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 7:00 p.m. everyday -

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
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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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— Psalm 51:12

O Christ Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, all creation resounds in endless praise of Your love. Thank You for saving us from darkness and for bringing us to the light of Your mercies. Embrace us and lead us to the pastures of Your redeeming love.
Amen.

Devotion to Our Sorrowful Mother

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
LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’ “found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us!

Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unfailing patience.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Thursday: St. Januarius
Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
Saturday: St. Matthew

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.
Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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

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.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts when the priest presider 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT…
Have you lost a loved one, friend or significant other? Or do you know someone who needs help to cope with the loss of a loved one? Help and support are available to you at St. Luke through our Grief Support Ministry. All are welcome. Please contact Ellen Six at 650.341.0683.

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 650-823-3911.

MOVIE NIGHT
featuring ALADDIN
The St. Luke Knights of Columbus is inviting all parishioners to a movie night next Saturday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the community center. Join us as we bond with families and friends while watching “Aladdin” on the big screen. Refreshments & food will be available for purchase.

Next Weekend, September 21st & 22nd
PRIEST’S RETIREMENT FUND
SPECIAL COLLECTION
Our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure that the Priests’ Retirement Fund remains viable and continues to provide pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests who have been there for the most special moments of our lives—baptism, marriage, illness, death—and have always been there in times of need. Your generous support makes a real difference in the lives of these men. Let’s show our gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to us by prayerfully reflecting on how to best help our retired priests with a gift donation to the Priests’ Retirement Fund special collection.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Annual Conference
The Archdiocese of San Francisco Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting the 22nd Annual Holy Spirit Conference on September 21 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Doors open at 8:00 am, and the closing Mass is at 7:00 pm. Talks and workshops, Praise & Worship, Healing Service, Adoration, and Fellowship. The cost is $20 per person.
Contact John Murphy: 650.261.0825 or sfspirit.com

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RCIA
THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WISHES TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?
OR, DO YOU JUST HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
St. Luke is offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), a process of preparation for those who are not baptized and wish to become Catholic; for those who have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to become Catholic; and for those baptized in the Catholic Church who wish to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

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 & at the hour of our death.

AMEN.

PARISH EVENTS
September 18 – 22, 2019

Wednesday (September 18)
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study/Room 2
Re-Ed and Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)

Thursday (September 19)
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Room 4
7:00 p.m. Benediction

Friday (September 20)
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Saturday (September 21)
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass
6:00 p.m. Movie Night (Aladdin)/Community Center

Sunday (September 22)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee & juice after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Masses*
8:00 a.m. Sandwiches on Sunday/Kitchen

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

Volunteers for Preparing Sandwiches
4th Sunday, 5th Saturday and 5th Sunday of the Month
Be Christ’s hands and help feed our brethren in need. Please meet in the St. Luke kitchen on September 22 & 29 at 8:00 a.m. and help prepare sandwiches which will be delivered to the Samaritan House in San Mateo.
Contact Peg Culver at 650.349.1408