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
Special Associate
Rev. Kieran McCormick
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.

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019
“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
— Matthew 24:44

Come, O Christ Jesus, King of all creation. Come and awaken our souls and draw us to the light of Your love. Make straight our paths and prepare our hearts for your coming, O Savior King. 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)
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 1, 2019

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled.

The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; Sacred Heart of Jesus—First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose
Immaculate Heart of Mary—First Saturday

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 7, 2019
5:00 pm  Fr. Jonathan Paala

Sunday, December 8, 2019
7:30 am  Fr. Jonathan Paala
9:00 am  Fr. Al Furtado
10:30 am Fr. Kieran McCormick
5:00 pm  Fr. Peter Tieng

Holy Mass Intentions for December 2 – 8, 2019

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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.

Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday
December 1, 2019

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

†Maria Isabel Lopetegui & †Bienvenido Mendoza

**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
- Derek Lee
- Patricia Joy Lee
- Celia Leones
- Dancy Lim
- Christian Liwag
- Evangeline B. Lopez
- Arturo Martin
- Andres Mendez
- Angela Mihelcic
- Bozidar Mihelcic
- Jon Miller
- Angelina Paguio
- Rosetta Parisian
- Diana Pineda
- Tom Pope
- Angela F. Reyes
- Estrella Reyes
- Kathy Sampson
- Jennifer Shamway
- Priscilla Touchstone
- Aurora Villegas
- Dr. Francis Walls

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

If you have sick relatives whom you want us to include in our prayers, please call or email our Parish Office. Their names will be on our list for the month of December. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.

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**Collection Report for November 23/24 and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

will be in the 12/8 Bulletin.

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)

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**THANK YOU, FR. KIERAN!!**

With heartfelt gratitude, we give tribute to our dear Fr. Kieran for all his selfless and dedicated service to St. Luke. All are invited to join in thanksgiving as Fr. Kieran celebrates his final Mass at St. Luke on December 8th, Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. An Appreciation Fellowship follows immediately in the church community center.

**Parish Advent Retreat**

Come and allow the Lord to prepare your heart for the Feast of His Birth. St. Luke will have a Parish Advent Retreat on **December 7, 2019**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, with Fr. Peter Tieng as Retreat Master. All are welcome to attend this Retreat, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please sign up in the sheets located in the church community center.

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**Women’s Bible Study Group**

The Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group meets in Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., September to May, to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community.

Patti Villano: 650-341-6913

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**The Little Ones**

- Jesus said to his disciples: **“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”** (Mk 13:33)

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

“People in love make signs of love,” wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love’s vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ’s love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history. They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded. For the next year of “Treasure” essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us & faithfully makes signs of that love. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
December 1, 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

St. Luke Advent Penance Service
Be filled with God’s peace, reconciliation
and healing mercies...Let your heart be
a humble gift to the Infant Child...

CONFESSIONS: 6:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019

St. Luke Christmas Potluck
Saturday, December 14, after the 5PM Holy Mass
Join our St. Luke Community in celebrating the
coming feast of our Lord’s birth. Bring your favorite
dish and share with the community. Sign-up sheets
are located in the church community center.

The Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass
heralds the beginning of the Simbang Gabi Advent
Novena of Masses celebrated in the various parishes
in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All are invited
to the Commissioning Mass and Parol Lighting on
Tuesday, December 10, 7:30p.m. at St. Mary’s
Cathedral in San Francisco. This year, St. Luke
will sponsor the 1st & 9th day of Simbang Gabi.

2019 Simbang Gabi Schedule

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"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."
Mark 1:3

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP
Monday, December 2, 2019, 7:00p.m.—8:30p.m.
St. Pius Catholic Church, Redwood City
All are welcome to this workshop which will be
facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the San
Francisco Archdiocese. To register or for more
information, please email griefministry@pius.org
or call 650-361-0655.
**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.

**PARISH EVENTS**

December 2 - 8, 2019

**Monday (December 2)**
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday (December 4)**
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
Re-Ed and Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)

**Thursday (December 5)**
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study Advent Series
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

**First Friday of the Sacred Heart (December 6)**
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
7:00 a.m. Benediction/Chapel
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**First Saturday of the Immaculate Heart (December 7)**
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Advent Retreat/Main Church
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

**Sunday (December 8)**
7:30 a.m., 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30a.m., 9a.m. Holy Masses*
10:30 a.m. Mass Tribute for Fr. Kieran McCormick
An Appreciation Fellowship immediately follows in the church community center.

**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

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

(Since December 8, 2019 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, is not implemented this year. —USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

**Welcome in Jesus’ Name!!**

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: _________________
Telephone No. ______________________

**New this ADVENT… Sign up for FORMED Daily Advent Reflections**

Go to: **www.saintlukefc.formed.org**  
Click on: “Register Now” (use code DQCXNM)
Share the joy of the season with those you love by creating a space for Christ in your day and in your heart.
Join and receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ’s coming.