


"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Matthew 16:21-27



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
THE 22ND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE September 4 thru 9, 2018

Tuesday - Thursday (Sept. 4—6) 7:00 am Daily
Friday (Sept. 7) 8:30 am School (Gym)
7:00 pm First Friday Adoration
Saturday (Sept. 8) 5:30 pm Vigil (Fr. Pepka)
Sunday (Sept. 9) 9:00 & 11:00 am
4:30 pm



The Labor Day Holiday is Monday, September 3rd. The Parish Office will be closed. Everyone enjoy and be safe!

REMINDER: Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)
Classes start Sept. 4, 2018 at the school from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Flyers are in the church. Still time to register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/dWYoOxgWn41k12>.

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.

REMINDER: GRACED YOUTH MINISTRY
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 sales will be donated to the OLG Church/GRACED Youth Ministry. Please pick up a coupon in the church. For digital, enter **254174** in the promo code box during online checkout.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - 1 COR 2:1-5; PS 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; See LK 4:18; LK 4:16-30
TUESDAY - 1 COR 2:10B-16; PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14; LK 7:16; LK 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY - 1 COR 3:1-9; PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; LK 4:18; LK 4:38-44
THURSDAY - 1 COR 3:18-23; PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; MT 4:19; LK 5:1-11
FRIDAY - 1 COR 4:1-5; PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; JN 8:12; LK 5:33-39
SATURDAY - MI 5:1-4A; ROM 8:28-30; PS 13:6AB, 6C; MT 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
SUNDAY - IS 35:4-7AA; PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; JAS 2:1-5; CF. MT 4:23; MK 7:31-37

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

Pastor's
Corner

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.


The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

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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	Renald 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)

POWER of PRAYER

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY, September 1st at 8:00 am	First Saturday
at 5:30 p.m.	For Millie Centers (Healing)
SUNDAY, September 2nd at 9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners
at 11:00 a.m.	For Valentine Gunasekara +
at 4:30 p.m.	For Sonja Craighton (Healing)
TUESDAY, September 4th at 7:00 a.m.	For Margaret Tesi +
WEDNESDAY, September 5th at 7:00 a.m.	For Dee Davidson +
THURSDAY, September 6th at 7:00 a.m.	For Sister Claire Graham +
FRIDAY, September 7th at 8:30 a.m.	School Mass (Gym)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8th
5:30 pm -- Millie Centers, Eileen Mosley

Sunday, September 9th
9:00 am -- Bonnie Sue Barrow, Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Trudy Connolly
11:00 am -- Celine Lawrence, Job Lawrence, Mario Mejia, Maureen Talani
4:30 pm -- Angelarose Quemel, Anita Sargent, Isabella Zink

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8th
5:30 pm -- Grace Moseley, Jim Martone, Jim Martone

Sunday, September 9th
9:00 am -- Valerie Paige, Fay Landry, Byron Paige
11:00 am -- Joan Smith, Cindy Fabonan, Joan Smith
4:30 pm -- Natalie Chrisman, Dennison Ocampo, Dennison Ocampo

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8th
5:30 pm -- Virginia Mochel, Rebecca Rose Mochel

Sunday, September 9th
9:00 am -- Kiara Council, Kiana Council, Kailani Griffith
11:00 am -- Zachary Fritz, Ryan Fritz, Alejandro Penilla
4:30 pm -- Matthew Moyer, Makenzie Montemayor, L.J. Galvan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 9th
9:00 am - Stacey/Jeanne 11:00 am - Mrs. G./Barbara 4:30 pm - No Class

Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; August 26, 2018 Collection = \$3,624.00

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 ON SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH FOR THE PRIESTS RETIREMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.