# March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

Readings for March 13, 2022

 1st
 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

 2nd
 Philippians 3:17-4:1

 Gospel
 Luke 9:28b-36



#### MASS INTENTIONS March 6 - 12, 2022

Sunday 3/6	7:00 AM Healing – Susima Foronda
Sunday	8:45 AM + Robert Hanania
Sunday	10:15 AM + Maria & Gregorio Alicaba
Sunday	12:00 PM Thanksgiving –
	Rosa & Roberto Hernandez
Sunday	5:00 PM + Kristen Garcia
Monday	6:45 AM + Oscar Kabigting
3/7	8:30 AM + Sam & Cely Hilow
Tuesday	6:45 AM + Loreto Go,
3/8	+Eusebia & Carlos Vallesteros
•	8:30 AM - + Jose Galvez, brothers & parents
Wednesday	<b>6:45 AM</b> + Remedios & Mendrado Quidolit
3/9	8:30 AM – + Arthur Ramirez Vasquez
Thursday	6:45 AM + Linda Paxton
3/10	8:30 AM Thanksgiving – Lisa Nguyen
Friday	6:45 AM + Ashley Rodrigues &
3/11	+Rosalina Kinsman
-	8:30 AM + Joe Ray Garcia, Jr. & Sr.
Saturday	8:30 AM + Melencio V. Tahod
3/12	5:00 PM + Inocencio Alconcel & + Carol Wiss

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

#### March 6, 2022 - Diocesan Assessment

The fee the Diocese charges each parish for managerial support.

#### March 13, 2022 - St. Luke School

Half the proceeds support student scholarships; the other half goes into the school's general fund.

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

All are welcome to participate – start now! Did you know? One in four pregnancies ends in abortion. More life is lost to abortion than all the deaths from wars, disease, natural disasters, and poverty combined. There is hope! Mondays: pray for abortion workers; Tuesdays: stand in peaceful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on Precissi Lane 8 am – 6 pm; Wednesdays: fast from meals; Thursdays: fast from technology; Fridays: pray for women who have 'no choice'; weekends: pray that all life is respected. Let's help change San Joaquin County for Life. Questions, call text Janelle, 209-518-2565, Spanish call Pilar 503-953-3199.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

... will be held every Friday of Lent at 2:00 pm led by the school children. All are welcome.

#### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish office needs volunteers (women or men) to help in the office on Mondays (or Tuesdays after a Monday holiday) approximately once per month. Donuts, coffee, and a few laughs provided! Call Laura in the parish office at 209-948-3450 if you are able to help.

#### **CYO MINISTRIES**

Our parish's CYO Ministry Girls Volleyball Registration is NOW OPEN through March 11, 2022. Register at our parish website, <u>stlukestockton.org</u>, Ministries link at the top, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Documents and Forms.

If all goes smoothly, practice will begin Monday, March 14, 2022. We need a coaching team for the 7th/8th Grade Division.

Boys Basketball is now over for the year. Many thanks to all who participated and to Kevin Nishi, CYO Director, and all who volunteered and kept the program running for our young people.

#### FOOD, BEER, AND WINE STROLL

St. Luke School is in the planning process of their 8th Annual Fruit of the Vine: Food, Beer and Wine Stroll. They are in need of vendors and wanted to reach out to St. Luke's families who are always so supportive and helpful. If you (or someone you know) are willing to participate, please contact Sabrina Castellanos at the school. Vendors participate on a donation basis. PPP hours will be earned if your business participates or a business you have referred participates. Fruit of the Vine will be on April 9, 2022 from 6:00pm-9:30pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sabrina at the number below.

Thank you again for your continued support! **Sabrina Castellanos, Marketing Director** (209) 464- 0801 ext. 215 (209) 466- 1150 Fax

#### **WORLDWIDE SYNOD**

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. If you would like to give input, visit the diocesan website at: <a href="https://www.stocktondiocese.org/synod-2021-2023">www.stocktondiocese.org/synod-2021-2023</a>. Your input will be used by Bishop Cotta to write the report that will be included with the input at the parish and diocesan level to improve our Synodality or 'journeying together.' Input is due by April 10.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month for Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm *for a period of at least one hour*. Please call Sister Irma in the parish office to register.

#### **NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS**

Ler Viernes del Mes Adoracion Eucaristica de 9:00 am to 5:00 pm *por un periodo de por lo menos una hora*. Llama Sr. Irma a la oficina para registrarse.

#### **YOU ARE INVITED**

The Lodi Group of St. Joseph, Discalced Carmelite Seculars, who meet at St. Anne's Parish in Lodi, is extending an invitation to those interested in Carmelite Spirituality and a life of prayer to speak to a member of our group regarding the Order of Carmel Discalced Seculars to discern if you would like to visit our community. Secular Carmelites are Catholic men and women, either married or single, lay or clerical, who feel drawn to staying close to and imitating the praying Christ of the Gospels. They are called to a vocation by God under the protection of Mary, Queen of Carmel, to follow a Rule of Life and a formation program that fosters the Carmelite charism of contemplative prayer for the greater honor and glory of God, for the salvation of souls, and for the good of the Church. Please call Cheri Evans, 209-327-7911 or Bill Benapfl 209-712-7500 or you can e-mail them at:lodiocds@gmail.com.

# 'THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH' NEEDS A DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY!

Young people are the life-blood of our Church. A vibrant, relevant ministry is essential to teach them their faith, prepare them for their sacraments, and train them to become the next generation who will pass on the Catholic faith to the **NEXT** generation! St Luke's Church is seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Director of Youth Ministry which would serve young people from 8th - 12th grades. This includes weekly high school sessions, youth masses, monthly activities and an annual weekend retreat. job description and application to stlukestockton.org and click on About and then Human Resources. Forward resume and cover letter Irodriguez@stlukestockton.us (Laura Rodriguez). Complete our parish application form and provide 3 letters of recommendation. One must be from a Catholic Priest or Deacon.

#### **FORMED.ORG**

... is a great family resource for Lent and it's FREE! Formed.org is like a "Catholic Netflix", bringing awesome movies and programs into the comfort of your home to be enjoyed according to your convenience and schedule! So how do you sign up for FORMED? Registering for FORMED is easy! Go to formed.org/signup.

- Select your parish by entering name, city, and/or zip code
- 2. Enter your name and email address
- 3. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

#### **BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL 2022**

St. Luke Parish is being asked to contribute to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal the same amount as last year, \$88, 549. Any amount raised over that will be returned to the parish. To that end, I am asking our parish to raise \$100,000, which \$11,451 would be returned to St. Luke. With that \$11,451, I would like to add a Mass time schedule to our name sign on Sutter Street at the entrance to our parking lot. Please make checks for this appeal payable to the **Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust**.

Rev. Gustavo Ramirez, SDB

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

- 1. Jesus was tempted as we are. Temptations are not bad in themselves but it is what we do with them that can help us turn to God or away from God. Do we see temptations as ways to turn to God rather than rely our own resources?
- 2. The temptations of Jesus seem different from the ways we are tempted or is there a similarity? Underneath the different temptations of Jesus, there is the invitation of Satan that he deny his identity as the Son of God. Are not our temptations an invitation to deny the kind of person we want to be and, instead, turn to unhealthy ways to satisfy ourselves?
- 3. By resisting the temptations, Jesus chose to depend on his Father to satisfy his deepest hunger, to relate with others in an ordinary way and by not relying on reputation, power, and possessions. How do we satisfy our deepest hungers? Do we depend on prestige, possessions, and power to make ourselves acceptable to others?
- 4. Are we going to use the forty days of lent as a retreat taking time to be more reflective and prayerful?

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