

May 17, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord



Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit.

Readings for May 24, 2015

1st Acts 2:1-11
 2nd Galatians 5:16-25
 Gospel John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS May 17 - 23, 2015

6:30 AM	+ Herminio Bautista	
7:30 AM	+ Ariel Ortiz	
8:45 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
10:15 AM	+ Josefa Cruz, Francisco Cruz, Lisa Dozler	
11:45 AM	+ Agustin & Armando Ramirez	
1:15 PM	+ Souls in Purgatory	
5:30 PM	+ Paquita Tandoc	
Monday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	+ Josefa Cruz
Tuesday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – Prudencia Douwstra
Wednesday	6:45	+ Edwin Endow
	8:30	+ Sheila Palma Mallorca
Thursday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	+ Ken Volpi
Friday	6:45	+ Gaudencio Galacio
	8:30	Sp. Intention – Kevin Galela & Evangeline Cainap
Saturday	8:30	+ Frances, John, Luisa Broussard
	5:30	+ Mario Castillo



EYE ON FINANCE Plate Collections

May 3, 2015 \$ 11,912.00
 May 10, 2015 11,570.00
 St. Luke Parish provided St. Luke School with a cash subsidy of \$2,799 for the month of May.

THE SECOND COLLECTION

... this weekend supports Catholic Charities. There will be a second collection next weekend to support St. Luke Parish's Youth Ministries programs.

NEPAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE

The weekend of May 31, 2015, the St. Luke Emergency Assistance Fund collection will be sent to help the people of Nepal. Your sacrificial donations are much needed to provide medical supplies, food, and fresh water for the suffering people in this devastated part of our world. Thank you for your help.



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Anthony J. (Tony) Lombardi and Jeannie Gaea who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.

ST. LUKE *Coffee Shop*

Today (Sunday) is Fellowship Sunday so join the Knights of Columbus as they host the coffee and donut social after the 8:45 and 10:15 am masses. Greet old friends or make some new ones – everyone is welcome, and best of all the coffee and donuts are FREE!



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 SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Today our parish is participating in Catholic Charities Sunday. Catholic Charities is our church's outreach to the most vulnerable families in our community. Through your contribution to Catholic Charities, we will be able to provide services to over 29,000 people this year. Your help is needed more than ever. One hundred percent of your contribution stays in this community. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families served by Catholic Charities, thank you for providing "Help for Today and Creating Hope for Tomorrow."

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



This weekend, May 16 & 17, St. Luke Preschool families will be in the parking lot collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Your donations are much appreciated.

FAMILY RETREAT CAMP

Interested in bringing your family up to experience the beauty of nature at the Catholic Family Summer Retreat Camp? Want to play and pray as a family in God's Garden? Call Deacon Ben Joe at 209-957-1467 or e-mail CVSHFamilyCamp@gmail.com for more info.



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!!

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.

St. Luke’s CYO Scoreboard - May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2015

3rd/4th Grade Division

St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-Red 0
St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-White 1
Sacred Heart (T) 2 vs. St. Luke 0

5th/6th Grade Junior Division

Presentation-White 2 vs. St. Luke 0
St. Anthony-White 2 vs. St. Luke 1

7th/8th Grade Senior Division

St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-Red 0
St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-White 1
Sacred Heart (T) 2 vs. St. Luke 0

St. Luke CYO Athletics Scoreboard Weekend May 9, 2015 and May 10, 2015

3rd/4th Grade Division

St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-White 1
St. Anthony-Red 2 vs. St. Luke 1
Sacred Heart (T) 2 vs. St. Luke 0

5th/6th Grade Junior Division

St. Luke 2 vs. Sacred Heart (T) 1
St. Luke 2 vs. Sacred Heart (T) 0
St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anthony-White 1

7th/8th Grade Senior Division

St. Luke 2 vs. St. Anne 0
St. Luke 2 vs. St. George 0



Reflecting on God’s Word

These days most corporations and churches have vision and mission statements. Often they begin with a model vision that the institution strives to live up to. They go on to state what the institution seeks to do—how it puts its vision into practice. A parish vision and mission statement might say: “We are the Body of Christ. Utilizing the gifts of each member, we collaborate to bring more and more people into God’s kingdom of freedom, justice, holiness, and love.”

On this feast we are given the ultimate vision and mission statement for the Church. It goes something like this: Christ is now working with and for us “at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19). Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are to be Christ’s witnesses “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). We seek to do so by “proclaiming the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15) and “building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God” (Ephesians 4:12–13).

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

En la actualidad la mayoría de las empresas e Iglesias tienen declaraciones de visión y de misión. Con frecuencia comienzan con un modelo de visión que la institución se esfuerza en poner en práctica. Después declaran lo que la institución planea hacer, o sea, cómo pondrán la visión en práctica. La declaración de visión y misión de una parroquia pudiera decir así: “Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo. Utilizamos los dones de todos y cada uno de los miembros con el fin de contribuir a que más y más personas lleguen al reino de Dios, el reino de libertad, de justicia, de santidad y de amor”.

En esta fiesta se nos da la definitiva declaración de visión y misión de la Iglesia. Dice más o menos así: Cristo está ahora trabajando con nosotros y por nosotros “a la derecha de Dios” (Marcos 16, 19). Por el poder del Espíritu Santo tenemos que ser testigos “hasta los extremos de la tierra” (Hechos 1, 8). Lograremos esto proclamando “la buena noticia a toda criatura” (Marcos 16, 15) “y para la edificación del cuerpo de Cristo, hasta que llegemos todos a la unidad de la fe y del pleno conocimiento del Hijo de Dios” (Efesios 4, 12–13).

—Virginia Stillwell

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2015 PILGRIMAGE

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 to book your reservation.