

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

**MONDAY 9/23**

Ezra 1:1-6  
 Luke 8:16-18

**TUESDAY 9/24**

Ezra 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20  
 Luke 8:19-21

**WEDNESDAY 9/25**

Ezra 9:5-9  
 Luke 9:1-6

**THURSDAY 9/26**

Haggai 1:1-8  
 Luke 9:7-9

**FRIDAY 9/27**

Haggai 2:1-9  
 Luke 9:18-22

**SATURDAY 9/28**

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15A  
 Luke 9:43B-45

**7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

Wondering about that big green dumpster in the church parking lot? We're using it for the creation of our new outdoor Stations of the Cross trail being developed on the hill next to the rectory. The trail will start near the lower parking area next to the rectory and end up in a beautiful location at the top of the hill. Like Calvary, the path will be uphill to mimic in some small measure Jesus' path to his crucifixion. It's a volunteer parishioner project, so if you are interested in helping out, please join us in creating this wonderful new devotional. The work isn't too strenuous, but you should be willing to get dirty, wield a shovel, pull bushes and walk up and down the hill carrying armloads of brush. Work began Saturday morning September 21 at 9AM and will continue through the fall as weather permits. We will post work days in the bulletin, on the parish website and on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please join us for some wonderful parish community building time. Special thanks go out to Fred and Darla Howley and Greg and Trina Jennison for their generous donations to help defray the cost of the dumpster. For information on this project and how you might be able to contribute to its completion, please call Kathy Cage at (760) 920-4888.

Our next Stations of the Cross work day will be Saturday September 28 at 9 AM. Hope to see you there!



# THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC

*You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.*  
 -Saint Vincent Ferrer

September 22, 2013

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You cannot serve God and money"*  
 Lk 16: 13

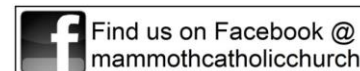
*"No se puede servir a Dios y al dinero"*  
 Lc 16: 13



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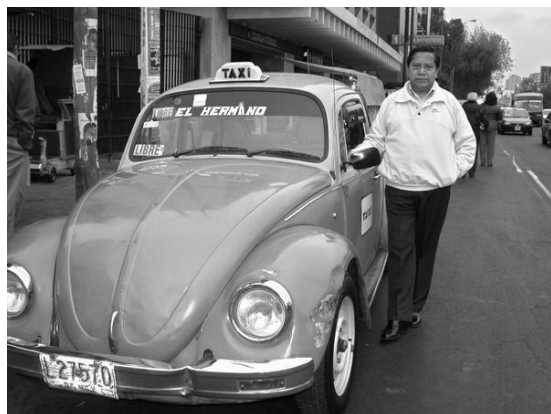


**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –**  
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM  
 Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM  
 La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM

**Lee Vining:**  
 Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -  
 Sunday Mass 10:00 AM  
 Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -  
 Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

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## Fr. Sergio G. Román

The man was desperate; he felt defeated, like a failure, with no roads to choose from, locked in a room with no exits. He could bear no longer, often repeating those evil words we have inherited from cultures who worship the god of money: "I'm a loser, I'm a loser".

He wanted to be heard because he needed to vent with someone, with anyone, even if it was just with an anonymous passenger in his taxi, or a beetle doomed for extinction. I wanted to speak, but, thank God, I also wanted to listen. He told me about his hardships: he did not earn enough to be "a winner". He told me about his life: he had a good wife and he loved her, he was proud of his children, they had a roof over their heads and a decent way of earning their daily bread. In my opinion, he was a "winner". I made him realize that his childhood dreams had come true, that he didn't need more in order to be happy, that he was already happy.

### **Project Rachel Retreat October 11-13, 2013**

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for anyone who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Registration: 209/465-5433 or visit [kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org)

### **Diocese set for Ministry Day! October 26, 2013**

Pre-registration deadline is September 27, 2013. Go to [www.stockton-diocese.org](http://www.stockton-diocese.org) and click the logo for Ministry Day or call Sr. Gloria 209-466-0636 if you do not find the Registration guide in your parish.

Although they lived in apparent poverty, they had enough to live with dignity. I invited him to live his reality and to discover the joy that his wife and children gave. I invited him to not work as desperately and to allow himself more time for his family. The presence of a father is worth more than all the gold in the world. He listened, and I don't know (and I will never know) if he understood that we should be happy with what God has given us and not seek "more" in order to be considered a "winner". It is more important "to be" than "to have".

