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 p.m.
Chapel open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Benediction on Thursday & 1st Friday

Pastoral Staff
Pastor
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala
Deacon
Deacon Mar Tano
Director of Religious Education
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Secretaries
Maria Teresa Alvarez
Maryvee Estacio

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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy
— Isaiah 35:10a

Come, O Christ Jesus, our God and King—come and open our hearts to Your message of salvation. Imbue us with perseverance and firmness of heart, as we prepare for that day of great rejoicing at Your glorious coming. This we ask in Your great Name. Amen.

Month of December
Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

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 - Saturdays 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
December 15, 2019

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Las Posadas begins
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention
Universal – The Future of the Very Young
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass Celebrants
Saturday, December 21, 2019
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala
Sunday, December 22, 2019
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala
9:00 am Fr. Jonathan Paala
10:30 am Fr. Al Furtado
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala

Holy Mass Intentions for December 16 – 22, 2019

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday
Missa Pro Populo-General Intentions/Mass for the People

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday and on the First Friday of the month after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass Benediction is at 7:00PM

Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is longing to shower upon us the divine light of His grace, love and peace. For “Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak.” (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei). He is our greatest friend, our Healer, our Savior who is waiting for us to come and abide in His Eucharistic Love, until He comes again to bring all of us to His eternal home in heaven.

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” - John 6:33

We need people who will commit as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Sign-up sheets are located in the Chapel foyer.
December 15, 2019

*Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.*

†Elizabeth Adorable and †Aurora Villegas

*We pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:*

- Juris Arcilla
- Minerva Barnhart
- Jim Bortak
- Ruben Calderon, Jr.
- Elizabeth Fong
- Dennis B. Huang
- Barbara Keefer
- Tom Keefer
- JoAnn Kozloski
- Josephine Kozloski
- Jackie Kuo
- Courtney LaTour
- Badette Ledesma
- Derek Lee
- Celia Leones
- Dancy Lim
- Christian Liwag
- Evangeline B. Lopez
- Arturo Martin
- Andres Mendez
- Angela Mihelcic
- Bozidar Mihelcic
- Jon Miller
- Edgar Navarro
- Angelina Paguiu
- Rosetta Parisian
- Tom Pope
- Frances Presutto
- Angela F. Reyes
- Estrella Reyes
- Kathy Sampson
- Jennifer Shamway
- Xid Wisco Tan
- Priscilla Touchstone

*...for by His wounds you were healed.* (1 Peter 2:24)

*‘Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation ($1,792.00) to last week’s second collection.

**Poinsettia Plants Needed**

We are again appealing to your generous hearts—help us decorate our altar for our Christmas Liturgies through your gift of poinsettia plants, which can be delivered to the Parish Office on **Friday, December 20, 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.** Thank you and God bless you this Christmas and always.

**Our Offering**

| December 7/8 | $ 3,814.00 |

*Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ’s mission.*

*Thank you! God bless you!*

*“Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.” (Psalm 4:5)*

**The Religious sisters & brothers and priests give thanks...**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We make transitions along life’s journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager’s direction, and by God’s grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on “holy ground.” Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community’s life. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
December 15, 2019

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191
EMAIL: st.lukereed@gmail.com

December 2019
Religious Education Classes
Grades One - Eight
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)
Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)
Confirmation Two Classes
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
6:45PM to 7:45PM

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
Let us bring the hope and love of the Infant Savior to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share with our needy brethren your blessings from God, through our annual “GIVING TREE.”
You still have until Sunday, December 15, to bring the Christ Child’s gifts to the following recipients of our Giving Tree: Catholic Worker House charity drive, the poor & homeless families (Queen of Peace Shelter) and hospice men (Gift of Love Home).
Simply take an ornament (or more if you are able) from the Giving Tree to help grant a needy brethren’s wish.
Please put your UNWRAPPED GIFT ALONG WITH the ORNAMENT TAG under the Giving Tree
NO LATER than DECEMBER 15th, SUNDAY.
If you have GIFT CERTIFICATES, please drop them off
at the Office of Religious Education
or at the Parish Office,
or put them in the Sunday Collection Basket
ALONG WITH THE ORNAMENT TAG.
God’s generosity can never be outdone…
Thank you and GOD be your reward!

