

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In Jesus' name Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

Readings for May 15, 2022

1st Acts 14:21-27
2nd Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35



MASS INTENTIONS May 8-14, 2022

Sunday 5/8	7:00 AM - + Neo Hawthorne
Sunday	8:45 AM – + Angie & Alfredo Flores
Sunday	10:15 AM + Kham Baccam
Sunday	12:00 PM + Victoria Oliva
Sunday	5:00 PM + Manuel Tafoya
Monday 5/9	6:45 AM + Babe Paul 8:30 AM + Albert Rael
Tuesday 5/10	6:45 AM - + Renato J. Tecson, Sr. 8:30 AM + Maria Lea Sabandal Sumalinog
Wednesday 5/11	6:45 AM - + Francisco Ong 8:30 AM + Nellie Palacio
Thursday 5/12	6:45 AM – For world peace 8:30 AM + Eugene McIlharjie
Friday 5/13	6:45 AM – + Bienvenido Franco 8:30 AM – + Joe & Concha Garcia
Saturday 5/14	8:30 AM – Thanksgiving – Emilda Albinto 5:00 PM + Semillo grandbabies & child

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stalin Gapuz who passed away recently. May God grant him eternal rest and bring consolation to his family.



PLATE COLLECTIONS - May 1

Plate \$ 10,146.00
Diocesan Assessment 2,591.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 8 – St. Luke School

Half the funds from this collection support student scholarships; the other half goes into the school's general fund.

May 15 – Catholic Communication Campaign

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in your diocese stay in your diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

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NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocese has been informed that a priest from another country plans to perform the sacrament of First Holy Communion at someone's house in the Turlock area. This is to advise you of the policy of the Diocese of Stockton pertaining to ministries of sacraments such as BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, and CONFIRMATION. These holy sacraments are to be done by an ordained priest of the Diocese of Stockton. Confirmations are done by the Bishop, who may delegate a pastor or priest to do them. Never is a Mass or Sacrament to be done in someone's home or at a park, and such a service will not be validated by the Catholic Church. Priests from other dioceses can perform weddings and funerals only with a Letter of Faculties from the Office for Priests.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for fall classes will be on Mondays beginning on May 16 in the CRE office from 9:00 AM to 12 noon and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. There will be no registrations in July, however, registration will resume in August. Children who are new to the program will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate at the time of registration.

Fees: \$65 for one child
\$45 for second child
\$20 for additional children at same address

Registrations will also be taken after Mass the weekends of May 21 & 22, May 28 & 29, June 4 & 5, June 11 & 12, June 18 & 19, and June 25 & 26. For questions or for more information, please call Sister Odetta or Miss Alberta in the CRE Office at 209-462-0410.

DID YOU KNOW

... that every First Friday following Adoration and Benediction there is Mass? Drop by after work every First Friday at 5:00 pm for a Catholic “Evensong” and get your month off to a great start!

THERESA ANH CAO MEMORIAL

 If someone in your family has lost a battle with cancer or some other disease, memorialize them by purchasing a brick in the Theresa Anh Cao Memorial near the gazebo by the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bricks are only \$100 each and may be inscribed with a short personalized memorial. A great Mother’s Day gift! See Margaret in the parish office for more information.

ARE YOU AN ADULT

IN NEED OF SACRAMENTS?

If you are an adult who was baptized but never received your first communion and/or confirmation, it’s not too late. Call Sister Irma at 209-981-0837 to begin the process.

ADVERTISE WITH ST. LUKE

If you have a business that you would like to publicize with your fellow parishioners, consider placing an ad on the back of St. Luke’s bulletin. The back of the bulletin is currently being re-done and will be going to a professional printer soon, so call the office at 209-948-3450 to get your copy in right away!

BISHOP’S MINISTRY APPEAL UPDATE

St. Luke’s current total pledge and one-time payments is \$42,000. Despite seeing more people at church each Sunday and while we started our BMA campaign strong, we’ve seen support fade. We realize that times are difficult for some and that there are many needs in our parish, but we ask for your initial and continued support to the BMA as a sign of our commitment to be good stewards of the gifts you’ve received. We as a family of faith can achieve our parish goal in two ways.

First, we have an opportunity to increase our family participation rates. Out of the 1,900 families registered at the church, only approximately 500 gifted last year. Second, we have an opportunity for our participating families to give more. If just 500 families donated a total of \$200 toward the BMA, we would surpass our goal of \$100,000. Please consider pledging or donating today.

REFLECTION ON TODAY’S GOSPEL

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John’s Gospel, today’s Gospel reading is Jesus’ answer to the question, “Are you the Messiah?” Jesus responds by saying, in essence, “If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep.” Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today’s Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another’s voice. Today’s Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn’t just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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