



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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SPEAK

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."

MARK 9:39

26^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
DOMINGO, 26 DE SETIEMBRE 2021

HABLAR

"No hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí".

MARCOS 9: 39

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

Steven Pearson - Chair

Regina Gomez	Flory Lizan
Dan Rucker	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	Steven Pearson

Ministries

Altar Bread & Wine	Mary Marcelo	471-4736
Altar Servers	Suzanne Ruff	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
Men's Club	Q. Nario	650-5561
Women's Club	Lina Valencia	430-8298

Masses for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 25	4:30 PM	St. Luke Parishioners
Sunday, Sept. 26	9:00 AM LS	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
	12:00 PM	+Lucila Lopez
Tuesday, Sept. 28	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Wednesday, Sept. 29	9:00 AM	+John B. Hannon, Jr.(40th day)
	6:00 PM	Fr. Edwin's Intentions
Thursday Sept. 30	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Friday, Oct. 1	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
	7:00 PM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Saturday, Oct. 2	4:30 PM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions

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 Friday at 8:40AM, prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Contact Info

Phone: 757-427-5776

Website: stlukevabeach.org

Facebook: St Luke Va Beach

Parish App: inourparish (23456-St Luke)

Email: office@stlukevabeach.org

Text only: (757) 383-4983

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But Moses answered him,
"Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"
(Nm 11:29)

PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become
moth-eaten,
your gold and silver have corroded,
and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;
it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

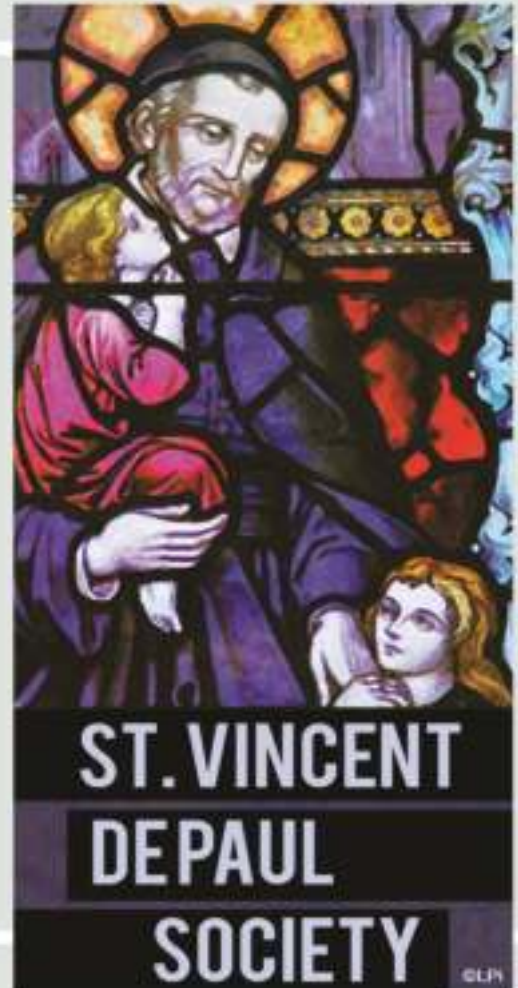
GOSPEL:

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter into life maimed
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,
into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 /Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 /Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 /Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 /Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 /Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 /Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 /Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

SECOND READING

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

First Friday / Primer Viernes del Mes



We will e-start our First Friday Mass on
Friday, October 1st



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



Religious Education Registration

Classes for K-8 will be on Monday, 6:30-7:30PM via Zoom

Highschool will be Sunday 6:30PM-7:30PM

Forms are available in English and Spanish on our website: StLukeVaBeach.org.
They will also be available in the commons and at the office during working hours.
Payment can be made by cash, check, credit card, or online at www.parishgiving.org.

For more info contact the office.

Classes started on Sunday, September 19th for High School and
Monday, September 20th for classes K - 8

September 26 - Family Catechesis Orientation at 1:30PM

October 2 - Penance Class for Confirmation Students from 2:30PM - 4PM

October 3 - Family Catechesis Class for Parents and Children at 1:30PM



Blessing of Animals

Saturday, October 2nd

At 11AM

Please be sure to bring
your Pets

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE EVANGELIZACIÓN



Saint Clare of Assisi RETREAT CENTER

620 BUCKROE AV,
HAMPTON, VA 23664

CUPO LIMITADO

OFRENDA
\$75.00

INSCRÍBETE YA!