How do we escape from the continuing propaganda that forces us to think that happiness is "having"? Why should I buy a "flat screen TV" if my old television still works? Why should I buy my kids all these expensive and fashionable toys? We are, as they say, a society of consumption and waste.

There was a wise old song that said: "Money is not life, it is only vanity", another song stated: "damn worthless money" and I just heard another one that says "poor boss of mine who thinks I'm the poor one". All these evangelical songs remind us of the words of Jesus: "You cannot serve God and money" (Lk 16: 13).

It is time to sit down and talk with our children and family to see what it is we need in order to be happy. Hopefully we will find that it is not the material things, but rather the human values we need to conquer, so that we live better.

In order to be happy we need to make room for God in our lives, spend more time together, learn to talk without getting angry, to come together and support each other. We cannot buy all this with money!

## Pbro. Sergio G. Román

El hombre estaba desesperado; se sentía derrotado, fracasado, sin caminos para escoger, encerrado en un cuarto sin salidas. Ya no aguantaba más, repetía con frecuencia esas maléficas palabras que nos han heredado las culturas que adoran al dios dinero: "soy un perdedor, soy un perdedor".

Quería que lo escuchara porque necesitaba desahogarse con alguien, con quien fuera, aunque tan sólo fuera un anónimo pasajero de su taxi, un vochito condenado a la extinción. Quería hablar, pero, gracias a Dios, también quería escuchar. Me platicó su pena: no ganaba lo suficiente para ser "un ganador". Me platicó su vivir: tenía una buena esposa y la quería, se sentía orgulloso de sus hijos, tenían un techo que los cobijara y un medio, su taxi, para ganar honestamente el pan de cada día. Para mí era un "ganador". Le hice ver que sus sueños de niño y de joven se habían realizado, que no necesitaba tener más para ser feliz, ¡que ya era feliz! aunque vivieran una aparente pobreza, pero que tenían lo necesario para vivir con dignidad. Lo invité a que viviera su realidad y a que descubriera el gozo que le daban su esposa y sus hijos. Lo invité a no trabajar como desesperado y a darse tiempo para su familia. La presencia de un papá vale más que todo el oro del mundo. Me escuchó y no sé y nunca sabré si entendió que para ser feliz, no un

"ganador", basta con saber aprovechar lo que Dios nos ha dado sin ambicionar tener. Es más importante ser que tener.

¿Cómo escapar de la continua propaganda de los medios que nos obligan a pensar que la felicidad está en tener? ¿Por qué he de comprarme una "pantalla" plana si mi vieja televisión todavía sirve? ¿Por qué he de comprarles a mis hijos todos esos juguetes caros, carísimos, que se han puesto de moda? Somos, como dicen, una sociedad de consumo y desperdicio.

Había una canción viejita que decía muy sabiamente: "el dinero no es la vida, es tan sólo vanidad"; otra que expresaba: "maldito dinero que nada vale"; y acabo de escuchar una que dice "pobre de mi patrón que piensa que el pobre soy yo". Todas estas canciones, muy evangélicas, nos recuerdan las palabras de Jesús: "No se puede servir a Dios y al dinero" (Lc 16, 13)

Es el momento de sentarnos a platicar con la familia, también con los hijos, y ponernos a ver qué es lo que nos falta para ser felices. Ojalá podamos descubrir que no son las cosas materiales las que más nos urgen, sino esos valores humanos que hay que conquistar y que nos ayudarán a vivir mejor.

Para ser felices nos hace falta darle un lugar a Dios en nuestra familia, pasar más tiempo juntos, aprender a platicar sin enojarnos, unírnos y apoyarnos unos a otros. ¡Y todo eso no se puede comprar con dinero!

### **Retiro del proyecto Raquel Octubre 11-13, 2013**

Estos retiros están pensados especialmente para las personas que tienen que afrontar la pena emocional y espiritual del aborto. Inscripción: 209.465.5433 o visite [kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org)

### **Día del Ministerio Octubre 26, 2013**

Fecha tope de pre-inscripción es Septiembre 27 del 2013 Vaya a: [www.stocktondiocese.org](http://www.stocktondiocese.org) haga click en el logo del Día del Ministerio o llame a la Hermana Gloria. 209.466.0636 si no encuentra el volante de inscripción en su parroquia.