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.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
Thursday & 1st Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass concluding with the Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the Parish Office at (650) 345-6660

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.
Thursday & 1st Friday: until 7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

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.

Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020
“Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(Collect Prayer)

Month of March
is dedicated to the Saint Joseph

Pastoral Staff
Pastor
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala
Deacon
Deacon Mar Tano
Director of Religious Education
Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Secretaries
Maria Teresa Alvarez
Maryvee Estacio
March 8, 2020

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God’s call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God’s promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)
Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).
Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; International Women’s Day
Monday: St. Frances of Rome;
Friday: Abstinence (abstaining from meat)

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, March 14, 2020
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala

Sunday, March 15, 2020
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 March 9 - 15, 2020

Date  Time  Intention  Pray for your priests
MON  9  8:30 a.m.  † Magdalena & Emiliano Santos, Sr.  Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE  10  8:30 a.m.  † Juan R. Bautista  Fr. Anthony Chung
WED  11  8:30 a.m.  John, Justin, Jaleigh Schneider  Fr. Al Furtado
THU  12  8:30 a.m.  † Josephine Kozloski  Fr. Francis Njua
FRI  13  8:30 a.m.  John, Justin, Jaleigh Schneider  Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT  14  8:30 a.m.  Eva & Juan Gonzales  5:00 p.m.  † Lucy Huang  Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
SUN  15  7:30 a.m.  † Missa Pro Populo  9:00 a.m.  † Missa Pro Populo  10:30 am  † Missa Pro Populo  5:00 p.m.  † Missa Pro Populo  Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City

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 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass Benediction is at 7:00 p.m.

“Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, ‘In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me.’”

—St. Peter Julian

“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.
March 8, 2020

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

†Catalina Batac, †Daniel Concepcion, †Ida Jacobs, †Josephine Kozloski, †Courtney LaTour, and †Sigred Saavedra

We pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:
Feliz Acosta
Baby Aleman
Juris Arcilla
Minerva Barnhart
Teresa Bautista
Jim Bortak
Ruben Calderon, Jr.
Michael Carmody
Elizabeth Fong
Dennis B. Huang
Barbara Keefer
Tom Keefer
JoAnn Kozloski
Jackie Kuo
Badette Ledesma
Celia Leones
Dancy Lim
Christian Liwag
Arturo Martin
Andres Mendez
Angela Mihelicc
Bozidar Mihelicc
Jon Miller
Edgar Navarro
Angelina Paguay
Patti Panfile
Rosetta Parisian
Tom Pope
Frances Presutto
Angela F. Reyes
Estrella Reyes
Kathy Sampson
Jennifer Shamway
Manly Torres
Priscilla Touchstone

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

February 29/March 1  $ 3,441.00
St. Luke’s Building Fund  $ 1,722.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ’s mission. Thank you! God bless you!
And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
(Hebrews 13:16)

The Light is On for You...
Confession Times this Lent
Our Lord is waiting for you in the confessional. The light of His reconciling love is on during Thursdays of Lent, from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the St. Luke Church Reconciliation Room.

Journey with Christ in His Passion
Join us every Friday evening during Lent to pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7:00p.m. in the main church.

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, 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.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

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grape-seed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don’t just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can’t be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God’s bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Little Ones

WHY, YES, THAT IS MY FAVORITE GOSPEL STORY... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WHITER THAN WHITE
SO BRIGHT IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. Mt 17:2-3

“S’paw”—American Family Farmers’ Institute, Geneva, New York
March 2020

Religious Education Classes

Grades One - Eight
March 4th, 11th and 18th
Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)
Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)

Confirmation Two Classes
March 4th, 11th and 18th
6:45PM to 7:45PM

Lenten Bible Series

The Women’s Bible Study Group is inviting all parishioners to attend its 3-series presentation for the Lenten season.

Dates: March 12, March 19, March 26
Time: 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Place: St. Luke’s Church Meeting Room (Room 4)

With Dr. Ellen Six as presenter, we will examine the stories of Bible women from the Samaritan woman at the well to the women at the Tomb. They all heard the words, “Go and Tell.” We will search for how to live out those words in our lives.

Contact Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

Thank you to all those who helped in putting together a successful St. Luke Crab Feed Fundraiser.

It could not have sailed on without your tireless efforts, dedication & sacrifices. God bless you in abundance! Heartfelt thanks too to all who supported our fundraising event. See you all next year for our 17th Annual Crab Feed!

Prayer

Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

— Pope Francis, Lent 2020

Almsgiving

Today, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in many innocent victims. — Pope Francis, Lent 2020

Fasting and Abstinence

Every Friday becomes a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ—to suffer with Him, so that one day, we might be glorified with Him. Aside from abstaining from meat, we are called to self-discipline and temperance, especially in the use of alcoholic beverages [or pleasurable things like social media]. It would bring great glory to God and good to souls if Fridays found our people doing volunteer work, serving the needs of the aged and the lonely, instructing the young in the Faith, participating as Christians in community affairs, and meeting our obligations to our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our community, including our parishes. With hope that this will herald a new birth of loving faith and more profound penitential conversion, by both of which we become one with Christ, mature sons of God, and servants of God’s people. — United States Catholic Bishops © 1983 usccb.org

Through fasting and praying, we allow Christ to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

Several images and tables are present in the document that need to be rendered as natural text. The text is discussing religious education classes, an event for the Knights of Columbus, a liturgy of the word with children, a series of Bible studies, and a thank you note for the Crab Feed fundraiser. The document also includes quotes from Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI about prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. The text is structured in a way that highlights the importance of religious activities and personal devotion. The inclusion of dates, times, and locations for the events provides a clear schedule for the month of March 2020. The thank you note recognizes the efforts of those who helped with the Crab Feed fundraiser, expressing gratitude for their contributions. The content is well-organized and easy to follow, providing readers with a comprehensive overview of the activities and initiatives mentioned.
PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH
Remember, most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, our loving protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, we come before you and with humble hearts implore you. Be our father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. After your example, let all our actions be directed to the greatest glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother, and your own paternal heart. AMEN.

PARISH EVENTS
March 9 – March 17, 2020

Tuesday (March 10)
3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

Wednesday (March 11)
Re-Ed & Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)

Thursday (March 12)
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Series/Room 4
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Confessions/Church
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday (March 13)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday (March 14)
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Sunday (March 15)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Masses in the community center*

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. ______________________

RESOURCES FOR LENT
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers Lenten resources in a variety of media. The website Strong Catholic Family Faith offers many resources, especially for children and families. Loyola Press, a Jesuit ministry, offers a multitude of Lenten information, activities, and communications. The Catholic Education Resource Center offers many things, visit the site and search for “Lent”.

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