FECHA DE RETIRO: OCTUBRE
DEL 1 AL 3 DE 2021.

LUGAR: SANTA CLARA DE
ASÍS.

CONTACTAR A CESAR RIVAS
434-305-6044 O CON PADRE
EDWIN EN TU PARROQUIA.

SOMOS UN MOVIMIENTO QUE PERTENECE A LA DIÓCESIS DE RICHMOND Y EL PREDICADOR
ESTÁ AUTORIZADO POR LA MISMA PARA COMPARTIR LAS TEMÁTICAS DEL RETIRO.



We Need Help



We are in need of able bodied persons to help out with the Grounds Keeping around the church. If you are able to help at any time please call the office for more information.



RAFFLE

"On July 10th through October 17th, 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'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
BUILDING FUND
CASH RAFFLE!
OUR GOAL
\$40,000

PRIZE PRIZES WINNERS
1st PRIZE: CASH \$2,500
2nd PRIZE: CASH \$1,000
3rd PRIZE: CASH \$500

DRAWING DATE
OCTOBER 17, 2021
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
2000 OLIVE ROAD
CONTACT INFO
434-305-6044

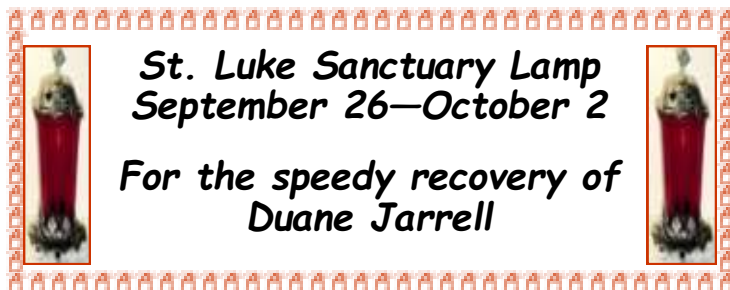
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Please pray for: John Miller, Lily Murray, Mike Scheier, Katherine L. Mederos, Jordan Pfohl, Denise Diver, Amy Kabigting, Jude Luke, Wanda Corley, Ace Flores, Mike Zueger, George Daria, Roger Carranza, Chris Kohan, Fr. Brian Rafferty, John Richardson, 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, Owen Nolasco.

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



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

Sept 26, 2021	Retired Religious
October 3, 2021	Monthly Building Fund
November 7, 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



Financial Report Data from September 19 (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Regular Offertory

Regular Collection	\$ 5,840	
E-Giving	\$ 3,290	
Total		\$ 9,130

WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS * * * \$8,500 * * *

Building Fund

Regular Collection	\$ 100	
E-Giving	\$ 1,143	
Total		\$ 1,243

Building Fund Fundraising

Tiles & Bricks (Regular & e-giving)	\$ 1,050	
Pen / Jewelry	\$ 60	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 1,240	



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

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus

broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

“
WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.
”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to



be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster

oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

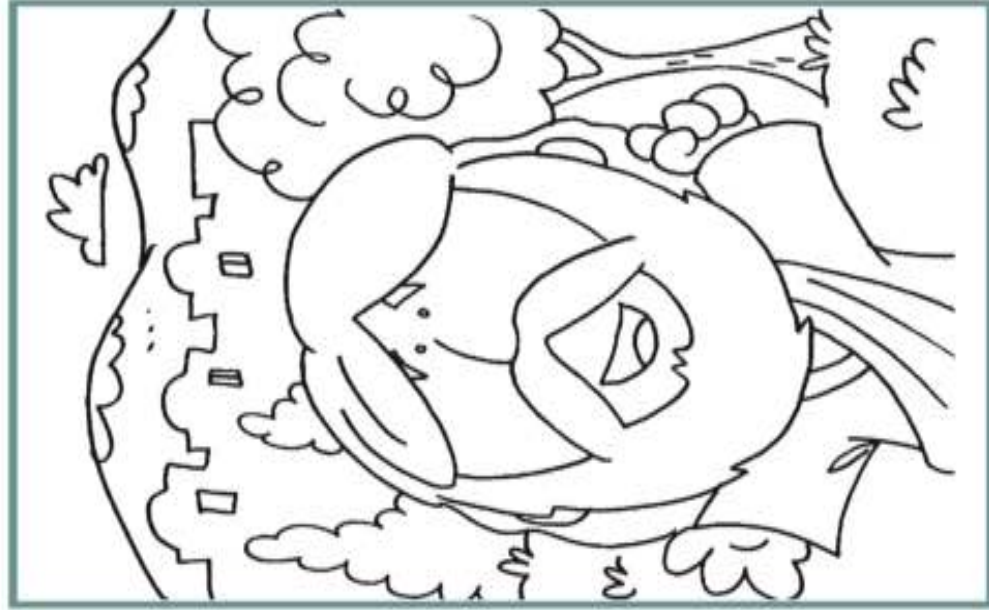
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Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



If a girl is doing good things and helps you to do good things for God, she is a good friend. If a boy reminds you of how much God loves you, he is a good friend. If a child really is being helpful, don't push him or her away because he or she is not part of your family or church. God is very happy when you accept others even when they are not like you.

