



SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Liturgies:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM (Español)

First Friday: 6:00 PM (followed by Confessions and Adoration until midnight)

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Friday- Office Closed

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

THANKS

Then Jesus took the
loaves, gave thanks, and
distributed them.

JOHN 6:11

17^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
LUNES, 18 DE JULIO 2021

GRACIAS

Enseguida tomó Jesús los panes, y
después de dar gracias a Dios, se
los fue repartiendo a los que se
habían sentado a comer.

JUAN 6, 11

Parish Staff

Msgr. Raphael Peprah	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Lito Magsombol	Deacon/Business Manager
Rose Marie Rivera	Admin. Assistant
Patty Trail	Pastoral Care
Ginny James	Religious Education
Marie Weber	Music Coordinator
Jean Malbas	Bookkeeper

Finance Council

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Regina Gomez	Flory Lizan
Bill Mackiewicz	Lina Valencia

Pastoral Council

Norman Wood - Chair

Michelle Holland	John Miller
Myrna Nario	Angel Rivera
Ferdinand Torres	Mavis Varella

Building Committee

Deacon Lito Magsombol	Chuck Eastman
Mark Libonate	Suzanne Rufh

Ministries

Altar Bread & Wine	Mary Marcelo	471-4736
Altar Servers	Suzanne Rufh	286-1512
Art & Environment	Fredilynn Lansangan	581-0794
Facility Coordinator	Chuck Eastman/	
	Mars Marcelo	471-4736
Eucharistic Ministers	Norman Wood	675-7504
Grounds Maintenance	Henry Kabigting	822-9693
Lectors	Francis Lansangan	348-6838
Linen Care	Myrna Nario	471-0628
Music	Marie Weber	479-9676
Offering Counters		427-5776
RCIA/ Rel. Education	Ginny James	406-0935
Social	Office	427-5776
Ushers/Greeters	Ryan Holland	427-5776
Youth Ministry	Jim Newsham	635-2582

Groups & Organizations

Alliance of the		
Two Hearts	Josie Dabu	420-3581
Eucharistic Adoration	Bene & Deacon Lito Magsombol	427-0606
Filipino Commission	Myrna Nario	471-0628
Grupo de Oracion	Julia Alcazar	822-4220
Knights of Columbus	Francis Lansangan	348-6838
Ladies Auxillary	Mavis Varella	271-8899
Women's Club	Lina Valencia	430-8298

Masses for the Week

Saturday, July 24	4:30 PM	Manny Nario (B'day)
		Lisa & Edgard Dabu (40th Annv.)
Sunday, July 25	9:00 AM LS	St. Luke Parishioners
		+Ariston Alvarez
	12:00 PM LS	+Ileen Joyce Gonzalez
Tuesday, July 27	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Wednesday, July 28	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
	6:00 PM	Fr. Edwin's Intentions
Thursday July 29	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Friday, July 30	9:00 AM	+Sr. Ellen Tal Placido
Saturday, July 31	4:30 PM	Peter Nario (B'day)

Sacrament of Baptism - Parents must be members of the parish and attend a preparation class required prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Classes Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics. Baptisms are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month in English, and the 4th Saturday of the month, except during Advent and Lent.

Sponsor Letters - A letter to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered members of St. Luke Parish who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly. If they have children, their children must attend Religious Education classes or a Catholic School. If Married, the marriage must be in conformity with the regulations of the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage - Couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church are asked to notify the Pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - by appointment by calling the office, and Wednesday evening at 4-5:30PM.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family members are ill or facing surgery and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office prior to the day of the procedure or surgery or when they are in the hospital for an illness.

Pastoral Care Ministers visit community members who are unable to attend Liturgy due to illness or advanced age. Taking the Eucharist to those hospitalized or homebound is a key part of this ministry. Contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Rosary - The rosary is prayed Tuesday thru Thursday after the 8AM Communion Service or Mass on Wednesdays

Contact Info

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"For thus says the LORD,
 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over,'"

PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
(Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

GOSPEL:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

GOSPEL READING

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?



