



May 31, 2015 The Most Holy Trinity

We have been chosen as God's own and, through the Spirit, are able to call God "Abba". Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son.

Readings for June 7, 2015

1 st	Exodus 24:3-8
2 nd	Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



MASS INTENTIONS May 31 – June 6, 2015

6:30 AM	+ Robert Canero, Jr.	
7:30 AM	+ Souls in Purgatory	
8:45 AM	+ Metri and Najla Lutfi	
10:15 AM	+ St. Luke Parishioners	
11:45 AM	+ All Souls	
1:15 PM	Thanksgiving – Jen, Kaitlyn, Ted Tadena	
5:30 PM	+ Jerry Bactat	
Monday	6:45	+ Raquel Rosete Bayani
	8:30	Sp. Intention – Lorna Achilles
Tuesday	6:45	Sp. Intention – Lorna Achilles
	8:30	+ Francesco Donati
Wednesday	6:45	Sp. Intention - Allen
	8:30	+ Douglas McGirr
Thursday	6:45	Sp. Intention - Allen
	8:30	+ Delfin & Maria delo Santos
Friday	6:45	Sp. Intention – Barbara Anderson
	8:30	+ Felisa, Caludio, & Josefina Sia
Saturday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Adelaida & Adelle Aspurias
	5:30	Bounhang Keosoulinha



EYE ON FINANCE

Plate Collections

May 10, 2015	\$	11,570.00
May 17, 2015		8,920.00
Youth Ministries	Thank you!	2,837.00

NEPAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE

The Diocese is asking all parishes to help the people of Nepal; therefore, this weekend May 30 & 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will support the Diocesan Assessment. Thank you for your continuing support of St. Luke Parish.



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 discount ends June 4. Pick up Registration Packets from the Youth Office or Parish Office. Call the St. Luke's Youth Office at 942-1026 for details!!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF MSGR. ROBERT SILVA

... will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13 at Holy Cross Church in Linden. Mass is at 5 pm, dinner follows at 6:30 pm. Adults are \$25, children under 12, \$10. Reservations and payment are required by June 5. Please call Janice Columbini at 209-887-3341 for ticket information.

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 3-mail CVSHFamilyCamp@gmail.com for more info.

SUMMER RECESS FOR CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS ED (CRE)

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.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Thanks to St. Luke Preschool families for manning the donation station May 16 & 17 collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. On June 20 & 21, the Filipino Catholic Families will help with this ministry. Remember to pick up an extra can or two of something each time you shop and bring it before mass on that weekend. Baby food and baby items are helpful, too!

MORNING MASS

Our Salesian priests will continue to say mass in the morning at 6:45 am in the convent chapel June 1 – 5. After June 5, there will be no morning mass in the convent until school resumes in the fall. During the summer, morning mass will continue to be said in the church at 8:30 am Monday through Saturday. *Early convent chapel mass goes please make a note on your calendars!* Thank you.

FESTIVAL 2015 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Hard to believe, but our Festival is just around the corner and planning has begun! If you have crafting talent, please keep the Festival in mind during the long summer days. The Country Store will need handmade “craft-y” items to help stock their shelves. Also coffee mugs and an assortment of plants. Thanks for your help!



HAS ABORTION LEFT YOU WITH A BROKEN HEART?

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend offers a supportive and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Women, men, and couples are encouraged to attend. For information on dates and places, please contact Kim Fuentes at 465-5433 or e-mail at kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org. All inquiries are completely confidential.



PREGNANT? GO BEFORE YOU SHOW!

Catholic Charities offers prenatal care outreach for residents of San Joaquin County. They can help with assistance with applying for Medi-Cal or AIM; assistance with applying for SNAP (food stamps), nutrition classes, child passenger safety program (car seat class), and with referrals to other programs depending on need. For assistance, call 209-444-5934.

MOVING? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

We try to keep our database as up-to-date as possible, but we need your help. If you are registered in our parish and are planning to move, please let us know so we can change your address in our database. This helps us to keep returned mail to a minimum and keep postage costs down. Thank you.



Check the Diocese of Stockton's website at www.stocktondiocese.org for information about employment opportunities within the Stockton Diocese. Good benefits and retirement for full-time employees.

Reflecting on God's Word

It is not always easy to be family. Good parents, the old saying goes, give their children roots and wings, a sense of security and freedom to live their lives. But achieving such a balance is often accomplished only after years of working at it. Sometimes children feel smothered by their parents, that they are trying to control their lives; at other times, children feel neglected, that they are not important, even not loved.

The readings today remind us that God wishes us to know that we can find our roots in the divine love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that we can also find our freedom there. Paul's words to the Romans pick up first on the purpose of the gift of the Spirit that we celebrated last Sunday. The Spirit has been given us to lead us more deeply into the mystery of God, into the love of God, so that we recognize that we are God's beloved children.

This same message is found in Moses' words to the people as they are about to enter into the Promised Land. Has anyone ever had a God like our God? Moses marvels. Has any God ever shown a people how dear they are by such signs and wonders as our God has shown us? Moses is moving them to know who they are as God's beloved family and to “fix in your heart, that the LORD is God . . . and that there is no other” (Deuteronomy 4:39).

But we are not to stay all curled up in the divine embrace. We have been sent forth to proclaim to others this good news, to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We do this when we allow the Spirit to lead us, to guide us in witnessing to God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

No siempre es fácil ser parte de una familia. Dice una vieja máxima que los padres buenos le dan a sus hijos raíces y alas, o sea una sensación de seguridad y la libertad para que vivan su propia vida. Pero adquirir esa clase de equilibrio a veces conlleva años de esfuerzos. Algunas veces los hijos se sienten sofocados por sus padres y que éstos tratan de controlar su vida; otras veces los hijos se sienten abandonados, como que no son importantes y más aún, que no son amados.

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que Dios desea que sepamos que podemos encontrar nuestras raíces en el amor divino del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y que también ahí podemos encontrar nuestra libertad. Las palabras de Pablo a los romanos destacan primero el propósito del don del Espíritu, que celebramos el domingo pasado. Ese Espíritu nos ha sido dado con el propósito de llevarnos más hacia las profundidades del misterio de Dios y al amor de Dios a fin de que podamos reconocer que somos los amados hijos e hijas de Dios.

Este mismo mensaje se encuentra en las palabras que dirige Moisés al pueblo cuando se disponen a entrar en la tierra prometida. ¿Ha tenido alguien alguna vez un dios como nuestro Dios? Moisés se maravilla. ¿Ha habido algún dios que le demuestre el amor a su pueblo con los signos que Dios nos ha mostrado y los prodigios que nos ha hecho? Moisés los está llevando a conocer quiénes son ellos como familia de Dios y a reconocer que “el Señor es Dios . . . y de que no hay otro” (Deuteronomio 4:39).

Pero no por eso nos quedamos acurrucados en el abrazo divino. Hemos sido enviados a proclamarle a otras personas esta buena nueva, a ir y hacer “discípulos a todos los pueblos” (Mateo 28:19). Esto lo logramos cuando le permitimos al Espíritu dirigirnos y guiarnos en nuestro testimonio de Dios, que es Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

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