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 email us.

**CHAPEL** is open for visit to our Eucharistic Lord every day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Eucharistic Celebrations (Outdoors)**
- First Friday of the Month—8:30am
- Saturday—5:00pm
- Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am
- Baptism (Infants)
- Saturday—11:00am

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**Reconciliation (Confession)**
4:00—4:30pm in the Church
Please sign up at saintlukefc@gmail.com

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

**Anointing of the Sick**
For Last Rites please call or email us.

**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
A HIGHER STANDARD

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone else. Today’s readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shining light into the darkness. Matthew’s Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today’s readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Although today’s readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, “Love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that “love is the fulfillment of the law” might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

THE WAY OF PRAYER

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today’s Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: “I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we “got what we asked for,” prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Today’s readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7–9
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9
Romans 13:8–10
Matthew 18:15–20
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today’s readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God’s ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions—love. “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.” When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.

LOVE AS CHRIST CALLS

The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God’s love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God’s voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God’s voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. “If today you hear [God’s] voice, harden not your hearts,” says today’s psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today’s readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today’s Readings: Ez 33:7–9; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Rom 13:8–10; Mt 18:15–20

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“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” (Matthew 18:19)
A MESSAGE OF LOVE
In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). 

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

Prayer of Reparation especially during these times when we are witnessing the desecration of the Blessed Eucharist and statues of blessed Saints...

“Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit — I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
“When we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we represent the one in the world who is in most need of God’s Mercies. We stand in behalf of the one in the world who does not know Christ and who is farthest away from God and we bring down upon their soul the Precious Blood of the Lamb.”

—Pope St. John Paul II

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

—John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, visit: virtualadoration.home.blog

September 6, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE
NO Weekday Public Masses
(intentions will still be offered during the private Mass celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Jonathan)

5PM SATURDAY ANTICIPATED OUTDOOR MASS

8AM & 10AM SUNDAY OUTDOOR MASSES

Holy Mass Intentions for September 7—13, 2020

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Special Observances
Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Thursday: Sacred Heart of Jesus; Patriot Day
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday

Missa Pro Populo-General Intentions/Mass for the People


Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention
Respect for the Planet’s Resources

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadiong, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohlen, †Fr. Tom Timmins, †Msgr. Edward McTaggart, †Fr. Brian Costello, †Alex Minerva, †Manisha Patil, †Chris Miller, †Zenaida Froilan, †Arturo Almeda, †Estrella Vasquez, †Mary Sammut, †Myke Viray, †Teresa Bautista, †Sue Rathjen, † all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

We pray for God’s healing mercies upon the sick:

Feliz Acosta  
Juris Arcilla  
Minerva Barnhart  
Jim Bortak  
Mary Ann Bravo  
Ruben Calderon, Jr.  
Bobby Calderon  
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  
Natividad Martin  
Andres Mendez  
Angela Mihelec  
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Jon Miller  
Virginia Molina  
Edgar Navarro  
Ed Page  
Patti Panfile  
Rosetta Parisian  
Violet Pastrana  
Tom Pope  
Frances Presutto  
Angela F. Reyes  
Estrella Reyes  
Kathy Sampson  
Jennifer Shamway  
Manny Torres  
Joe Touchstone  
Priscilla Touchstone  
Those suffering from the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
September 6, 2020

September 8, 2020

Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother Mary!

If Jesus is the perfect expression of God’s love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to loved ones and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary’s birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large, because of the coming of our Lord. We thank God for the gift of life, as we honor both our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus through our love for them and for one another. franciscanmedia.org

Heavenly Child, lovable Mary, the Eternal Father delights in your birth, for He beholds in your coming into this world one of His creatures who is so perfect that she will become the worthy Mother of His divine Son. May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining for me from the heavenly Father, the pardon of my sins, and an abiding sorrow for them. Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for these my intentions… (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Prayer:
Your Nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, was the herald of joy to the whole world; since from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, destroying the curse, bestowed the blessing, and confounding death, rewarded us with life everlasting. V. Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. R. That she may intercede for us with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:
Grant to us your servants, we beseech you, O Lord, the gift of Your heavenly grace, that as our salvation was begun in the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so from this solemn festival of her Nativity may we obtain an increase of peace. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. americaneedsfatima.org
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke Religious Ed Classes
Although classes have started on September 2nd, you can still enroll your child until the end of September. This Fall, Saint Luke will offer A BLENDED Learning environment – a combination of VIRTUAL Zoom classes, a bring-home TEXTBOOK, and occasional IN-PERSON session (of 8 to 10 students only) when the county of San Mateo permits it. Gathering the students for the IN-PERSON session is dependent on whether the public schools in San Mateo will open this Fall. Registration Forms are available in the office or may be downloaded from the St. Luke Church Website, www.saintlukefc.org.