We have a new fundraiser to help us realize our goal of completing the building project here at St. Luke. GiveSendGo.com is a place for everyone to fund hope. A place to pray and connect with the body of Christ around the world. A place not only to raise money but a place for givers, senders and goers to work together to be the light of the world. This is a site that crowds could come together and support others in their endeavors. This is a way to encourage our family, friends, coworkers, Facebook friends, twitter followers, acquaintances and more to help us. They don't need to give a large sum of money, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or what ever they can afford.

You can email the link <https://www.givesendgo.com/helpstlukebuild> to anyone and everyone you have on your email list, post it on Facebook for all your Facebook friends to see and then ask them to share it to their friends. If you have any questions you can contact Norman Wood.

Tenemos una nueva recaudación de fondos para ayudarnos a realizar nuestro objetivo de completar el proyecto de construcción aquí en San Lucas. GiveSendGo.com es un lugar para que todos financien la esperanza. Un lugar para orar y conectarse con el cuerpo de Cristo en todo el mundo. Un lugar no solo para recaudar dinero, sino un lugar para que los donantes, los remitentes y los asistentes trabajen juntos para ser la luz del mundo. Este es un sitio en el que las multitudes podrían unirse y apoyar a otros en sus esfuerzos. Esta es una forma de animar a nuestra familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo, amigos de Facebook, seguidores de Twitter, conocidos y más a que nos ayuden. No necesitan dar una gran suma de dinero, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 o lo que puedan pagar.

Puede enviar por correo electrónico al enlace <https://www.givesendgo.com/helpstlukebuild> a cualquier persona que tenga en su lista de correo electrónico, publicarlo en Facebook para que lo vean todos sus amigos de Facebook y luego pedirles que lo compartan con sus amigos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con Norman Wood.

Norman (Woody) Wood
757-675-7504 or wnzmmrw@gmail.com

RAFFLE

"On July 10th through October 10th, St. Luke will be selling Raffle Tickets for a cash prize drawing. The tickets will be \$20.00 each, with 3 cash prizes of \$2,500; \$1,000; and \$500.

There will also be a \$250 prize for the parishioner that sells the most tickets. Tickets will be sold during each Mass throughout the 3-month period.

If you are interested in selling tickets, please see Norm Wood (Woody) after Mass."

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
BUILDING FUND CASH RAFFLE
OUR GOAL \$40,000

TICKET PRICES: \$20.00
1st PRIZE: CASH \$2,500
2nd PRIZE: CASH \$1,000
3rd PRIZE: CASH \$500

DRAWING DATE:
OCTOBER 10, 2017
ST. LUKE CHURCH
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CONTACT INFO:
Norm Wood (Woody)
757-675-7504

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
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Please Order Now!

Adults and children sizes available. Royal Blue Tshirt with white logo and White Tshirt with blue logo for \$15-\$20 and Collared Shirts \$25-\$28.

The Women's Club are taking orders. Please turn in your order in with your payment. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.



Vacation Bible School

**Note the Change of Date **

**Tenga en cuenta el cambio de fecha **

August 1 – 5
Sunday – Thursday
6:30 – 8:30

Cost \$25.00 for 1 child; \$15.00 for additional child and \$50 for family of 3 or more.

Costo \$25.00 para 1 niño; \$15.00 para niños adicionales y \$50 para familias de 3 o más.

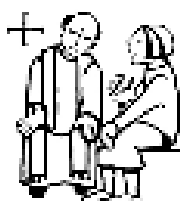
This accommodates the August 6, First Friday Liturgy

Esto acomoda la liturgia del primer viernes del 6 de agosto

First Friday / Primer Viernes del Mes



We will re-start our First Friday Mass on
Friday, August 6th.



Mass will be at 6pm followed by
Confessions and
Adoration until 12 Midnight



PARISH COOKBOOK

St. Luke's fundraising team is looking to create a "St. Luke Parish Cookbook" using recipes you provide. We are looking for family recipes, not from the Internet or other cookbooks as we don't want to violate copyright laws. The size will be 8.5x11 inch and will contain your recipe(s) as well as pictures, if you have them. Before we can start, we need to know if you are interested in providing one or more recipe. The book will be separated by appetizers, soups, meats, desserts, salads, etc., and we will provide recipes in English, Filipino, and Spanish, if received that way. If you are interested, please send Norm Wood an email at wanzmmrw@gmail.com, and he will send the specifics.



