

September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Following the Lord will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

Readings for September 10, 2017

1st Ezekiel 33:7-9
 2nd Romans 13:8-10
 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20



MASS INTENTIONS – September 3-9-2017

6:30 AM	Special Intention - Bob Queirolo & Catalano Families	
7:30 AM	+ Antonio Alviar Medalla	
8:45 AM	+ St. Luke's Parishioners & Susan C. DeSilva	
10:15 AM	Thanksgiving – Viola Rael	
11:45 AM	+ Lorenzo & Miguel Simpao	
1:15 PM	+ Valentine Ramos	
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving – Encarnacion Bactat	
Monday	8:30	+ Jean Hirigoyen
Tuesday	6:45	Special Intention – Corpuz & Rubio Families
	8:30	+ Godofredo H. Bayani
Wednesday	6:45	+ Carlos Rivera
	8:30	+ Mary Crutchfield
Thursday	6:45	+ Vicente & Placida Rabang
	8:30	+ Albert Novo
Friday	8:30	+ Bernadette Diep
Saturday	8:30	+ Virgilio Manalili
	5:30	+ Vicente Cruz, Sr., Rosario & Exequiel Cruz

Please note:

There will be only one Mass, at 8:30 am, on Monday, September 4 and Friday, September 8.



PLATE COLLECTIONS

August 27, 2017 \$ 9,613.00
 Emergency Assistance 3,000.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 3, 2017 – *Diocesan Assessment* – Fee the Diocese charges each parish for administrative support.

September 10, 2017 – *St. Luke's School* – Half the proceeds go to fund scholarships for students; the other half goes into the school's general expense fund.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



The Filipino Catholic Families will man the Donation Station the weekend of September 16 & 17, collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Catholic Charities tells us they especially need canned fruit and canned tomatoes. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ARE YOU A DIVA?

DIVAS (*Divinely Inspired, Victorious, Altogether in Spirit*), is a new **ministry for women** at St. Luke's and is sponsoring a "Ladies' Night Out" on Friday, October 6, 2017.



The theme of the evening is: "**You Are Not Alone**". The evening will include music, worship, speakers, wine, coffee, and dessert. **Re-boot your spiritual life!** Mark your calendars now and plan to attend from 6 – 10 pm in St. Luke's Prendergast Gym. This is an 18 and over event, and a \$10 donation is requested to help cover the cost. Questions, contact Andrea at 209-609-6973.

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!



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

St. Luke's needs **everyone's** help!

Sponsorships are the key ...

... to a financially successful event. If you have not had the opportunity to become a sponsor, please consider making your donation today! Use the convenient form in the vestibule of the church.

THANK YOU -

... **TO ALL WHO HELPED AND ARE CONTINUING TO HELP WITH SET-UP** for the Festival. We greatly appreciate those coming out! Set-up continues each Saturday from 7 am – 3 pm. Doughnuts, coffee, and lunch are provided! Sign ups continue after each Mass this weekend for volunteers for the Festival. Come by at the front of the church to see which booths still need helpers and volunteers.

CAKE BOOTH



Chefs and Bakers – on your mark!! The Cake Booth needs donations of freshly baked items from pastry, muffins, cupcakes and pies to bread, nuts, cookies, candies – whatever your baked specialty is! Please bring your donations directly to the Cake Booth on Festival weekend, September 9 and 10. Thank you! Questions, please call Bernadette at 209-817-5943.

MASS & HEALING SERVICE

... will be held on Saturday, September 16 in Prendergast Gym. Prayer teams from the Children of God will be available to pray for anyone in need of physical, spiritual, emotional, or inner healing. Come and receive the healing touch of the Divine Physician, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Healing Service will be facilitated by Bob Canton. For information, call Linda at 466-5520.

BUEN DIA!