God’s Gifts during the Pandemic
Outdoor Masses … Christ is truly alive among us for healing & strength as we worship God together
First Friday (8:30am) | Saturday (5pm)
Sunday (8:00am & 10:00am)
Confession … Christ granting us peace, forgiveness, and healing for new life in His Spirit
Saturday (4:00-4:30pm or by appointment)
Baptism … Christ makes us adopted children, and coheirs with Him as temples of the Holy Spirit
Saturday (11:00am)
Visit to the Blessed Sacrament … Christ waits for you to be with Him...
Chapel open M-Sun 8am to 6pm
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

Thanks for Your Donations
In spite of the difficult situation we are facing, I wish to thank you for your continuous support of our parish through your prayers and generous donations. I pray that you and your families will remain safe and well within the shelter of our merciful Savior.
— Fr. Jonathan Paala
Go to sfarch.org/lifeline select “St. Luke Parish”. You can also mail or drop your donation in the parish office mail box or Sunday Collection Box. Thanks so much! God bless your generous hearts!

Get Updates from St. Luke through Flocknote
Connect with us through Flocknote. To join, text Alleluia to 84576 or login to saintlukechurch.flocknote.com

Upcoming Respect Life Events
Healing After Abortion for Men (in English) September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3 pm.
A day long retreat for healing after abortion led by Contemplatives of St. Joseph Father Vito Perrone. For more information or to sign up https://sfarch.org/healing-for-men or projectrachel@sfarch.org or call 415-614-5567
This short video with Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, invites men to the retreat — https://youtu.be/gXmbkSL6cIY

Healing Mass for Miscarriages & Infant Loss September 26, 10 a.m. Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ will offer a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Sign up at https://sfarchdiocese.org/infant-loss-mass

Act Now to Help Save Catholic Schools
COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 130 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent of Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.
Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.
Public schools are asking for $300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking Congress for direct funding to families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition. We encourage you to add your own personal story about your Catholic school experience in the message as well. Go to https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/76171/Respond
Grief and Consolation Ministry Invites You

A word to those who grieve: To hope, even if we cannot see our loved ones before they die, to touch them and tell them how much they are loved and will be forever remembered is an act of deep trust in God’s forever presence in us and among us. In grief we join hearts if not hands; it is our faith and trust that God is with us in all who will give us words of understanding and encouragement…a presence of the reality of God in our midst. The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers many parish-based support groups and events led by trained facilitators. Do not hesitate to reach out to your parish for grief accompaniment. For resources, visit the webpage sfarchdiocese.org/grief or contact Sr. Tony Lynn Gallagher for assistance in the time of loss. tlgallagher@mercywwm.org 415-317-4436

Fall Marriage Encounter Weekends

A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Nov 13-15, 2020 in San Jose, CA and Oct 2-4, 2020 in Reno, NV. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit sanjosewwme.org, or contact Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Take a stand for JUSTICE & LIFE for ALL this Autumn of 2020

From September 23 - November 1 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at: 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City
You can make this commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity For scheduling by phone, questions, difficulties or help, contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-918-9119 (mobile) or 650-572-1468 (landline) or email themunns@yahoo.com
God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone – and you may save a life!
Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Outdoor Cathedral Plaza Masses

1111 Gough St., San Francisco
Outdoor Masses continue on the Cathedral Plaza on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be present. Parish livestreamed Masses and outdoor Masses are listed at sfarch.org/livestreams. Find additional ways to observe the commandment to keep Sundays holy at https://sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath. Schedules of future Masses at the Cathedral can be found on the website, sfarchdiocese.org/cathedral-livestreams.

St. Dominic Church:
Online Retreat for a Time of Crisis

Wednesdays, September 23 through October 28 6:45 – 8:00 pm
“All shall be well.” In times of crisis how do we keep the flame of hope alive? How do we make sense of suffering? How do we lean on God, hold on to our faith and trust that all shall be well? This six-week online retreat will explore the experience of the Old Testament figure Job, who suffered, despaired, and eventually regained his faith. The group will also find comfort in the writings of medieval mystic Julian of Norwich. There is no charge. Facilitators are Deacon Chuck McNeil and Sr. Maggie Glynn FSP. Sponsored by St. Dominic’s Church Outreach ministries.
To register, contact Deacon Chuck McNeil, 415-567-7824 | deaconchuck@stdominics.org
Please register by September 10.
**LIVE STREAM MASSES**

For those who cannot celebrate with us in St. Luke’s...

At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: “He took bread. . . .” “He took the cup filled with wine. . . .” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333)

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O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.

Month of September is dedicated to Our Sorrowful Mother

Prayer

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 and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

(St. Louis De Montfort's Consecration)

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I desire, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most holy Mother received You, and with the spirit and fervor of Your saints. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

— Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is asking the faithful to unite in prayers with the entire Church and utter the above prayer each day to seek the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BELLS CALL TO PRAYER

Set your alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.

9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill

Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

— Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago
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