

July 30, 2017
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The person of true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

Readings for August 6, 2017

1st Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14
2nd 2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel Matthew 17:1-9



MASS INTENTIONS – July 30, 2017

6:30 AM	Thanksgiving – Knights of Columbus	
7:30 AM	+ Freddie, Sabina, Bonifacio Refuerzo	
8:45 AM	Special Intention – Bishop Blaire	
10:15 AM	+ Joshua Aquino & Maria Bravo	
11:45 AM	+ St. Luke’s Parishioners	
1:15 PM	Special Intention – Edward Harmon IV	
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving – Encarnacion Bactat	
Monday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Jesseneil & Peter John Mandadero
Tuesday	8:30	+ Eufernia Bongcaron
Wednesday	8:30	+ Angel Compos, Jr. & Sr.
Thursday	8:30	+ Natividad P. Jimenez, Cornelio & Eustekia Paragoya
Friday	8:30	+ Tom & Kay Hatanaka
Saturday	8:30	+ Rick Alford, Jr.
	5:30	+ Deacon Joe Artesi & family



PLATE COLLECTIONS

July 23, 2017 \$ 9,177.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 30, 2017 Aged Salesians – Helps care for elderly priests and religious who are no longer able to work in ministry.

August 6, 2017 Diocesan Assessment – Helps pay the fee the Diocese charges each parish for ongoing managerial services.

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.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

... has just received a full six year accreditation status from the Western Catholic Educational Association and Western Association of Colleges and Schools 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 for 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



OPEN FORUM WITH BISHOP BLAIRE

Bishop Stephen 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 will be at St. Luke’s on Friday, August 18, from 7 – 8 pm in the Social Hall. 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. For a full schedule of meetings visit the Diocesan website: stocktondiocese.org/schedule-of-parish-forums.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption will be Tuesday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at:

6:45 am - 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

All Masses will be in English. There will be a collection taken on that day. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The CRE office will **reopen** on Monday, **August 7**, from 9 am – 12:00 pm and 2 – 4 pm and every Monday thereafter until the Festival. **After August 7**, call 462-0410 for information.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE FESTIVAL.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

“Do you love me? Feed my sheep...”



The **Children of God Prayer Group** will man the donation station the weekend of August 19 & 20. The Food Pantry tells us they especially need *canned tomatoes, canned fruit, rice and beans*. Pick up a couple extra cans of something each time you shop and bring them on the designated weekend. Thank you.

SACRO COSTATO LAY ASSOCIATION



Fr. Eustachio Montemurro

Join the S.C. Lay Association Friday, August 4 for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in the Convent at 6 pm. There is no meeting during the month of August. For more information, call Rose Punzalan at 598-8280 or Alberta Musgrove at 601-3298.

TROUBLED MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

Father Ric is holding a meeting for **ALL** pilgrims touring the Holy Land in the fall **THIS 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.



**Saturday, September 9 –
12 pm – 9 pm**
**Sunday, September 10 --
11 am – 8 pm**

St. Luke's needs

everyone's help to make the 2017 Festival the best one yet! **Sponsorships are the key** to a financially successful event. If you have not yet had the opportunity to become a sponsor, please consider making your donation today! You may use the convenient form in today's bulletin. The Country Store needs handmade items to stock its shelves, so crafters your artistic talent is needed! Calling God's gardeners - if you have a green thumb, plants make great prizes. And of course, we need helpers to set up the Festival and to work both days. See the flier in the bulletin for more information.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic, but never received first communion and/or confirmation? Are you married to a Catholic, and want to convert?



Do you have a child over the age of 8 who has not been baptized? Just curious and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Are Catholic but want a refresher course on your faith? RCIA will be holding registration sessions all the Sundays of August after the 8:45 am and 10:15 am masses in front of the church. Information and class schedules will be available at the table. Ready to take the plunge? Adults wanting to receive the sacraments should see Sr. Irma to set an appointment for an interview. Call Sister at 209-981-0837.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Mary's High School has an opening for an Advancement Operations Associate. Candidates must have strong analytical and data modeling skills and will provide administrative and database constitute management support to the Office of Advancement. For more information, please e-mail Greg Traverso, Director of Advancement at gtraverso@saintmaryshighschool.org.

Reflecting on God's Word

In his book *Live and Learn and Pass It On*, H. Jackson Brown, Jr. has published some lists of the lessons that people have learned in life. These contain one-liners that capture the wisdom gained by youngsters and oldsters through their everyday adventures. Clearly these sayings give expression to the voice of experience.

So why does it take so long to come upon such wisdom? Why can't it be issued to us when we're born? It would be so much easier. But that's not how it happens. The wisdom has to find us.

The reign of God, too, seems to find us rather than the other way around. At least that's what the Gospel this Sunday seems to suggest when it compares the reign of God to a treasure found buried in a field. Treasures tend to find us, sometimes even when we're actually searching for them, as in the Gospel's tale of the fine pearl. That's why Solomon needed to lean on God for some wisdom, because he couldn't come to it on his own. It's also why parents can't make their children believers, because faith finds us. In fact, some folks would suggest that most of the really valuable things we wait for are all part and parcel of God's reign, things like love or wisdom or the joy that comes with the perfect job or the child you've been waiting for. In one way or another, God's reign finds us.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

En su libro *Live and Learn and Pass It On (Difunde todo lo que vivas y aprendas, traducción libre)*, H. Jackson Brown, Jr. menciona ciertas lecciones que algunas personas han aprendido en la vida. Se trata de frases breves que captan la sabiduría adquirida por jóvenes y adultos a través de sus aventuras cotidianas. Estas máximas expresan claramente la voz de la experiencia.

¿Y por qué toma tanto tiempo toparse con tanta sabiduría? ¿Por qué no se nos concede al nacer? Sería todo mucho más fácil. Pero no es así como sucede. La sabiduría ha de encontrarnos a nosotros.

También el reino de Dios parece encontrarnos en vez de lo contrario. Al menos eso es lo que parece sugerir el Evangelio de este domingo al comparar el reino de Dios con un tesoro escondido en un campo. Los tesoros tienden a encontrarnos a nosotros y a veces hasta mientras estamos buscándolo, como en el relato del Evangelio sobre la perla fina. Por eso es que Salomón tuvo que apoyarse en Dios para recibir sabiduría, pues no podía adquirirla por sí mismo. Es por eso mismo que los padres no pueden hacer que sus hijos crean, pues es la fe la que nos encuentra a nosotros. De hecho hay quienes sugieren que la mayoría de las cosas valiosas que esperamos son partes integrales del reino de Dios; cosas tales como el amor y la sabiduría, o la alegría de un buen trabajo o del hijo afortunado. De una manera u otra el reino de Dios nos encuentra.

—Padre Joseph J. Jukialis
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