

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.



Readings for April 5, 2015

- 1st Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 2nd Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Gospel John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35



MASS INTENTIONS March 29 – April 4, 2015

6:30 AM	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – Jaramillo & Fabay Families	
7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:45 AM	Babe Paul & Anna Bane	
10:15 AM	Joshua Aquino & Maria Bravo	
11:45 AM	Alexander & Vera S. Delacruz	
1:15 PM	Jorge & Elver Callejas & Sp. Intention - Gianluca Hernandez	
5:30 PM	Margaret Sager & Faustina Morales	
Monday	6:45	Special Intention – Sacro Costato Sisters
	8:30	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	6:45	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	Enrique Torres
Wednesday	6:45	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	USSC - Thanksgiving
Thursday*	7 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Friday**		No masses today.
Saturday*		
	8:30 pm	Luella Trindade

*Only one mass due to Holy Week.

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DEATHS



Please pray for the soul of Lanh Thach and Douglas McGirr who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.

EYE ON FINANCE



Plate Collections

March 15, 2015	\$	10,888.00
March 22, 2015		10,156.00
Quarterly Combined		2,605.00

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today supports the *St. Luke Emergency Assistance Fund*; next weekend will support the *Diocesan Assessment*. The Good Friday collection supports the maintenance of the *Shrines of the Holy Land*. Thank you for your continued generosity.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Thanks to St. Luke's Youth Group for manning the donation station last weekend collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. The weekend of April 18 & 19, the Knights of Columbus will help with this ministry. Remember to pick up an extra can or two of something each time you shop and bring them that weekend. Your donations are greatly needed and much appreciated.



SATURDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A very special Stations of the Cross will be held on Holy Saturday morning, April 4, at 10 am at the Mary Help of Christians Center, 7707 Murray Drive, Stockton. The whole parish is cordially invited to attend and pray the stations at the beautiful Vietnamese Center in North Stockton. Various parish groups will animate the prayer.



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.stlukestockton.com and click on *Fruit of the Vine: Food, Beer, and Wine Stroll*.

LUMPIA ORDER PICKUP

If you ordered lumpia from the RCIA fundraiser, please pick up your pre-ordered lumpia **THIS SUNDAY**, March 29, after masses. Thanks to the FCF for making all the lumpia and thanks to all who purchased them. YUMMO!

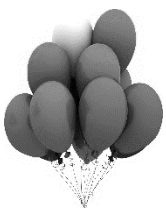
CYO SCOREBOARD



Junior Division: 5th and 6th Grade:
 Presentation-White 2 vs. St. Luke 0
 St. Luke 2 vs. Presentation-Green 0

Senior Division: 7th and 8th Grade:
 St. Luke 2 vs. Annunciation 0
 St. Luke 2 vs. St. Bernard 0

CELEBRATE!



The Children of God Prayer Group will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on Saturday, April 11 in the gym. As part of the celebration, a dinner, catered by Angelina's, will be served. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person. (Prepaid reservation is required.) There will be a concert, raffles, and entertainment. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Vivian at 477-1668.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

... beginning on Good Friday, April 3 at 1:30 pm in the church. The novena continues Saturday, April 4 through Saturday, April 11 at 3 pm. (No novena gathering on Easter Sunday.) All are invited to come.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held in St. Luke's Church, 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.

CUSTODIAL WORKERS WANTED

Wisdom Elite, LLC is a government contractor and is looking for custodial workers to fill long-term positions in the Stockton area. Duties include office bathroom cleaning/restocking, dusting, vacuuming, and mopping. Starting pay is \$17 per hour. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Tony Aparicio at 307-421-6251.

MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 2, 2015

7:00 PM – Multicultural mass

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 3, 2015

3:00 pm – English in the church

3:00 pm – Vietnamese at the Viet Center

6:00 pm – Spanish in the church

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 4, 2015

8:30 pm – Easter Vigil, English in the church

8:30 pm – Vietnamese at the Viet Center

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2015

6:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:15 am,

and 11:45 am – English

No 5:30 pm mass on Easter Sunday

7:30 am – Laotian

1:15 pm – Spanish

10:00 am – Vietnamese at the Viet Center



Reflecting on God's Word

Someone once told me that people come to church on Palm Sunday because they get something. But I like to think that palm says something they recognize as true.

"He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness," writes Paul, quoting the words of an early Christian hymn. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," follow soon after (Philippians 2:7, 8). Emptying and humbling are the two key words embracing the trajectory of the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: from incarnation to passion and death.

He poured himself out for us and for our salvation, certainly suffering physically—from the beating, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, being struck with a reed, spat upon, prodded, pushed, and stumbling up the hill to Golgotha. Then he was stretched out on a crossbeam, nailed to it, and lifted up, his body suspended between heaven and earth. Finally, he suffocated, unable to raise himself to take in more air.

There was also the inner suffering of abandonment, of seeing his disciples run off, of realizing that all those who had cried "Hosanna" a few days earlier had either been silent or had cried out, "Crucify him." Only the women had remained with him.

Today, when we take home a piece of palm, it invites us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter. Then we can add our voices to that solitary voice almost two millennia ago, saying, "Truly, this is the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Alguien me dijo que la gente viene a la iglesia el Domingo de Ramos porque les dan algo. Pero yo prefiero pensar que ese ramo representa algo real y verdadero para ellos.

"Se despojó de su grandeza, tomó la condición de esclavo y se hizo semejante a los hombres", escribe san Pablo, citando las palabras de un antiguo himno cristiano. Y casi inmediatamente después dice que Jesús "se humilló a sí mismo haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte" (Filipenses 2:7-8). Despojarse de su grandeza y humillarse son dos cosas que Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, hizo desde la encarnación hasta su pasión y muerte. Él ciertamente se entrega del todo por nosotros y por nuestra salvación: sufre físicamente a causa de ser golpeado, flagelado, coronado de espinas, agredido con una caña, escupido, torturado, empujado y cayéndose hasta llegar a la colina del Gólgota. Luego abrieron sus brazos sobre una cruz, lo clavaron y lo levantaron, quedando su cuerpo suspendido entre el cielo y la tierra. Finalmente murió sofocado por no poder subir su torso para tomar aire. También experimentó el sufrimiento interior del abandono, de ver a sus discípulos alejarse, de darse cuenta de que todos los que una vez habían clamado "Hosanna" unos pocos días antes o se habían quedado en silencio o habían gritado "crucifícalo". Solamente las mujeres habían permanecido con él. Hoy, la palma que nos llevamos a casa nos invita a prepararnos para renovar nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua. Entonces podremos juntar nuestras voces a aquella voz solitaria de hace casi dos milenios diciendo: "Verdaderamente este hombre era Hijo de Dios". (Marcos 15:39).