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
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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.
— Zephaniah 3:15b

Come, Lord Jesus, come with the refreshing dew of Your most Holy Spirit.
Let Your loving Spirit inflame us and make us faithful to our baptismal promises, until your glorious reign.
We ask this in Your powerful Name. Amen.

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 16, 2018

**REJOICE!**

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).


**READINGs FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- **Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- **Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- **Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- **Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- **Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- **Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**SAINTs AND SPECIAL OBsERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent; *Las Posadas* begins
- **Tuesday:** International Migrants Day
- **Friday:** St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

O Christ, let Your light shine bright in the dark winter nights of our souls. Amen.

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**Mass Intentions for December 17 - December 23**

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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

**6:00p.m. BENEDICTION on Thursday, Dec. 20**

“Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.” —1 Peter 5:7

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is our loving Savior. He teaches us to put all our trust in His Sacred Heart so that the power of His Eucharistic Love will capture, conquer, and cast out all doubts, all fears, all anxieties, all troubles that we have, so that His peace might reign in our hearts. Our Lord is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. How much he longs for you to experience His love, care and healing as you come to dwell in His Heart.

We need people who will commit as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament.” Sign-up sheets are located in the Community Center during weekends, and in the Chapel foyer during weekdays.
December 16, 2018

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:

†Peggy Seibert, †Christa Shih,
†Anthony Vecchio and †Arthur McNicholl

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of the departed, O Lord.
And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:

Keri Ables  Josephine Kozloski  Ronald Rea
Juris Arcilla  Andres Mendez  Jocelyn Reyes
Patrick Banks  Leah Mercado  Rolando Reyes, Jr.
Jennifer Barry  Craig Midghall  Kathy Sampson
Gian Bordallo  Angela Mihelcic  Priscilla Touchstone
Jacquelyn Conway  Bozidar Mihelcic  Charles Toves
Dolores Detruz  Jon Miller  John Toves
Julia Ho  Sheila O’Neill  Macrima Toves
Dennis B. Huang  Diana Pineda  Jim Tremont
JoAnn Kozloski  Josephine Rea  Michael Veprin

“...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 4 weeks. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.

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Sunday, December 9th  $4,537.00
Skip-A-Meal Program  $1,606.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ’s mission.
Thank you! God bless you!

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”(Proverbs 19:17)

Special 2nd Collection (December 15 & 16)
RETIRED FUND for RELIGIOUS

Do you recall the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Your gift will help the religious communities meet the retirement needs of thousands of elderly religious as they continue to serve the people of God. Thank you and God bless your generous heart.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018. It is a great blessing to know that through your loving sacrifices, we were able to reach our goal ($59,277.00). Your inspiring gifts will help sustain the various ministries of our Archdiocese and our Universal Church. Thank you for being a vital part in carrying out Christ’s work and helping thousands of people experience the goodness of the Lord.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention
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That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

GOD SHOWS US A BETTER WAY TO LIVE. WE LIVE IT BY HELPING OTHERS LIVE IT, TOO.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Lk 3:10-11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams!

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Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
December 5, 12 and 19
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 the Youth Mass
December 2, 9 and 16

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.

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.”

This year, our Giving Tree supports the 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) to help grant a needy brethren’s wish. The Giving Tree will be in place throughout the Advent Season.

Please put your UNWRAPPED GIFT ALONG WITH THE ORNAMENT TAG under the Giving Tree
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16th, SUNDAY

If you have GIFT CERTIFICATES, drop them off at the Office of Religious Education 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!

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 Tom Consunji at: Tel. No.: 650.892.3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com

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

ST. LUKE
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

DECEMBER 24th, MONDAY
4:00PM NATIVITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & MASS
6:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
10:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

DECEMBER 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM

DECEMBER 31st, MONDAY
5:00PM NEW YEAR’s EVE MASS

JANUARY 1ST, NEW YEAR’S DAY
SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
MASS is at 8:30AM

Welcome to the Family of Christ!
Elyse Livia Bustos
Dominic Rydin Damole-Avelino
Sophia Christina Fabic-Barrios
Santino Renato Molina
Kai Owen Parenti
Our Newly Baptized Infants and Members of St. Luke Parish

Handling the Holidays
For those who have lost a loved one, celebrating the Christmas season can be difficult. There are care notes in the community center for you to pick up and to give you encouragement. You can also send a note to console a friend.
PARISH EVENTS
December 19 – December 23, 2018

Wednesday
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study/Rm.#3
Religious Ed (Refer to page 4)

Thursday
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
6:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Novena Mass/Main Church

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

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Sandwiches on Sunday/St. Luke Kitchen

Volunteers for Sandwiches on Sunday
Every 4th Sunday of the Month @ 8:00AM
Experience the spirit of Christmas by being Christ’s hands to feed our brethren in need. Please meet in the St. Luke kitchen at 8:00AM on December 23 and help prepare sandwiches which will be delivered to the Samaritan House in San Mateo. Contact Peg Culver at 650.349.1408

RECONNECT YOUR FAITH
Been away from church for awhile or don’t feel as connected to your faith as you want to be? Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame has a special program just for you called LANDINGS. Join a lively, ten week discussion-based program. There’s no judgment and all are welcome. We begin on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. Now in its third year, it promises to be a rewarding and impactful experience. If you or someone you know is interested, contact us at landings@olaparish.org.

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. ______________________

PRAYER FOR ADVENT
LORD JESUS, Master of both light and darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over countless things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in numerous ways long for the complete bliss of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are burdened seek peace and comfort in Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the Light. To You we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.
adapted from “An Advent Prayer” by Henri Nouwen

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: Call Tom Consunji (650) 892-3312
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: Dan Linkhorn (415) 533-8797
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
Youth Ministry: Amabel Goell (650) 740-7751

If you have too much to do, with God’s help you will find time to do it all.
St. Peter Canisius
Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities and attracted many back to the Catholic faith, known as the Second Apostle of Germany
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