

May 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love one another as Christ loves us!

Readings for May 17, 2015 – Feast of the Ascension

1 st	Acts 1:1-11
2 nd	Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark	16:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS May 10-16, 2015

6:30 AM	+ Asuncion B. Tiambeng	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Rick Peters	
10:15 AM	+ Michel Abdallah	
11:45 AM	+ Yvonne Jimenez	
1:15 PM	+ Inez, Luis, and Edgar Hernandez	
5:30 PM	+ Nemesio and Maria Murillo	
Monday	6:45	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – David Luu
	8:30	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – Mr. and Mrs. Geronimo Refuerzo & family
Tuesday	6:45	+ Jackie Arimboanga
	8:30	+ Felicisimo Acantilado
Wednesday	6:45	+ Agricula Galacio
	8:30	+ Carlo Rossi, Adelina, Agostino Delucchi
Thursday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	+ Amanda Argel
Friday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	+ Saturnino and Mercy Echavez
Saturday	8:30	+ Maria Le
	5:30	+ Tony and Edmund Zeiter



EYE ON FINANCE

Plate Collections

April 26, 2015	\$	10,626.00
May 3, 2015		11,912.00
Diocesan Assessment		2,510.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION

... this weekend supports St. Luke School. Until July, 2015, these funds are applied to the general fund. Beginning in July, however, one half of the school collection will go into the general fund, the other half will be used for scholarships for students. Thank you for your continued support. There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Charities.



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Miguel Bautista and Lilybeth T. Rosales who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.

Happy Birthday to Father Ric Fernando!!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

The Spanish-speaking choir is looking for singers and musicians to help with the Spanish liturgies. If you are able to help, please call Jose at 992-1278.



MAY FLOWER OFFERING

There will be a May flower offering at all masses during the month of May. The children of the parish are invited to bring flowers each week to place before our Blessed Mother. They will process to the altar during mass to make their offering. (Note: the church will not supply flowers – each family must bring their own from home.)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

PROVIDES HELP, CREATES HOPE

Catholic Charities Sunday is May 16-17. With increasingly distressing federal and state budget cuts, your help is vital in meeting the ongoing needs of the poor and vulnerable of our Community. 100% of your contribution to Catholic Charities stays within the Diocese of Stockton, last year providing services to over 29,000 clients. 6,625 were children between the ages of 1-18 years. 15,436 were adults between the ages of 18-64 years and 6,957 were seniors 65 years or older. Please pray for those who are most in need, and please plan to give as generously as possible to "Provide help for today and hope for tomorrow."



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN?

Catholic Charities is offering classes to help pass the citizenship test. Study English and Civics FREE. Classes meet on Monday & Wednesday from 6 – 9 pm in St. Luke School Room #5. For more information call Catholic Charities at 444-5910. Participants must bring permanent resident card to register.

SAN JOAQUIN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

... will be celebrating a Memorial Day mass on Monday, May 25, at 9 am in the Mausoleum. Msgr. Richard Ryan will preside. All are welcome to attend.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



The weekend of May 16 & 17, St. Luke Preschool families will be in the parking lot collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Remember to pick up an extra can or two of something each time you shop and bring them on May 16 & 17. Your donations are much appreciated.

GRACE OVERFLOWING

What a wonderful time of year. New and abundant life everywhere, especially in our Church and in the homes of all the children (and adults) who have recently received Sacraments. Easter Vigil, First Penance celebrations, First Communions, and Confirmations. Congratulations to all the young people (and the young at heart) who prepared sometimes up to two years to receive sacraments. Our thanks go out to all the dedicated catechists, assistants, parents, and sponsors, who shared their faith with those preparing for sacraments. Our thanks too, to all who helped make the various liturgies a beautiful expression of God's overflowing Grace.



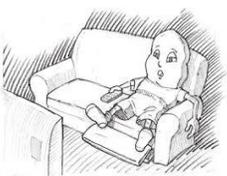
SUMMER RECESS

The Children's Religious Education Office will close for the summer on June 12, 2015.

Please be sure to pick up your Confirmation pictures and complete all business for the past year before June 12. The CRE Office will re-open Monday, August 10, and will be open on Mondays only thereafter until the Festival. Please call Sr. Odetta at 462-0410 if you have questions.

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

... will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 2 pm in the gym. Father Ramon will be the celebrant. Healing teams from the Children of God Prayer Group will be available to pray for anyone in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. For information, call Vivian at 477-1668.



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 has begun. Pick up Registration Packets from the Youth, School, or Parish Offices or call 942-1026 for details!!

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

May God's blessing be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere!

Reflecting on God's Word

As a nation, we are a mobile people. Not only do we travel around during vacations, for special events, and for visiting family and friends, but we readily move from one place to another for college, work, health reasons, and finally retirement. While previous generations usually stayed with one job and in one house for practically all of their lives, today it is common to move from one place to another, to a different state or even to a different country. This mobility carries over into our relationships. We can find that our lives take us from one set of friends to another, from one close relationship to another. So Jesus' admonition to remain in his love can sound quite challenging to people whose lives are characterized by change and impermanence. The word "remain" is sometimes translated as "abide." The meaning of this invitation is to "take up permanent residence." Last week Jesus called us to "remain" in his word; this week, to "remain in my love" (John 15:9). Jesus tells us how to do this (by keeping his commandments), why we should do this (so that his joy might be in us and our joy complete), what specifically we should do (love one another as I have loved you, that is, by laying down my life for you), and what is to be gained by doing this (an ongoing friendship with him that bears fruit and gains whatever we ask the Father in his name).

Not a bad exchange for settling down . . . in his love.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Como nación somos un pueblo en movimiento. No es que sólo viajemos durante las vacaciones y para visitar a familiares y amistades, sino que estamos dispuestos a mudarnos de un lugar a otro para ir a la universidad, para trabajar, por razones de salud y finalmente para nuestra jubilación. Mientras que generaciones anteriores normalmente permanecían en un solo trabajo y en una misma casa prácticamente por toda su vida, hoy es común mudarse de un lugar a otro, a un estado diferente y aun a otro país. Esta movilidad afecta nuestras relaciones llevándonos de un grupo de amigos hacia otro, de una relación íntima hacia otra. Es por eso que la amonestación de Jesús para que permanezcamos en su amor puede parecer como un gran reto para aquellas personas cuya vida se distingue por el cambio y la transitoriedad. La palabra "permanecer" a veces se traduce como algo "duradero". El significado de esta invitación es "quedarnos en una residencia duradera". La semana pasada Jesús nos exhortó a "permanecer" unidos en sus palabras; esta semana nos dice "permanezcan en mi amor" (Juan 15:9).

Jesús nos dice cómo hacer eso (cumpliendo sus mandamientos), por qué hacerlo (para participar en su alegría y que nuestra alegría sea completa), qué es lo que debemos hacer específicamente (amarnos los unos a los otros como él nos ha amado, esto es, que entregó su vida por mí y por ti) y qué ganamos por hacer esto (una amistad continua con él, la cual produce frutos y nos concede todo lo que pidamos al Padre en su nombre). Un intercambio bastante bueno por permanecer . . . en su amor.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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