Hacemos la cordial invitación para el 17 de Septiembre del 2017 a la 1:15 pm a un misa especial de unción para los enfermos. La misa será oficiada por el Padre Miguel Gómez Ramírez de Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. Le extendemos la muy cordial bienvenida a la diócesis de Stockton por onceava vez. Cristo está con nosotros para oír nuestras peticiones y sanarnos así como cuando Lázaro después de estar muerto por cuatro días escucho los ruegos y Jesucristo lo resucito. Hoy Dios también nos hace la obra de la sanación por medio de nuestra fe.

CAMP CATERPILLAR

Hospice of San Joaquin is sponsoring **Camp Caterpillar** – a day camp experience for children in kindergarten through eighth grade who have had a loved one die within the last two years. Campers learn that they are not alone in their feelings of grief or their anxiety about the ways their lives have changed. The camp will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. To register, call Hospice at 957-3888 or visit their website at www.hospicesj.org. Registration closes September 15.



FESTIVAL GLASS PITCH

Over the years have you collected wine goblets, beer mugs, soda fountain glasses that are now over-crowding your cupboards??? You can recycle and re-gift them as a donation to the Glass Pitch booth. **Call Paul** in the parish **Youth Office, 942-1026**, to arrange a drop-off or pick-up.



FESTIVAL BASEBALL TOSS

Like baseball? We need workers in the Festival Baseball Toss Booth. Call Paul at the parish **Youth Office at 942-1026 for information** or to sign up.

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? Ready to take the plunge? Adults wanting to receive the sacraments should contact Sr. Irma at 209-981-0837 to set an appointment for an interview.



Reflecting on God's Word

The prophets often spoke bluntly, whether addressing the people or even God. Take Jeremiah today. He accuses God of seducing and overpowering him, making him speak a word that has led to his ridicule and persecution. He was even thrown down a cistern and left to die because of his preaching! Jeremiah confesses he has no choice in the matter. When he refuses to speak God's word, he experiences a fire burning in his heart, consuming his very bones.

The cost of drawing near to the living God can take us down a path we would rather not go. Peter saw this coming when Jesus began to speak of the suffering that lay ahead, instead of being the powerful Messiah people had been waiting for, who would cast down their enemies and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. Instead, Jesus spoke about taking up the cross, losing one's life, or, in Paul's words to the Romans, becoming "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." God's plan for us is the transformation and renewal of our minds according to the pattern of God's Son Jesus. This transformation comes about when we "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice," seeking to discern and do God's will as Jesus did. Such self-offering may lead to our following Jesus on the way: finding life by losing it for the sake of others, and coming to know the living God as purifying fire, life-giving water, and nourishing food for our spirit.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Los profetas frecuentemente hablaban sin rodeos, ya sea al dirigirse al pueblo o al mismo Dios. Consideremos hoy a Jeremías. Éste acusa a Dios de seducirlo, vencerlo y hacerlo pronunciar una palabra que le trajo insulto y persecución; ¡hasta lo arrojaron en un pozo para que muriera debido a lo que predicaba! Jeremías confiesa que no tiene otra opción, ya que cuando se niega a hablar la palabra de Dios experimenta un fuego ardiente en su corazón, que le consume hasta los mismos huesos.

El costo de acercarnos al Dios vivo nos pudiera llevar por un camino que no queramos tomar. Pedro vio esto venir cuando Jesús comenzó a hablar del sufrimiento que se avecinaba en vez de ser el Mesías poderoso que el pueblo había estado esperando, que vencería al enemigo y le restauraría a Israel los días gloriosos del rey David. En vez, Jesús habló de tomar la cruz, de perder la propia vida o, en las palabras de Pablo a los romanos, de ofrecerse "como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios".

El plan de Dios para nosotros es la transformación y renovación de nuestras mentes según el modelo de su Hijo Jesús. Esta transformación se da cuando nos ofrecemos "como sacrificio vivo" buscando discernir la voluntad de Dios y cumplirla tal como lo hizo Jesús. Ese ofrecimiento propio puede llevarnos a seguir el camino de Jesús: encontrar la vida al perderla por los demás, y llegar a conocer al Dios vivo como un fuego purificador, un manantial de agua viva y el alimento para nuestro espíritu.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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