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July 25 2021

17th Sunday of Ordinary time



Please pray for: John Miller, Lily Murray, Mike Scheier, Katherine L. Maderos, Jordan Pfohl, Denise Diver, Amy Kabigting, Jude Luke, Wanda Corley, Ace Flores, Mike Zueger, George Daria, Roger Carranza, Chris Kohan, Fr. Brian Rafferty, John Richardson, Gayle Coxford, Robert Trail, Bret Schonecker, John Viola, Rodolfo Sevilla, Daisy Richardson, Nancy Hugland, Shirley Ehrstein, Filomenia Germeria, Gary Gabor, Patricia Martin, Paula Krug, Jack Rolo, Jess Dabu, Angie Haddock, Paul Hipolito, Maria Torres, Nicanor Parocha Jr., Rey Lizan, Jessica Raymond, Marcelina Callanta, Tito Torres, Rosario Rogando, Ligia Chacon, GT Trentini, Jeanne Morris, Michael Lynn, Ann Miller, Christina Loftis, Cora Magbanua, Vivian Rodriguez, Anthony Martinez, Lucas Thorpe, Wilfredo Rodriguez Segovia, Cathy Molton, Erwin Arellano, Bill Elings, Joel Rivera, Irving Ferguson, Rick Carmazino, Karen Schachtner, Mary Ann Lee, Kellyn Schachtner, Ricky Muiño, Angelito Valencia, Karen Christensen, Richard Wengle, Sharon Costa, Devon Calwell, Marilou DeLeon, Cynthia Long, David Rose, Teresita L. Sevilla, Irene Gonzalez,

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer, please call the office

Financial Report Data from July 18 (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Regular Offertory

Regular Collection	\$ 3,767	
E-Giving	\$ 4,565	
Total		\$ 8,432

Building Fund

Regular Collection	\$ 1,575	
E-Giving	\$ 1,312	
Total		\$ 2,887

Building Fund Fundraising

Tiles & Bricks (Regular & e-giving)	\$ 2,250
Donation	\$ 100
Jewelry	\$ 55
Pen Sales	\$ 20
Raffle Tickets	\$ 420

St. Luke Sanctuary Lamp **July 25 - August 1**

**For improved health of
Christina James**



BUILDING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

We will be having a monthly second collection
for the Building Fund
on the **first weekend** of each month

Upcoming Second Collections

August 1, 2021	Monthly Building Fund
Sept 5, 2021	Monthly Building Fund
Sept 26, 2021	Retired Religious
October 3, 2021	Monthly Building Fund



We will LIVE-STREAM our
Sunday Masses at 9AM & 12PM
St Luke Va Beach
Live on FB / En Vivo en FB



Thank you to everyone who signed up so far for Parish Giving. Your donations are greatly appreciated as always. We would like to ask those who have not signed up to please consider doing so, otherwise we appreciate your regular donations either by envelope or mail.



Saturday Morning Church Cleaning

Join us on Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM as we
join together and Clean the Church for the
Weekend Liturgies

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

He answers all our needs.

Psalm 145



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough

money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WE ARE CONSIDERING HOMESCHOOLING OUR CHILDREN. DOES THIS PRESENT A PROBLEM WHEN IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS? WHAT MUST WE DO?

