

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18, 2021



Each of today's readings proclaims the Good News that God has brought to fulfillment. Christ died on the cross so that our sins may be wiped away. Each of the readings calls for a response to that Good News. We are to repent of our sins, (1st reading), keep His commandments, (2nd reading), and give witness to the Risen Christ. (Gospel).

Readings for April 25, 2021

1st Acts 4: 8 - 12,
2nd 1 John 3: 1 - 2
Gospel John 10: 11 - 18



MASS INTENTIONS:– April 18 – 24, 2021

8:30 AM	+ Teodula Cero
10:00 AM	+ Genaro Pastrana + Teodula Cero + Michel Tran Van Chau
12:00 PM	+ Ernest & Charlene Martinez
4:00 PM	+ Carganilla family
Monday	6:45 AM - + Liliosa Delima 8:30 AM - + Ter Formoso
Tuesday	6:45 AM – + Kham Keomanivong 8:30 + Mendrado & Remedios Quidolit
Wednesday	6:45 AM – +Souvanh Keomanivong 8:30 AM – + Ken Volpi
Thursday	6:45 - + Khoun Xaysensourinthone 8:30 - + Virgilio Sr. & Raul Zambrano + Caridad Hilay
Friday	6:45 – + Nouthong Xaysensourinthone 8:30 AM - + Lorenzo Formoso
Saturday	8:30 AM + Elvia Beltran Gutierrez 4:00 PM + Jane Morelli



PLATE COLLECTIONS

Sunday Offering (4/11) \$7,678.⁰⁰
St. Luke School \$1,495.⁰⁰

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 18 Bishop's Ministry Appeal
April 25 Catholic Home Missions



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

THEM O LORD Please pray for the souls of Cosme Nunez, and Liliosa Delima who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

...from the comfort of your couch!

The A MAN AND FATHER CONFERENCE is a FREE virtual event for Catholic men of all ages. We're diving deep into the wisdom of the Church and what she has to share as our unique identity and calling as men!



There's something here for every man! This free event is April 23 - 25.

Curious? Tired of browsing the internet for something interesting?

For times, topics, or to register check out go.virtualcatholicconference.com/manandfather

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.



San Joaquin County is moving back into the red tier (Thanks be to God.) People are feeling more confident returning to Sunday Mass and are asking when we will add more Masses. We will not be able to add more masses if we do not have enough ushers to take temperatures, handle sign-ins, and ensure the safe seating of parishioners.

Our current ushers are a dedicated bunch, who have remained committed to serving their fellow parishioners even during Covid surges. Now as we inch closer to 'normalcy' we need more ushers.

We are also in need of volunteers to assist the office staff on Monday mornings. The coffee's always hot, and the donuts are fresh.

Call the Parish Office and talk to Paul if you'd like information on ushering and ask for Laura if you can help on one of Monday's Office teams!

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MAKING TIME FOR GOD

Need a little quiet space, time for yourself, your thoughts, and God? The Church is open for Eucharistic Adoration...

This Tuesday, 6 p.m.–7:00 p.m.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you have a Catholic Relief Service 'rice bowl' box to turn in, please place it in the marked container in the church vestibule on your way into Mass this Sunday. If you forgot to bring it or you're watching the Mass online then drop your rice bowl off at the Parish Office this week during business hours. Your Lenten alms help provide food and other forms of relief to the impoverished throughout the world.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

You may be eligible for assistance with past due rent and utilities.

For details & requirements contact

www.stocktonca.gov/renthelp or call El Concilio at 644-2690. Application deadline is 5 P.M., April 30.



BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

Today, in place of the 2nd Collection, we have the opportunity to draw closer to our 2021 Bishop's Ministry Appeal parish goal. Again this year our goal is set at \$ 88,549.⁰⁰. One-time gifts combined with total pledge payments to date is \$ 29,904.⁰⁰. As you can see, we have a way to go. Thus far, less than 150 parish families have made a financial commitment. Anything over the goal comes back to meet the needs of our parish. Envelopes are in the back of the church and can be placed in the wooden boxes near the altar or mailed to the diocesan office. Please put St. Luke's in the memo space on your check.

LONGER, WARMER DAYS

Should the 4 PM Masses (Sat. AND Sun.) stay at **4 PM** or move to **5 PM**, or **5:30 PM**. If you attend an afternoon Mass call 948-3450 with your vote. Changes may be coming on May 1.



"We Shall Come Rejoicing..."



Jesus points out the need for laborers to bring in the harvest. It's an appropriate metaphor for calling us to live out our faith in our family, our community, our world...and our church! Being a laborer denotes hard work, but from that work comes abundant fruit...and with that JOY! This image is often used in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But it also applies to all who are baptized and confirmed.

St. Luke's is blessed with many who answer this call by using their gifts and talents to serve our parish and its parishioners... and they find joy in it!

Throughout 2021 as we celebrate our 70th year as a parish community we will hi-lite some of our volunteers whose devotion and hard work produce 'good fruit' and great joy.



Ray Lopez

Ray and his wife Alma have been parishioners for 40+ years. Before becoming an usher, Ray took it upon himself, to hold open the church doors and greet those attending Sunday Mass. He was especially welcoming to youth who felt they were being "dragged to church" by their parents. His enthusiastic "Good morning," made the young people feel important and that their parish was glad they came!

Ray worked for many years for the State of California, eventually rising in the ranks and directing crews as a Custodial Supervisor 3 in the State Capital.

Many have commented on how clean the church floor was on Easter! With brushes, buffers, elbow grease and his expertise, Ray made the floor look like new. He hopes to keep it that way through our 70th anniversary.

His advice to fellow parishioners is to take notice, see what needs to be done and put your skills and expertise to work for the good of our parish!