Welcome!
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 stop by, or call the parish office.

Mission Statement
The Mission of St. Luke’s Catholic Faith Community is to provide the environment where the community joins together to fulfill the spiritual and social needs of all by living and sharing the message of Christ.

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  1:00 p.m. —4:00 p.m.
Saturdays
9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
CHAPEL OPEN: 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. EVERYDAY

Pastoral Staff
Pastor
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Special Associate
Rev. Kieran McCormick

Deacons
Deacon Paul Lucia
Deacon Mar Tano

Director of Religious Education
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

Secretaries
Maria Teresa Alvarez
Maryvee Estacio
Sheila O’Neill

Bulletin Deadline: All announcements must be approved by Father Jonathan and must be submitted two weeks prior to the desired bulletin of your choice. Thank you.

Schedule of Sacraments
Eucharistic Celebrations
Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Anticipated Mass
Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism (Infants)
Baptismal Preparation Class - call the Parish Office
Sacrament of Baptism - Saturday only at 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage
Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office at (650) 345-6660

Lord Jesus Christ, fount of love and goodness, look with mercy upon us sinners and free us from the bondage of evil. Fill the void in our hearts with Your Spirit and empower us to fulfill Your will, until You call us back to Your Kingdom. Amen.

September 10, 2017
“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— Matthew 18:19

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

— Month of September —
Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary
GOD’S WATCHERS
In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God’s will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today’s Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ’s body around us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ’s victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the “true cross” discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and “went missing” for fifteen years. Thursday’s feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It’s a good day to look around your house or office: Don’t those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

Come Let Us Adore our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday, after the 8:30AM Holy Mass and on the First Friday of the month. Benediction is at 7:30PM.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:14-20).

September 10, 2017

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially,Virgilio Nicolas, James De Martini, David Consunji & Estella Pangilinan that they may rest in peace.

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May they be strengthened and comforted by their trust in the Lord.
Keri Aibles, Juris Arcilla, Rori Arcilla, Patrick Banks, Jose Barcelone Jr., Michael Carmody, Gail Castro, John Copeland, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Marvin Crockett, Marie Ghiozzi, Cora B. Huang, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kaufer, Nini Kuzmich, Elizabeth Liwag, Veronica Maguire, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Bozidar Milhilicic, Bridgette Negar, Ken Parker, Kathy Raymor, Josephine Rea, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Rosa Santos, Jameson Sham, Sally Stevens, Sue Techlin, Priscilla Touchstone, Lana Vorries, Vallery Washington & George Zughbaba.

Priests’ Retirement Fund Collection

Retirement years can be difficult for senior priests. No longer in active priestly ministry or supported by the parish communities which they served with such dedication, some of these men must rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests Retirement Program.

Like Social Security and so many pension plans in today’s world, our priests’ retirement program faces similar challenges.

Next weekend, September 16/17, St. Luke will take up this special collection to support our Priests’ Retirement Fund.

The ADULT FAITH FORMATION program is ongoing. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00p.m. here at the Church. This program addresses enhancement of your spiritual growth and increases your knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Refreshments are provided. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9071 for further information.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intentions

General: Artists
That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.
September 2017

Religious Education Class Days

Grades One - Eight
First Three Wednesdays
September 13th and 20th
5:30PM to 6:30PM, Grades 1 - 4
6:45PM to 7:45PM Grades 5 - 8

Confirmation Two Class
First Three Sundays
3:30PM - 6:00PM including Youth Mass
September 10th and 17th

Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC)
The Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered at our 9:00AM Mass on Sundays. This is an opportunity for children to listen and interact with the Sunday morning Scripture Reading in their own level. There is no fee or registration and it is open to all children at Mass who are preschoolers (4yrs. old) through children in 2nd grade.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts when the priest presides at Mass invites the children to gather in front of the altar after the opening prayer. With the dismissal blessing, the children process out of the Church and proceed to the Religious Education Office for their own Scripture Readings. The children return to their families at Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Every Sunday, all are invited for Fellowship after the 9:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses. (except for secular holiday weekends)

St. Luke Pastoral Parish Council

All parishioners are welcome to attend the parish council meetings held on the 3rd Monday of most months in the Church community center at 7:00PM. Parishioners wishing to speak or make a presentation to the council must register to do so at least one (1) week prior to the meeting. Please fill out the request form available at the parish office, indicating the topic you are wanting to discuss. Your presentation will be the first order of business under our “open forum” session.

MANAGING BEHAVIORS WITH DEMENTIA PATIENTS

This free, 2-hour overview introduces acute or chronic health problems / illnesses that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find additional resources. Presented by Patty Clement-Cihak, Catholic Charities Division Director, Aging Support Services. Designed for caregivers with all levels of experience, who are caring for a family member or friend.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 10AM to 12PM
San Mateo Senior Center
2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo
To Register:
www.sanmateorec.org (Course #542032-A1)
For help with registration call 650.522.7490

Grief Ministry News

“Moving Through the Loss of A Loved One: The Next Step” is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attended a Grief Support group session and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progression through their personal grief journey. This session will be held on Monday evenings at St. Pius beginning Monday, September 18 at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry at 650-361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org.
**Parish Events**

**September 11 – September 16, 2017**

**Monday**  
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Tuesday**  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference

**Wednesday**  
Religious Ed Classes Begin (Gr 1—8)

**Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. All Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary  
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

**Friday**  
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**  
10:30 a.m. Junior Legion of Mary

**Travel Plans**

Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find local Mass times at Catholic churches wherever your travels may take you. Simply enter the city and country and nearby Mass times will be displayed.