

**July 23, 2017**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together. The Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins.

**Readings for July 30, 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Romans 8:28-30  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52



**MASS INTENTIONS – July 23 - 29, 2017**

6:30 AM	+ Alfred & Louvigina Davini	
7:30 AM	+ St. Luke's Parishioners	
8:45 AM	+ Lorene Pizzo	
10:15 AM	Thanksgiving – Purita, Maritza, Analisa Refuerzo	
11:45 AM	Special Intention: Prima Baltazar	
1:15 PM	Special Blessing: Hector & Laura Rodriguez	
5:30 PM	+ Narcisco Yusi	
Monday	8:30	+ Mario Alviar Medalla
Tuesday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Ruth Pagal
Wednesday	8:30	Thanksgiving – Anna Alsisto
Thursday	8:30	+ Roque C. Almadrigo
Friday	8:30	+ Douglas B. McGirr
Saturday	8:30	+ Priscilla Galela
	5:30	+ Consolacion Mendoza, Corazon Barroa, Celedonia Santos



**PLATE COLLECTIONS**

July 16, 2017 \$ 8,748.<sup>00</sup>  
 Bishop's Ministry Appeal 1,581.<sup>00</sup>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**July 30, 2017** Aged Salesians – Helps care for elderly priests and religious who are no longer able to work in ministry.

**ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL**

... is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year in grades K – 8. Contact Business Manager, Danette Curtis, 209-464-0801 for information about how you can enroll your children for a comprehensive, Christ-centered Catholic education.

**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

... has just received a full six year accreditation status from the Western Catholic Educational Association and Western Association of Colleges and Schools stating that our school is a highly effective institution! Congratulations to all our faculty, staff, and shareholders who worked so hard these past years and for their commitment to student learning. Please pass the word and spread the Good News as families in our community search for a wonderful school to send their children!

*John Nieschick, Principal*



**OPEN FORUM WITH BISHOP BLAIRE**

Bishop Stephen Blaire will conduct forums for discussion to answer questions and receive comments in parishes and schools where abuse is alleged to have occurred or where identified abusers served. Bishop will be at St. Luke's on Friday, August 18, from 7 – 8 pm in the Social Hall. Bishop Blaire welcomes these meetings which are part of the non-monetary settlement in the exit from bankruptcy. All known survivors of abuse in this parish or school or geographical area are invited to attend. For a full schedule of meetings visit the Diocesan website: [stocktondiocese.org/schedule-of-parish-forums](http://stocktondiocese.org/schedule-of-parish-forums).

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

The Feast of the Assumption will be Tuesday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at:

**6:45 am - 8:30 am - 7:00 pm**

All Masses will be in English. There will be a collection taken on that day. Thank you for your support.



**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The CRE office will be **CLOSED** during the month of July but will **reopen** on Monday, **August 7**, from 9 am – 12:00 pm and 2 – 4 pm and every Monday thereafter until the Festival.

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE DURING THE FESTIVAL.**

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**



Thanks to the **Spanish-speaking families** of the parish who manned the donation station last weekend collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Next month, the **Children of God Prayer Group** will help with this ministry. The Food Pantry tells us they especially need *canned tomatoes, canned fruit, rice and beans*.

**HUNGRY LITTLE CAMPERS**

We still have 1 week left of Summer Camp, with lots of hungry little campers. Wow! Do they like to eat!!! We're still in need of morning and afternoon snack items! Snacks like:

- **Goldfish crackers**
- **Rice Krispie Treats**
- **Pudding cups**
- **Fruit roll ups and/or Fruit snack packs**

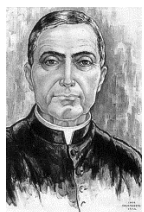
**Please remember NO Peanut or other tree nuts!!!**

Snack donations can be dropped off at the gym Mon-Fri anytime between 7:30 AM and 5 PM.



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## **SACRO COSTATO LAY ASSOCIATION**



Fr. Eustachio Montemurro

Join the S.C. Lay Association Friday, August 4 for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in the Convent at 6 pm. There is no meeting during the month of August. For more information, call Rose Punzalan at 598-8280 or Alberta Musgrove at 601-3298.

## **TROUBLED MARRIAGE? RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP.**



The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with post-weekend sessions. The program provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The program offers you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, call 800-470-2230 or visit their website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## **ST. LUKE'S FESTIVAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

**Saturday, September 9 -- 11am – 9 pm**

**Sunday, September 10 -- 12 pm – 8 pm**

St. Luke's needs everyone's help to make the 2017 Festival the best one yet! Sponsorships are the key to a financially successful event. If you have not yet had the opportunity to become a sponsor, please consider making your donation today! You may use the convenient form in today's bulletin. The Country Store needs handmade items to stock its shelves, so crafters your artistic talent is needed! Calling God's gardeners - if you have a green thumb, plants make great prizes. And of course, we need helpers to set up the Festival and to work both days.

## **MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2018**

The Mass Intention book is open for those wanting to schedule mass intentions for 2018.

### **HALL BOOKS - 2018**

Also, all parish groups should submit their requests for time in the hall books for 2018 soon. Outside groups have already been asking for time, and we want to make sure St. Luke's groups and organizations get scheduled before we open the books to others. For questions, please call Laura in the office at 209-948-3450.

## **ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. LUKE'S**

Looking for ways to simplify your busy back-to-school schedule? Try Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Look for the link on [www.stlukestockton.us](http://www.stlukestockton.us).

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites: truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God's exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God's justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus says God's active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion.

In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God's grace.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMS**

Father Ric is holding a meeting for **ALL** pilgrims touring the Holy Land in the fall. The meeting will be **NEXT SUNDAY**, July 30, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the gym. This is an extremely *important meeting*, and all pilgrims should plan to attend. Father Ric is an experienced traveler and will give you information and instructions that will make your pilgrimage as stress and problem-free as possible. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5