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN
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 (4 years old) through children in 2nd grade.

ATTENTION:
The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30PM in the St. Luke community center. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Eddie Torres at: Tel. No.: 650-823-3911

“For unto us a child is born…” (Isaiah 9:6)
Join us as we welcome the Christ Child...

ST. LUKE
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019
DECEMBER 24th, TUESDAY
4:00PM NATIVITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & MASS
6:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
10:30PM MIDNIGHT MASS
DECEMBER 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30AM
DECEMBER 31st, TUESDAY
5:00PM NEW YEAR’s EVE MASS
JANUARY 1ST, NEW YEAR’S DAY
SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
MSS is at 9:00AM

Welcome to the Family of Christ!
Ryn Celeste Bayona Abesamis
Camden Gueco
Zakiah Gueco
Hannah Dale Halum
Arielle Eliza Kanani Stevens-Bennett
Lucas O’Sullivan
Our Newly Baptized Infants and Members of St. Luke Parish Community
“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Galatians 3:27)

Simbang Gabi at St. Luke
Come join us in preparing for the birth-feast of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend the Central San Mateo Deanery Simbang Gabi Advent Novena of Masses, December 15-23, particularly our St. Luke-sponsored Simbang Gabi Mass on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00p.m. and Monday, December 23 at 7:00p.m. in our main church. A fellowship dinner immediately follows in the community center. Visit saintlukefc.org for details.
PARISH EVENTS
December 18 - 22, 2019
Wednesday (December 18)
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
Re-Ed and Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)
Thursday (December 19)
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel
Friday (December 20)
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Saturday (December 21)
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass
Sunday (December 22)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
~ Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am Masses ~

CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE HOLY FAMILY
St. Luke’s Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a parish-wide Consecration to the Holy Family which will take place at the 5 o’clock Saturday evening Mass on December 28th and all Sunday Masses on December 29th. All families are invited to come together and consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

ST. JOSEPH'S WELCOME
If you wish to join the parish, or if you want to update your information, please fill out this form and either return it to the parish office, or drop it in the collection basket.

Register
Name: (First) ____________________________ (Last) ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: ______________________ Zip: _________________
Telephone No. ______________________

Update Member Information
Name: (First) __________________ (Last) __________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: _______________________ Zip: _________________
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PRAYER FOR ADVENT
LORD, watch over Your people who come to You in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You. Give courage to us who falter because of our failures. Lead us along in this Blessed Season of Advent closer to You in hope, through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Grant that we might one day proclaim Your saving acts of love in Your Eternal Kingdom. AMEN.

Contact People
Altar Linens: Mary True (650) 571-8783
Altar Servers: Tony Belo (650) 345-6660
Anointing of the Sick: If you know of parishioners who are sick or hospitalized or are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, please call the office.
Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator:
For persons who have suffered sexual abuse from members of the Catholic clergy. Call (415) 614-5506.
Baptism: Saturdays only, at 11:00AM. Contact the office for preparation class information – prior registration required.
Christian Burial: Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.
Cursillo: Kevin & Jo Moran (650) 477-0493
Filipino Cursillo: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542
Finance Council: John Bernat (650) 678-5840
Grief Support Ministry: Ellen Six (650) 341-0683
Knights of Columbus: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
Legion of Mary: Thurs. 9:00 am Georgie Unson (650) 345-2613
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist
Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Marriages: Contact the parish office at least 8-12 months before the desired date.
Music Ministry: Contact Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123
Pastoral Council: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
Religious Education: Sister Maria Ruth (650) 574-9191
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Women’s Bible Study: Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

ST. LUKE NEEDS ALL OF YOU…
Be the help which our good Lord calls us to be. Volunteer in one or more of our various ministries which would welcome your participation. Please refer to Contact People above for contact persons of these ministries and to express your interest in offering your time and talent. Make a lasting difference through service of God and our brethren.

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