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes,

and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is



to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion,

wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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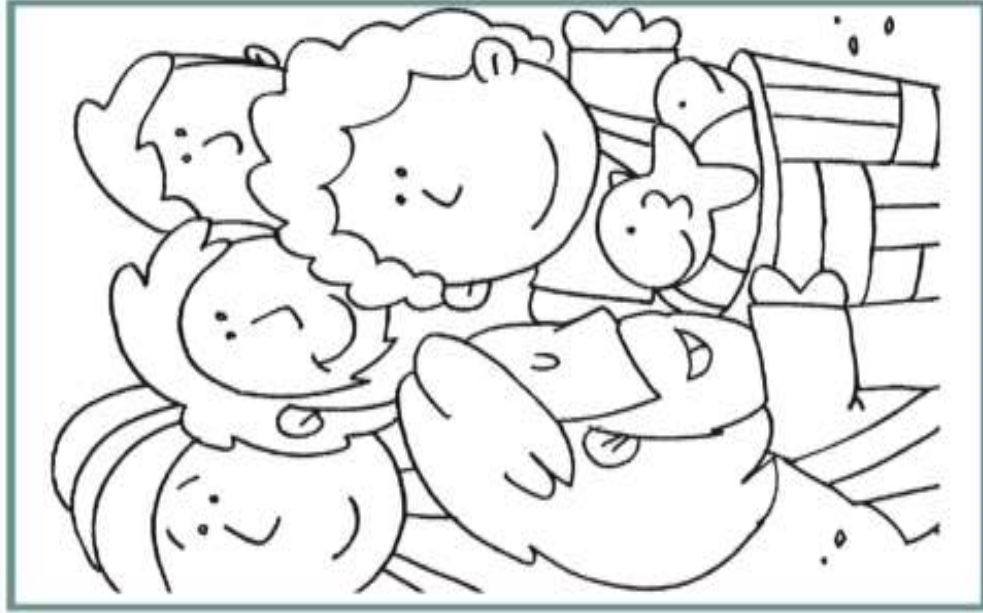
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Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR

Puzzle

There are a lot of loaves and fish.
How many fish can you count?



Your mother sends you to sell two fish and five loaves of bread at the market. Jesus and a crowd walk by you. You see love in the eyes of Jesus as he heals people. Then you forget about selling your food and follow him. Jesus says, "Treat others as you like to be treated." Everyone gets hungry. Then Jesus asks for food. You say, "Here, Lord. I will share with you and your people."

PRAYER

Lord, help me share what I have.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Share two cans of fish and five bags of flour with needy.



Contactos del Ministerio Hispano

Pastor:	Msgr. Raphael Peprah
Capellán:	Rev. Edwin Montañez
Diácono:	Rev. Mr. Lito Magsombol
Coordinador:	
Vice-Coordinador:	Angel Rivera
Lectores:	Ángel Rivera
Ministros de Eucaristía:	Mike Rivera
Visita a los Enfermos:	Ángel y Marta Rivera
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Ministerio de Arte y medioambiente:	Julia Alcázar
Ministerio de los Jardines:	Marcial Meza
Servidores del Altar	Salvador Guardado
Ministerio de Familias :	
Grupos de Oración:	Julia Alcazar
Ministerio Social:	Alicia Guardado, Mirna Arevalo e Irene Gonzalez

Bautizos para infantes: Los requisitos para bautizar niños menores de 7 años son: que los padres estén inscritos en la Iglesia, asistan a la misa dominical, completen la solicitud de bautismo y que asistan a la clase requerida, 1 mes antes del bautizo. También es necesario que los padrinos sean católicos. Para más información comunicarse con la oficina ó vea el formulario.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted o un miembro de su familia está enfermo o va a tener una operación quirúrgica y desea ser ungido, por favor contáctarse con la oficina. Si no es una emergencia, por favor hágalo antes de ir al hospital. El sacerdote hará la unción en la capilla, después de la misa.

Matrimonios: Se requiere que las parejas que planean contraer matrimonio notifiquen al párroco por lo menos 6 meses antes de la celebración del sacramento y antes de haber decidido la fecha de la celebración.

Horario de clases de formación religiosa:

Grados de Kinder a 8vo, lunes de 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm.

Grados de 9 al 12, domingos de 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm.

Confesiones: Se puede confesar el primer viernes de cada mes después de la misa de la 7:00 p.m. ó por cita. Los miércoles de 4:30pm 6:00pm con Pd. Edwin.

Inscribase en nuestra parroquia: Si asiste a misa en San Lucas es muy importante que se haga miembro oficial de nuestra iglesia. Los formularios están disponibles a la entrada de la Iglesia.

BAUTIZOS en Español son los cuartos (4) sábados del

mes a las 11:30am. Por favor llegue a mas tardar a las 11:15am.

Las clases serán lunes 12 y 19 de Julio a las 6pm. Necesita completar la aplicación de bautismo. Inscribirse para las clases por lo menos seis (6) semanas antes del bautizo. EL PROXIMO BAUTIZO será el 07 o 28 de agosto, para las personas que ya han tomado las clases.

