+ Roque Almadrigo
Tuesday	8:30	+ Aletha Cook
Wednesday	8:30	+ Raul Zambrano
Thursday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Judith E. Suelto
Friday	8:30	+ Ken Volpi
Saturday	8:30	+ Eufernia Bongcaron
	5:30	+ Guglielmo & Emilia Ghiggeri



PLATE COLLECTIONS

July 9, 2017 \$ 11,488.⁰⁰
 School 2,535.⁰⁰

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 16, 2017 Bishop's Ministry Appeal

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

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL

... is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year in grades K – 8. Contact Business Manager, Danette Curtis, 209-464-0801 for information about how you can enroll your children for a comprehensive, Christ-centered Catholic education.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

Father Ric is holding a meeting for **ALL** pilgrims touring the Holy Land in the fall. The meeting will be Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the gym. This is an extremely *important meeting*, and all pilgrims should plan to attend. Father Ric is an experienced traveler and will give you information and instructions that will make your pilgrimage as stress and problem-free as possible. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



OPEN FORUM WITH BISHOP BLAIRE

St. Luke, Stockton
 Friday, August 18
 Social Hall from 7 – 8 pm

Bishop Blaire will conduct forums for discussion to answer questions and receive comments in parishes and schools where abuse is alleged to have occurred or where identified abusers served. Bishop Blaire welcomes these meetings which are part of the non-monetary settlement in the exit from bankruptcy. All known survivors of abuse in this parish or school or geographical area are invited to attend.

The full schedule of all meetings is available on the Diocesan website:

<https://stocktondiocese.org/schedule-of-parish-forums>.

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 session. Diocese Medical Release Form, Baptismal, and Birth records must be submitted either via e-mail or at our in-person registration sessions. The last in-person registration session is:



Thursday, July 20, 2017

6 pm – 7 pm

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

The Diocese of Stockton Cross Country (XC) 3rd 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 sites.

TUESDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

- There will be no confession or adoration on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

Please mark your calendars.





FOOD FOR FAMILIES

THIS weekend, 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.

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



Look no further: There's still room at **Salesian Summer Camp, July 17-28**.

Some spaces available for 1 or 2 weeks of camp. Summer Camp at St. Luke's = 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.

HUNGRY LITTLE CAMPERS

We still have 2 weeks left of Summer Camp, with lots of hungry little campers. Wow! Do they like to eat!!! Were still in need of morning and afternoon snack items! Snacks like:

- **Goldfish crackers**
- **Rice Krispie Treats**
- **Pudding cups**
- **Fruit roll ups and/or Fruit snack packs**

Please remember NO Peanut or other tree nuts!!!

Snack donations can be dropped off at the gym Mon-Fri anytime between 7:30 AM and 5 PM.

MARRIED COUPLES

When you care enough to give the very best – give yourself and your spouse a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next M.E. weekend is September 29 – October 1 in Modesto. For more information visit our website at www.stocktonwwme.org or contact John & Angelica at applications@stocktonwwme.org or call 209-691-0603.

Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. There may be legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not... with regard to abortion and euthanasia.

Pope Benedict XVI

As quoted by: brainyquote.com

Reflecting on God's Word

When we see the straight rows of crops growing tall and healthy at this time of year, we know that farmers plant very carefully to guarantee the highest yield. But that's not the way the farmer in today's parable plants. This farmer takes a big risk, it seems. Throwing seed around indiscriminately, some of it falls on the rocks, some on the road, some in the brambles, and, inevitably, some falls on good cultivated soil. Yet, even though many of the seeds die, this foolish farmer's crop yields a hundred times what was to be expected.

This is how God sows the Word. Like the seed, the Word of God is to be scattered indiscriminately over the whole earth, without regard to where the good soil is that can receive and nurture it. Even though the Word does not take root everywhere, Isaiah tells us "it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." And Paul reminds us that the whole world will "share in the glorious freedom of the children of God."

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Cuando vemos las hileras de cosecha que crecen saludablemente durante este tiempo del año sabemos que los sembradores siembran muy cuidadosamente a fin de garantizar la más alta producción. Pero ésa no es la manera en que siembra el sembrador de la parábola de hoy. Parece que este sembrador se arriesga bastante. Tira las semillas por todos lados e indistintamente; unas caen en terreno pedregoso, otras al borde del camino y aun otras entre la maleza, e inevitablemente algunas caen sobre tierra buena y cultivada. Y aunque muchas de las semillas mueren, la cosecha de este sembrador insensato produce cien veces lo que se esperaba.

Así es como Dios siembra la Palabra. Al igual que la semilla, la Palabra de Dios se esparce indistintamente por toda la tierra, sin considerar dónde está la tierra buena que puede recibirla y nutrirla. Aunque la Palabra no echa raíces en todo lugar Isaías nos dice que "no regresará a mí vacía, sino que cumplirá mi voluntad y llevará a cabo mi encargo". Y Pablo nos recuerda que el mundo entero va a "participar así en la gloriosa libertad de los hijos de Dios".

—Virginia Stillwell

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