Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our faith Community here at St. Luke Parish. Whether you are a long time resident or have newly arrived in the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered, please email us.

CHAPEL is open for visit to our Eucharistic Lord every day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS
- Eucharistic Celebrations (Outdoors)
  - First Friday of the Month—8:30am
  - Saturday—5:00pm
  - Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am
- Baptism (Infants)
  - Saturday—11:00am
- Reconciliation (Confession)
  - 4:00—4:30pm in the Church
- Marriage
  - Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.
- Anointing of the Sick
  - For Last Rites please call or email us.

PASTORAL STAFF
- Pastor
  - Rev. Jonathan G. Paala
- Deacon
  - Deacon Mar Tano
- Director of Religious Education
  - Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
- Secretaries
  - Maria Teresa Alvarez
  - Maryvee Estacio

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

Welcome!

September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
LET GO

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don’t fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, “as high as the heavens are above the earth.” Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to “let go.” Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus’ parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God’s generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today’s Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day’s wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that “you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden.” They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God’s people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God’s generosity to everyone.

THE FIRST AND LAST

In today’s parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that “the last will be first and the first will be last,” he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called “the first and the last,” the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God’s world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus’ healing ministry.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6–9
Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18
Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a
Matthew 20:1–16a
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Children are usually still quite young the first time they have occasion to shout, “That’s not fair!” At some point in our lives, we’ve probably all felt the bitterness of unfairness. Today’s readings agree that life isn’t always fair—yet, unexpectedly, invite us to rejoice! We rejoice because God’s mercy is totally unfair: God lavishes us with forgiveness and love even when we deserve less. Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm praise the great mercy of God, mercy that forgives our sins over and over. In the Gospel parable, Jesus demonstrates that God longs to give good things to all of us, even to those who seem less worthy. When Saint Paul reflects on God’s goodness, embodied in Jesus Christ, he can hardly wait to enter his heavenly reward.

AN UNEXPECTED LESSON

Jesus’ parable depicts workers who “punch the clock” at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o’clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o’clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God’s generosity toward “unworthy” believers, but also the Lord’s inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

BEGINNING AGAIN

Today’s readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today’s Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o’clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today’s psalm insists that the “Lord is near to all who call upon him.” In hope, then, we begin again.

Sunday Readings: Is 55:6–9; Ps 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18; Phil 1:20c–24, 27a; Mt 20:1–16a

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DIRECTION
Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we’re confused and troubled and can’t figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord’s behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can’t even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first will be last.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).
Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).
Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Matthew
Tuesday: Autumn begins
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Prayer of Reparation especially during these times when we are witnessing the desecration of the Blessed Eucharist and statues of blessed Saints...

“Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
“When we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we represent the one in the world who is in most need of God’s Mercies. We stand in behalf of the one in the world who does not know Christ and who is farthest away from God and we bring down upon their soul the Precious Blood of the Lamb.”

—POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

—John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, visit: virtualadoration.home.blog

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention
Respect for the Planet’s Resources
We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadia, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohlen, †Fr. Tom Timmins, †Clarita Dela Cruz, †Alex Minerva, †Manisha Patil, †Chris Miller, †Zenaida Froilan, †Catalina de Joya, †Arturo Almeda, †Myke Viray, †Teresa Bautista, †Sue Rathjen, † all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

We pray for God’s healing mercies upon the sick:

Feliz Acosta
Juris Arcilla
Minerva Barnhart
Jim Bortak
Mary Ann Bravo
Ruben Calderon, Jr.
Bobby Calderon
Michael Carmody
Elizabeth Fong
Dennis B. Huang
Barbara Keefer
Tom Keefer
JoAnn Kozloski
Jackie Kuo
Badette Ledesma
Celia Leones
Dancy Lim
Christian Liwag
Arturo Martin
Natividad Martin
Fr. Kieran McCormick
Andres Mendez
Angela Mihelec
Bozidar Mihelec
Jon Miller
Virginia Molina
Edgar Navarro
Ed Page
Fr. Kieran McCormick
Rosetta Parisian
Violet Pastrana
Tom Pope
Frances Presutto
Angela F. Reyes
Estrella Reyes
Kathy Sampson
Jennifer Shamway
Manny Torres
Joe Touchstone
Priscilla Touchstone
Those suffering from the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
Please join the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America and the entire world through the Rosary of His Most Blessed Mother.

Please unite in prayers with fellow St. Luke parishioners on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at our St. Luke church grounds.

This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day.

Hoping you and your families can join us and other Catholics in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of all.
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke Religious Ed Classes
Although classes already started on September 2nd, you can still enroll your child until the end of September. This Fall, Saint Luke will offer a BLENDED Learning environment – a combination of VIRTUAL Zoom classes, a bring-home TEXT-BOOK, and occasional IN-PERSON session (of 8 to 10 students only) when the county of San Mateo permits it. Gathering the students for the IN-PERSON session is dependent on whether the public schools in San Mateo will open this Fall. Registration Forms are available in the office or may be downloaded from the St. Luke Church Website, www.saintlukefc.org.