Para mas información llame a la oficina ó contactarse con Carmen Alicea Providencia Acevedo.

DONACIÓN ELECTRÓNICA (On line)

Vaya a nuestra página web ó InOurParish App, Busca el logo Parish Giving y siga las instrucciones. Si necesita ayuda llame a la oficina en hora de oficina. **Gracias por su apoyo y generosidad!!**



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo: 2 Reyes 4: 42-44; Efesios 4:1-6; Juan 6:1-15

Lunes: Exodo 32:15-24,30-34; Mateo 13:31-35

Martes: Exodo 33:7-11, 34:5-9,28; Mateo 13:36-43

Miércoles: Exodo 34:29-35, ; Mateo 13: 44:46

Jueves: Exodo 40: 16-21,34-38; Mt 13: 47-53

Viernes: Levítico 23:1,4-11, 15-16, 27,34-37; Mateo 13:44-46

Sábado: Levítico 25:1,8-17; Mateo 14:1-12

Domingo siguiente: Exodo 16:2-4,12-15; Efesios 4:1-6; Juan 6:1-15

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -

ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

25 de julio de 2021 / 17º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

A partir de hoy, durante varios domingos, las lecturas del Evangelio no se tomarán de San Marcos sino del capítulo 6 de San Juan., en el cual podremos escuchar sobre el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes. Las gentes que acudieron al encuentro de Jesús y sus enseñanzas sintieron hambre. El Evangelio nos dice que, Jesús, pues, levantó los ojos y, al ver el numeroso gentío que acudía a él, dijo a Felipe: *“¿Dónde iremos a comprar pan para que coma esa gente?” (Juan 6:5)*. Enseguida, viene el diálogo de pregunta y respuesta entre Jesús y Felipe. Andrés se dio cuenta que un muchacho traía cinco panes de cebada y dos pescados. Pero, ¿qué es esto para tanta gente? Jesús dijo: *“Hagan que se sienta la gente (Juan 6:10)*. Enseguida, Jesús dio las gracias y repartió el pan entre los que estaban sentados. Lo mismo hizo con los pescados.

El milagro vino, todos comieron hasta saciarse y recogieron todavía doce canastas con lo que había quedado. Jesús es el Pan de Vida que se da como alimento para nuestra jornada. El Papa Francisco nos dice: *“¡La multiplicación de los panes y de los peces es un signo del gran don que el Padre ha hecho a la humanidad: es Jesús mismo! El, verdadero pan de vida, quiere saciar no solamente los cuerpos sino también las almas. --- El Señor nos invita a no olvidar que, si es necesario preocuparse por el pan, todavía más importante es cultivar la relación con él, reforzar nuestra fe en él, que es el pan de vida, venido para saciar nuestra hambre de verdad, nuestra hambre de justicia, nuestra hambre de amor. (8/5/2018)*. Y durante este tiempo de pandemia, nuestra necesidad de sanar.

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¡Dios se hace presente de formas inesperadas! Justo cuando pensamos que tenemos la agenda de Dios resuelta, llega otra sorpresa. Esperar encontrar a Dios solo en algunos lugares nos impide encontrarlo en todas partes. ¿Quién hubiera pensado que los pocos panes y peces de un niño alimentarían a miles de personas? Los discípulos probablemente estaban tan asombrados como todos los demás cuando este festín se les apareció. A veces, nos resulta difícil creer que Dios puede hacer cosas maravillosas con algo pequeño y simple. Sin embargo, captar esta verdad está realmente en el corazón de la comprensión del poder de la Eucaristía. Tener el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo presentes es una maravilla asombrosa. En realidad, ser alimentado y nutrido por ese don es otra. Ahora que podemos convertirnos en lo que hemos comido, Dios puede hacer cosas tremendas con los dones simples y humildes de nuestra vida. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es darnos cuenta de que Dios habita dentro de nosotros. Cuando lo hacemos, todas las personas con las que nos encontramos y todo lo que hacemos tiene el poder de convertirse en un momento sacramental. Cuando se hace con gran amor, incluso el gesto más pequeño se puede multiplicar exponencialmente. ¡Eso es asombroso!



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