PRAYER

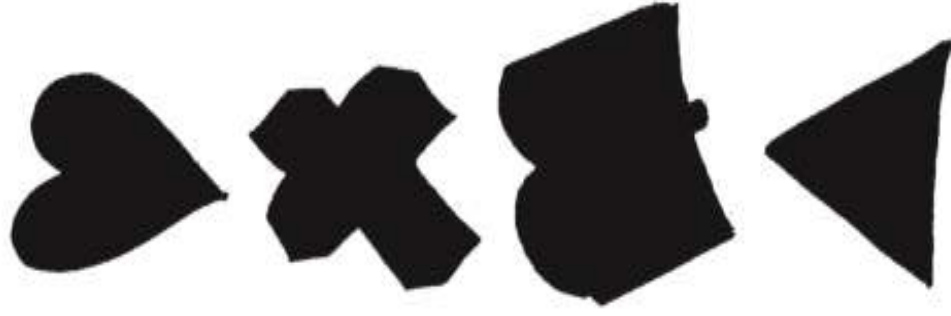
Lord, help me understand that everyone is part of your family.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will invite a friend to come to church with me and my family.

Puzzle

Match each shape to the right shadow.



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
Coro:	Marta Rivera
RICA:	Regina Gómez
Ujieres:	Edwin Burgos
Bautizos:	Irene y José Gonzalez y Carmen Alicea
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 13 y 20 de septiembre 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 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.



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: COMENZARA A REUNIRSE LOS VIERNES DE 6:30AM- 8PM. TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS !!

Para mas información ver a Julia Alcazar o Elias y Rosa Asencio

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo: Nm 11, 25-29/Sal 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14 /Sant 5, 1-6/Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48
Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23 /Lc 9, 46-50
Martes: Zac 8, 20-23/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7 /Lc 9, 51-56
Miércoles: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5 /Jn 1, 47-51
Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 7-12/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Lc 10, 1-12
Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9 /Lc 10, 13-16
Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37 /Mt 18, 1-5. 10
Domingo: Gn 2, 18-24/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 /Heb 2, 9-11/Mc 10, 2-16

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -

ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

26 de setiembre de 2021 / 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy encontramos en la Liturgia detalles específicos de la paciencia y pedagogía de Dios con su pueblo. La realidad que pasaba el pueblo en la vida del desierto, es algo muy parecido a la existencia humana de la sociedad de hoy. ¿Quién profetiza? ¿Quién tiene la autoridad para hablar del Señor? ¡Celo apostólico, o envidia! Josué pide a Moisés que Eldad y Medad no fueran catequistas, o evangelizadores por decirlo así. Pero el Espíritu de Dios estaba en ellos --- como lo está ahora en todo bautizado. La respuesta de Moisés fue la siguiente: *"Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Yavé fuera profeta, que Yavé les diera a todos su espíritu"* (Números 11:29).

En una de sus tantas catequesis, el Papa Francisco lo explica así: *"De buena fe, con celo, se quisiera proteger la autenticidad de una cierta experiencia, tutelando al fundador o al líder de falsos imitadores. Pero al mismo tiempo está como el temor de la competencia, que alguno pueda robar nuevos seguidores, y entonces no se logra apreciar el bien que los otros hacen; no va bien porque no es de los nuestros, se dice (9/30/2018). Por el otro lado, la respuesta de Jesús a Juan es similar a la de Josué y del Papa: "No se lo prohíban, ya que nadie puede hacer un milagro en mi nombre y luego hablar mal de mí. El que no está contra nosotros está con nosotros" (Marcos 9:39-40). Actuar, hacer todo en nombre de Jesús, implica solo una cosa: fidelidad a su mensaje de amor, paz y justicia. Todo lo que se ha hecho, en este tiempo de pandemia, por amor a los demás es ser generosos al estilo de Jesús.*

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