

April 12, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

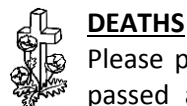
Readings for April 19, 2015

1st Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 2nd 1 John 2:1-5a
 Gospel Luke 24:34-48



MASS INTENTIONS April 12 - 18, 2015

6:30 AM	Asuncion B. Tiambeng	
7:30 AM	Maria Tran Dang & Giuse Nguyen Do	
8:45 AM	Rick Peters	
10:15 AM	Joshua Aquino & Maria Bravo	
11:45 AM	Michel Abdallah	
1:15 PM	St. Luke Parishioners	
5:30 PM	Silvio Marsiano	
Monday	6:45	Remedios Quidolit
	8:30	Carlo Rossi, Agostino, Adelina Delucchi
Tuesday	6:45	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	Juanito Echavez
Wednesday	6:45	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	Gregorio, Hilario, Catalina Delima
Thursday	6:45	Mr. & Mrs. David Goyette
	8:30	Inest Emilio Tecson, Sr.
Friday	6:45	Available
	8:30	John, Luisa, Frances Broussard
Saturday	8:30	Josephine Lopez
	5:30	Bounhang Keosoulinha



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Efren Madriaga who passed away this week. May God grant him eternal rest and bring consolation to his family.



EYE ON FINANCE Plate Collections

March 29, 2015	\$	11,566.00
April 5, 2015 (Easter)		20,203.00
Holy Thursday		2,513.00
Good Friday (Shrines of Holy Land)		2,790.00

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today is St. Luke Parish's subsidy to St. Luke School. Thank you for your continued generosity.

RICE BOWLS

There will be baskets in the sanctuary this weekend and next to collect Rice Bowls. **Please make checks** payable to St. Luke Church with "Rice Bowl" in the *Memo* line. Thanks for helping the "poorest of the poor."



FRUIT OF THE VINE

St. Luke Catholic Elementary School cordially invites you to attend the 2nd Annual

Fruit of the Vine: Food, Beer, & Wine Stroll

on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 6 – 10 pm on the St. Luke campus. This is a 21 and over event, and will feature fabulous live music, an array of restaurant and food vendors and offerings from local wineries and craft breweries. All funds raised will directly benefit the students of St. Luke School. Tickets NOW on sale for \$30 each. Contact the school office, 464-0801 for tickets or more information. To see current vendors, go to www.stlucstockton.com and click on *Fruit of the Vine: Food, Beer, and Wine Stroll*.



2015 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Father Ric Fernando will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Israel and Jordan from November 23 through December 4, 2015 (11 days; 10 nights). Sites include but are not limited to: Cesaria, Roman remains, Amphitheater and Aqueduct, Elijah's Cave, Mt. of Beatitudes, Holy Sepulcher, Jericho, and much, much more! Daily mass, and plenty of time for shopping! Call Mrs. Astrid Antaran, 478-4815 or 423-2601 or Father Ric at 948-3450 to book your reservation. Tickets are still available, but early booking is recommended.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held in St. Luke's Church, TODAY, Sunday, April 12. Gathering and sign-in will begin at 2:30 pm with Eucharistic Exposition, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction to follow at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

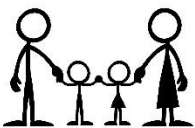
FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Next weekend, April 18 & 19, the Knights of Columbus are in the parking lot after all masses collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Remember to pick up an extra can or two of something each time you shop and bring them on that weekend. Your donations are much appreciated.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH -
HELP REDUCE ABUSE STATISTICS

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact **Linda Dillen, Benefits Manager & Diocesan Safe Environment Training Coordinator**, Diocese of Stockton, 209-466-0636.



FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Father Ric's Family Enrichment Program continues on Saturdays from 9 – 10:30 am in the School Library. On April 25 the topic will be, "*Partnership in Building a Christian Home.*" For more information, please contact Father Ric at 661-889-8482 or email at fric25@hotmail.com.



OR



WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED
FOR YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER?

It should include St. Luke Salesian
SUMMER CAMP !

For kids entering grades 1 – 8, June 22 – July 17.

Join us here at St. Luke's for 1, 2, 3, or all 4 weeks!

Early bird registration begins April 25. Call the St. Luke's Youth Office at 942-1026 for details!!

HOSPICE OF SAN JOAQUIN

... is offering a workshop, May 2 in Stockton from 9 am – 12 pm just for women who are grieving the loss of their mother. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling Bereavement Services at 957-3888.

HAS ABORTION LEFT YOU WITH A BROKEN HEART?



Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend offers a supportive, and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Women, men, and couples are encouraged to attend. The next weekend will be April 24-26, 2015. Space is limited. Sign up now! All inquiries are completely confidential. For retreat details contact: Kim Fuentes, 209-465-5433 or kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org.

Reflecting on God's Word

Can one "fathom" a mystery? "Fathom" derives from an Old English word meaning "outstretched arms;" eventually it referred to the length from fingertip to fingertip of arms opened wide. As a verb, it means to probe or penetrate in order to understand. Granting the impossibility of ever coming to fathom the Resurrection fully, I like the image of trying to reach out and put my arms around this great mystery—or, better yet, to have the risen Christ put his outstretched arms around me, drawing me into it more fully. Which brings us to Thomas. He is the original person who tried to fathom the risen Christ, insisting that if his friends in the upper room wanted him to believe what he could only think of as nonsense, he needed to touch the wounds of the risen Lord. Jesus didn't seem to have much of a problem letting him.

We never learn whether Thomas did touch Jesus or not, but every second Sunday of Easter we are told this story about Thomas and the risen Lord. It encourages us to fathom the mystery that is our faith, to learn to penetrate it by confessing Jesus as Lord and God, then allow this belief to flow out into our daily activities, reaching out to embrace others.

Don't you think when Thomas left the upper room that day he knew that the Resurrection was not something to keep to himself? That his whole being was filled with the warmth and light absorbed from being in the presence of the risen Lord? Is it possible that this can happen to us?

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

¿Podemos "entender" un misterio? Dada la imposibilidad de llegar jamás a entender del todo la Resurrección, lo más acertado es imaginarnos que extendemos nuestros brazos y abrazamos este gran misterio, o mejor aún, imaginarnos a Cristo resucitado abrazándonos y así acercarnos más a este misterio.

Esto nos lleva a Tomás, que fue la primera persona que trató de entender a Cristo resucitado, insistiendo que si sus amigos que estaban reunidos en esa casa querían que creyera en lo que él sólo podía concebir como una sandez, tenía que tocar las heridas del Señor resucitado. Tal parece que a Jesús eso no le pareció un problema.

Nunca hemos sabido si Tomás llegó a tocar las heridas de Jesús, pero en cada Segundo Domingo de Pascua se nos relata esta historia acerca de Tomás y el Señor resucitado, que nos da ánimo para valorar más el misterio de nuestra fe y aprender a profundizarlo al confesar que Jesús es Señor y Dios, y que esto que creemos se refleje en todas nuestras actividades diarias sobre todo en nuestro trato con los demás.

¿No crees que cuando Tomás salió de esa casa aquel día sabía que la Resurrección era algo que él no podía callar, y también que todo su ser se llenó de ardor y luz absorto por haber estado en la presencia del Señor resucitado? ¿Será posible que esto mismo nos suceda a nosotros?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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