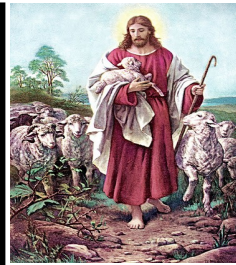


*"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord."*

John 14:5



AUGUST 26, 2018

THE 21ST SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**MASS SCHEDULE August 28th through September 2nd**

**Tuesday - Thursday (Aug. 28 - 30) 7:00 am Daily**  
**Friday (Aug. 31) 8:30 am School (Gym)**  
**Saturday (Sept. 1) 5:30 pm Vigil**  
**Sunday (Sept. 2) 9:00 & 11:00 am**  
**4:30 pm (Fr. Pepka)**

**SVdP News and Events:**

1 - BUNDLE SUNDAY on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8/9, starting at 8 am. Bring donations to the church parking lot. Flyers are in the church.  
 2 - WALK FOR THE POOR on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the School. Put on your walking shoes, mingle with other Vincentians, make some new friends, gather up those pledges and come exercise for a good cause.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE WITH PATRICK MADRID. FOUR BACK-TO-BACK SEMINARS TO ENLIVEN YOUR SPIRITUALITY. SPONSORED BY GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 29TH (8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM) AT 9539 RACQUET COURT, ELK GROVE. TICKETS ARE \$25 PER PERSON. TO PURCHASE AND REGISTER, VISIT [WWW.GSCCEG.ORG](http://WWW.GSCCEG.ORG). YOU CAN BROWN-BAG FOR LUNCH OR PURCHASE FROM AVAILABLE FOOD TRUCKS. BOOKS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE. THIS IS A JUBILEE EVENT DESTINED TO INSPIRE CATHOLICS ALL OVER!**

**Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) is Sept. 4, 2018 thru May 21, 2019. Costs: 1 child = \$70; 2 children = \$85 and 3+ children = \$100. Fee can be paid the 1st night. Visit: [westsacolg.com/cff-catholic-faith-formation](http://westsacolg.com/cff-catholic-faith-formation) or <https://goo.gl/forms/dWYo0xgWn41kl2> to register.**

**GRACED YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

1. Fundraiser Event on Tuesday, Sept. 18 (Noon to 10 pm) at the Panda Express on Lake Washington Blvd. With paper or digital version of the flyer, 20% of the sale will be donated to OLG Church/GRACED Youth Ministry. Paper coupons are in the church. For digital, enter **254174** in the promo code box during online checkout.
2. Graced Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday at 6 pm at the School Gym. One topic for discussion: OnFire Nor Cal Jam 2018. All high school age students are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY - 2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12; PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 4-5; JN 10:27; MT 23:13-22  
 TUESDAY - 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; PS 96:10, 11-12, 13; HEB 4:12; MT 23:23-26  
 WEDNESDAY - 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18; PS 128:1-2, 4-5; MT 5:10; MK 6:17-29  
 THURSDAY - 1 COR 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; MT 24:42A, 44; MT 24:42-51  
 FRIDAY - 1 COR 1:17-25; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; LK 21:36; MT 25:1-13  
 SATURDAY - 1 COR 1:26-31; PS 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; JN 13:34; MT 25:14-30  
 SUNDAY - DT 4:1-2, 6-8; PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; JAS 1:18; MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Pastor's

Corner

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist. The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.


Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1-9). And he issues a blunt challenge—either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

*Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology (Stpaulcenter.com)*



**BLESS, PROTECT and PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, O LORD**

Nash Bulaong	Thomas Burkstrand	Brian Chrisman
Shelby DeLamora	Jason Enjambre	Zachary Evans
Angelo Garcia	Mikayla George	Lawrence Hermosa
Anthony Huggins	Diana Jacinto	Austin Mora
Wesley Paige	CeCe Pitts	Ronald Rivera
Andrew Sawitsky	Terrin Vilhauer	Christian Watson

And pray for their families, the Chaplains, first responders, police and firefighters who protect and serve.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING UP**

St. Luke Catholic Church and the Children of God Prayer Group invite you to attend their "Holy Mass & Healing Service on Saturday, Sept. 15th at 2 pm, at the Parish Gym (3849 N. Sutter Street, Stockton, CA.).

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)*



Names remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add or remove.

<b>PAT BELDING</b>	<b>SUE BELDING</b>	<b>DOROTHY &amp; WARREN NICHOLS</b>
<b>AURORA ONG</b>	<b>DIANE MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>LORETTA SARMENTO</b>
<b>SONJA CRAIGHTON</b>	<b>TIM WILLIAMS</b>	<b>JIM THOMPSON</b>
<b>CARY COPPEL</b>	<b>STEVE &amp; ANA RAMIREZ-PALMER</b>	

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY, August 25th at 5:30 p.m. For Sonja Craighton (Healing)  
 SUNDAY, August 26th at 9:00 a.m. For Thomas McGlynn ++  
 at 11:00 a.m. For All Parishioners  
 at 4:30 p.m. For John Gabri (H)  
 TUESDAY, August 28th at 7:00 a.m. For Lydia Ramos Machado (Birthday)  
 WEDNESDAY, August 29th at 7:00 a.m. For Michael Brungardt +  
 THURSDAY, August 30th at 7:00 a.m. For Millie Centers (H)  
 FRIDAY, August 31st at 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Gym)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 1st**  
 5:30 pm -- Millie Centers, Eileen Mosley  
**Sunday, September 2nd**  
 9:00 am -- Bonnie Sue Barrow, Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Trudy Connolly  
 11:00 am -- Celine Lawrence, Job Lawrence, Fidel Martinez, Judie Martinez  
 4:30 pm -- Angelarose Quemel, Anita Sargent, Jennifer Southard

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 1st**  
 5:30 pm -- Carolyn Tagupa, Rosan Araza, Rosan Araza  
**Sunday, September 2nd**  
 9:00 am -- Fay Landry, Ernie Guerra, Rose Lloyd  
 11:00 am -- Charles Shunk, Mike McFeely, Wilma Bulaong  
 4:30 pm -- Glenn Moche, Sydney Galvan, Dino McCord

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 1st**  
 5:30 pm -- Joe Henning, Francesco Giordano  
**Sunday, September 2nd**  
 9:00 am -- Louise Hernandez, Andrew Yuzon, Nathan David  
 11:00 am -- Eric Houdeshell, Ben Houdeshell, Camilla Santolini  
 4:30 pm -- Molly Southard, Tristan Torio

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 2nd**  
 9:00 am - Natalie/Megan J.      11:00 am - Helen      4:30 pm - Sherac

**Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; August 19, 2018 Collection = \$4,280.00**

**Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays; Rosary & Novena, 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).

**Bereavement Ministry:** Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 as needed.

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Parish Ctr), topic "Letter to the Hebrews".

**Catholic Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (Sept 2018 to May 2019, dates TBA); for K-5 & Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th (School).

**Graced Youth Ministry** - Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).

**Moms Ministry:** 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Parish Center).

**Mom's Ministry Bible Study:** Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 for session times.


**OLG Prayer Meeting:** 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (OLG School Chapel).

**RCIA:** Thursdays, 5:30 pm (Parish Center); Mondays Inquiry, 7:00 pm. (Parish Center).

**Respect Life Ministry:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

**Women's Council:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).



*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of September 1st & 2nd for the Priests Retirement. Thank you for your consideration.*