



May 3, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his name in our assembly of worship.

Readings for May 10, 2015

1st Acts 10:25-26, 34-35
 2nd 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel John 15:9-17



MASS INTENTIONS May 3 – 9, 2015

6:30 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
7:30 AM	+ Babe Paul & Anna Bane	
8:45 AM	+ Anh Su	
10:15 AM	+ Efrain A. Rosas	
11:45 AM	Gerard, as he joins the Air Force	
1:15 PM	+ John, Luisa, Francis Broussard	
5:30 PM	+ Nemesio & Maria Murillo	
Monday	6:45	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – David Luu
	8:30	+ Caridad Acantilado
Tuesday	6:45	+ John Tadeo
	8:30	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – Lariza Refuerzo
Wednesday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Reuben Tubera
Thursday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	+ Albert Novo
Friday	6:45	+ Souls in Purgatory
	8:30	<i>Thanksgiving</i> – George Douwstra
Saturday	8:30	+ Norma Virtucio
	5:30	+ Ester Castillo & Irene Stockwell



EYE ON FINANCE

Plate Collections

April 19, 2015 \$ 11,480.00
 April 26, 2015 10,626.00

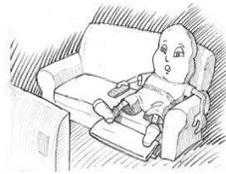
THE SECOND COLLECTION

... this weekend will be for the Diocesan Assessment. The Diocesan Assessment helps the parish pay the administrative fee charged to each parish by the Diocese. The second collection next weekend supports St. Luke School. Thank you for your continued support.



DEATHS

Please pray for the soul of Elizabeth DeAmicis and Monic Bacareza who passed away this week. May God grant them eternal rest and bring consolation to their families.



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 Office or call 942-1026 for details!!

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 PARTNERS WITH YOU TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Charities Sunday is May 17, 2015. For over 70 years Catholic Charities has provided social services to people of all ages, faith and ethnic groups in the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Mother Lode Counties. With your support and generous contribution on Catholic Charities Sunday, they can continue to serve the poor and vulnerable people of our communities. Catholic Charities provides services to the frail elderly, access to health insurance for families, low-cost legal immigration services, family counseling, parenting classes, youth engagement, prenatal care outreach, CalFresh and nutrition education, Food Bank, Veterans and families, homeless and at-risk women, Environmental Justice Project, and many others. One hundred percent of your contribution stays in our Diocesan community. Please plan to give generously.

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.

St. Luke's CYO Athletics Scoreboard Weekend

April 25 and 26:

3rd/4th Grade:

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

Junior Division:

St. Michael 2 vs. St. Luke 1
St. Bernard 2 vs. St. Luke 1
St. Luke 2 vs. Annunciation 0

Senior Division:

St. Luke 2 vs. St. George 0
St. Luke 2 vs. Annunciation 0



CATHOLIC FAMILY SUMMER CAMP

(Not to be confused with

St. Luke Salesian Summer Camp)

Bring your family up to experience the beauty of nature and spirit together at Catholic Family Summer Retreat Camp. Enjoy faith-filled time together at Golden Valley Camp in Volcano from July 9 – 12, 2015. All costs for camping, classes, activities, and meals are included in these reasonable rates:

Married couple:	\$220
Teens/young adults 13+	\$120
Ages 9-12:	\$100
Ages 4-8	\$ 90

Ages 3 and under are free.

Mostly tent camping will be available in the meadow, or bring your RV and grab one of three spots! You won't want to miss this opportunity to pray and play with your family. Call soon for a reservation form today before the camp is filled. Contact Tracy and Deacon Ben Joe and 209-957-1467, or e-mail to CVSHFamilyCamp@gmail.com for more information.

PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR

St. Mary's Parish Oakdale

Responsibilities include providing music for weekend liturgies, holydays, Holy Week, (and funerals when possible); directing adult choir; scheduling and training cantors and accompanists. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic or have knowledge and experience with Catholic liturgy; have strong organ/piano and vocal skills; and have a familiarity with both traditional and contemporary liturgical music. Interested candidates please email a cover letter and resume with references to stmaryoakdale@gmail.com

Reflecting on God's Word

Hearing Jesus' words, "I am the vine, you are the branches," sounds comforting at first. But then comes "and my Father is the vine grower" (John 15:1). The task of the vine grower is to prune and pruning can be tricky. The danger is cutting the main vine and not the branches, or cutting the branches that carry this year's fruit and not the old ones from last year. But Jesus tells us that it is the Father who is out there with the pruning shears, not some careless hired hand. He is cutting away the dead wood, and cutting back the good branches so they bear even more fruit.

Nevertheless, you might think, who wants to be pruned, even metaphorically? Who wants God snipping away? It's hard to be pruned. There is a dying in that. But that is the ongoing story of Easter: dying and rising, pruning and bearing more fruit. God is there pruning us to bring out life, to make us life bearers and life givers. The Father continues snipping away, separating us from our selfishness, our self-centeredness, and all those things we hold on to that do not give us life: resentments, old grievances, desires for getting even.

God is about life, committed to an abundance of life—not just life today but eternal life. That's the divine plan. Are we part of it?

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

En un principio las palabras de Jesús, "Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos" (Juan 15:5) resultan consoladoras. Pero también escuchamos estas otras: "y mi Padre es el viñador" (Juan 15:1). La tarea del viñador es podar y esto puede ser un asunto delicado. El peligro radica en cortar la vid y no las ramas, o cortar las ramas nuevas que darán las frutas este año en vez de las ramas del año pasado, que ya dieron su fruto. Pero Jesús nos dice que la podadora está en manos del Padre y no en las de un empleado descuidado. El Padre corta la madera podrida y poda las ramas buenas para que den aún más fruto.

Así y todo pudieras preguntarte que quién quisiera ser podado, aun metafóricamente. ¿Quién quiere que Dios ande recortando? Es difícil la experiencia de ser podado. De cierta manera se muere un poco en eso. Pero ésa es la historia constante de la Pascua: morir y resucitar, ser podado y dar más fruto. Dios anda por ahí podando para dar más vida, para que nuestra vida dé fruto y ofrezca frutos. El Padre sigue podando a fin de separarnos de nuestro ego, de nuestro egoísmo y de todas esas cosas que no nos permiten renacer a una vida nueva: resentimientos, querellas y deseos de venganza.

Dios es el Dios de la vida, de una vida en abundancia y no sólo de la vida presente, sino de la vida eterna. Ése es el plan divino. ¿Somos parte de ese plan?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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