

June 14, 2015

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

Readings for June 21, 2015

1st Job 38:1, 8-11
 2nd 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel Mark 4:35-41



MASS INTENTIONS June 14-20, 2015

6:30 AM	+ Herminio Bautista	
7:30 AM	+ Florentina & Agustin Julosan	
8:45 AM	+ Maria Le	
10:15 AM	+ Joel, Sabina, Bonifacio Refuerzo	
11:45 AM	+ Kristen Garcia	
1:15 PM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
5:30 PM	+ Mario Castillo & Gary Stockwell	
Monday	8:30	+ Alberto P. Palma
Tuesday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Julieta Galve
Wednesday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Cely Hilow
Thursday	8:30	+ Vicente & Cecilla Reclusado
Friday	8:30	+ Marina Mondroy
Saturday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Analisa Refuerzo
	5:30	+ Juan Castillo & Kenneth Stockwell



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Anthony Cassidy and Rodolfo Cabacungan who passed away recently.



EYE ON FINANCE Plate Collections

May 31, 2015	\$	10,356.00
June 7, 2015		10,619.00
Diocesan Assessment		2,234.00



SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection this weekend is St. Luke Parish's subsidy to St. Luke School. Next weekend there will be a special second collection to help St.

Luke's meet our obligation to the Diocese for the Bishop's Ministry Appeal. Thank you for your continuing support of St. Luke Parish.



MORNING MASS

Morning mass during the summer is at 8:30 am in the church. A great way to start the day!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



The weekend of June 20 & 21, the Filipino Catholic Families will man the donation station collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Remember to pick up an extra can of something each time you shop and bring it before mass on June 20 & 21.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A FOOD NETWORK STAR



St. Luke Salesian Summer Camp is looking for a few good adult volunteers to help us prepare and serve snacks and lunches for our Day Camp for kids at St. Luke's. If you need PPP hours for the school or just happen to have some free time during the summer, please call Paul ASAP at 942-1026.

ST. LUKE SALESIAN SUMMER CAMP

June 22 – July 17

1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks of fun for kids entering grades 1 – 8. Early bird registration is over but registrations are still open. Come by the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday during office hours to pick up the info-packet and registration material. It's not too late!

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

... will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 2 pm in the gym. 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 more information, call Vivian at 477-1668.



DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

This is an opportunity for people who suffer from depression to meet others like themselves and to have a safe place to discuss and help each other deal with their feelings. The group is held Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7 pm in the St. Anne Conference Room at Presentation Church. For more information please call Kathleen Smith at 470-4169.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

... are needed at St. Joseph's Medical Center. Volunteers are scheduled weekly. With a partner you can share the ministry twice a month. Please call Sister Katherine Hamilton, OP at 209-461-5112 for volunteer application and additional information.

ST MICHAEL CHURCH

... is looking for a Music Director. This is a permanent part-time position. Interested parties should FAX a resume to 931-3621.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE – PrayerCampaign.org

NOVENA PRAYER FOR FATHERS - June 13 – 21, 2015

Almighty God, you have taught us that you are the Father of us all, and that all fatherhood takes its origin from you. You protect us from evil and provide our daily bread. You are strength and integrity, blessing and the font of life. We thank you for our fathers. Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God. They are your gift to us.

We pray for all fathers today. May they realize the greatness of their vocation and have the strength to live it without fear. Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.

To those who still make this earthly journey with us, give us the grace to love them as we should, and to those whom you have called from this life, give a special place of honor in the heavenly kingdom with you, the Father of all.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are: **Oct 2-4, 2015 in Modesto, CA and Feb 12-14, 2016 in Modesto, CA.** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit the website at: <http://www.stocktonwwme.org> or contact **John & Angelica** at applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603.

FESTIVAL 2015 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Hard to believe, but our Festival is just around the corner and planning has begun! The Country Store will need handmade “craft-y” items to help stock its shelves. Also coffee mugs and an assortment of plants. Thanks for your help!

Congratulations to all promotees and graduates from both public and private schools including:

HERE'S THE SCOOP AT THE SCHOOL

Congratulations to our 2015 Graduates. May they find peace and happiness in their new journey:

Ariana Arceo, Angelo Bingham, Sean Engelmann, Eddie Franco, Abel Gallardo, Gabriella Gonzales, Marvin Hernandezgarcia, Vincent Hinayon, Thomas Hole, Leo Juanitas, Daniel Nguyen, Sophia Mendoza-Miguelino, Analisa Muniz, Dominic Rico, Samantha Rodriguez, Jacob Soria, Jonathan Semillo, Donald Wuellner, Daniel Zapien

Reflecting on God's Word

I watch most of the children in my three brothers' families growing into what is called “emerging adulthood.” It must be very difficult at times for parents, only being able to watch, hope, and pray as their children start to move away from home and begin to make their own way into the world. Will they be safe, make the right choices, be happy?

Making use of images from nature, scripture reminds us that God gives the growth, whether it is to mighty cedars springing from small shoots, ripened grain sprouting from the blade, or a fully grown mustard plant emerging from the tiniest of seeds to offer its large branches as housing for the birds. Such poetic language calls us to reflect on the mystery of the kingdom of God, whose seeds were found in the various covenants extended to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, and then fully enfolded in Jesus so many millennia ago. This kingdom continues to sprout in our day, often where least expected.

Sometimes it breaks through like a mighty cedar, but more often it is a quieter blossoming, suddenly emerging like stalks of grain, or the first signs of life carried in a mother's body. I am sure God has worried for all the children of every age who have filled the earth. The kingdom of life won by Christ continues to have the power to carry all God's sons and daughters into the loving arms of the God Jesus taught us to call Father.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Veo que la mayoría de los hijos en las familias de mis tres hermanos están llegando a esa etapa que algunos llaman la edad de “adultos emergentes”. Debe ser muy difícil a veces para los padres ver a sus hijos salir del hogar y comenzar su propio camino en el mundo; orar y esperar lo mejor para ellos es lo que hacen los padres en ese momento mientras se preguntan: ¿estarán seguros, harán decisiones correctas, serán felices?

Las Escrituras usan imágenes de la naturaleza para recordarnos que Dios da el crecimiento, ya sea a los magníficos cedros, que salen de pequeños retoños, a los granos maduros que brotan de la espiga o al arbusto que brota de una de las semillas más pequeñas y ofrece sus ramas para que los pájaros aniden en ellas.

Ese lenguaje tan poético nos pide reflexionar en el misterio del reino de Dios, cuyas semillas estaban en los varios pactos que se extendieron a Noé, Abraham, Moisés y David hace muchos milenios, y que después se encarnaron plenamente en Jesús. Este reino continúa brotando en nuestro tiempo, a menudo donde menos lo esperamos.

Algunas veces brota como un magnífico cedro, pero más a menudo florece de una manera más discreta y emerge de súbito como las espigas de los granos o como los primeros signos de vida en el seno de una madre. Estoy segura de que Dios se ha preocupado por todos sus hijos e hijas que han poblado la tierra en cada generación. El reino de la vida que Cristo ganó tiene el poder también hoy en día para llevar a todos los hijos e hijas de Dios hacia los brazos de este Dios que Jesús nos enseñó a llamar Padre.

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