Get Updates from St. Luke through Flocknote
Connect with us through Flocknote. To join, text Alleluia to 84576 or login to saintlukechurch.flocknote.com

Upcoming Respect Life Events
Healing Mass for Miscarriages & Infant Loss
September 26, 10 a.m. Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ will offer a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Sign up at https://sfarchdiocese.org/infant-loss-mass

Respect Life Essay Competition
Go to https://sfarchdiocese.org/essay-contest

God’s Gifts during the Pandemic
Outdoor Masses … Christ is truly alive among us for healing & strength as we worship God together
First Friday (8:30am) | Saturday (5pm)
Sunday (8:00am & 10:00am)
Confession … Christ granting us peace, forgiveness, and healing for new life in His Spirit
Saturday (4:00-4:30pm or by appointment)
Baptism … Christ makes us adopted children, and coheirs with Him as temples of the Holy Spirit
Saturday (11:00am)
Visit to the Blessed Sacrament … Christ waits for you to be with Him...
Chapel open M-Sun 8am to 6pm
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

Thanks for Your Donations
In spite of the difficult situation we are facing, I wish to thank you for your continuous support of our parish through your prayers and generous donations. I pray that you and your families will remain safe and well within the shelter of our merciful Savior.
— Fr. Jonathan Paala
Go to sfarch.org/lifeline select “St. Luke Parish”. You can also mail or drop your donation in the parish office mail box or Sunday Collection Box. Thanks so much! God bless your generous hearts!

Act Now to Help Save Catholic Schools
COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 130 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent of Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.
Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.
Public schools are asking for $300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking Congress for direct funding to families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition. We encourage you to add your own personal story about your Catholic school experience in the message as well. Go to https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/76171/Respond

Love to be true has to begin with God in prayer. If we pray, we will be able to serve...let us all promise that we will give our hands to serve the poor.
—St. Mother Teresa
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign the Petition
Archbishop Cordileone Calls on San Francisco to Lift Unfair Restrictions on the Mass
Archbishop Salvatore has asked the city government to free up the requirements for worship. A petition that can be filled out online is now available to be signed. We ask you to support and sign the petition by going to www.benedictinstitute.org/liftunfairrestrictions. You can read Archbishop’s full statement on the archdiocesan website, https://sfarch.org

Meetings for Men Discerning a Priestly Vocation
Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood are resuming: for San Mateo County on the first Monday of each month; for San Francisco County on the third Monday. The question of meetings online via Zoom or meetings in person is still to be settled. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priests below:

First Monday Meetings:
St. Pius X Church, Redwood City
Fr. Tom Martin
martin.thomas@sfarch.org

Third Monday Meetings:
Church of the Visitación, San Francisco
Fr. Cameron Faller
faller.cameron@sfarch.org.415-317-4436

Fall Marriage Encounter Weekends
A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Nov 13-15, 2020 in San Jose, CA and Oct 2-4, 2020 in Reno, NV. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit sanjosewwme.org, or contact Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Take a stand for JUSTICE & LIFE for ALL this Autumn of 2020
From September 23 - November 1 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at:

2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City
You can make this commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity
For scheduling by phone, questions, difficulties or help, contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-918-9119 (mobile) or 650-572-1468 (landline) or email themunns@yahoo.com
God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone – and you may save a life!
Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Outdoor Cathedral Plaza Masses
1111 Gough St., San Francisco
Outdoor Masses continue on the Cathedral Plaza on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be present. Parish livestreamed Masses and outdoor Masses are listed at sfarch.org/livestreams. Find additional ways to observe the commandment to keep Sundays holy at https://sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath. Schedules of future Masses at the Cathedral can be found on the website, sfarchdiocese.org/cathedral-livestreams.

Movie Tells the Life of Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest
Pray is an original documentary film that will be opening nationwide on October 9. It tells the story of Venerable Patrick Peyton, who dedicated his life and priestly mission to the message of family prayer.
“We have created a moving film that depicts the power of prayer, but Pray is more than a movie — it’s a prayer movement,” says Fr. David Guffey, C.S.C., national director of Family Theater Productions and executive producer of Pray. Fr. Patrick Peyton pioneered radio and television evangelism, and coined the famous phrase, “The family that prays together stays together,” which is more relevant today than ever, as families remain constrained by the regulations and dangers of the COVID-19 crisis and are turning to prayer privately and publicly. For complete information on the film and scheduled showings, visit the website, praythefilm.com
**LIVE STREAM MASSES**

*For those who cannot celebrate with us in St. Luke’s...*

At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: “He took bread. . . .”

“He took the cup filled with wine. . . .” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333*)

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O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Month of September is dedicated to Our Sorrowful Mother

Prayer

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We honor you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We honor you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things for you. We honor you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion. O Blessed Mary, Mother of Sorrows, stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our needs. Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

(St. Louis De Montfort's Consecration)

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I desire, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most holy Mother received You, and with the spirit and fervor of Your saints.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.
**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

— Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**BELLS CALL TO PRAYER**

Set your alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill**
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - **Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick**
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - **Prayer for first responders and essential workers**
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - **Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders**
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - **Prayer for those who have died today**
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

— Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago