

Saint Luke Catholic Church

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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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

— Psalm 98:5

*O Christ Jesus,
our protector
and shield,
enshroud us
in Your mantle
of love and
ignite us with
the power of Your
Divine Spirit
as You commission
us to spread
the message of
Your Kingdom
to all, until
You come again
in glory. Amen.*



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Month of November

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

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

November 17, 2019

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Cecilia
- Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for Pope Francis's Intention

Universal – Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, November 23, 2019

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala

Sunday, November 24, 2019

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala

9:00 am Fr. Jonathan Paala

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala



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Holy Mass Intentions for November 18 – 24, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your priests
MON 18	8:30 a.m.	† All Souls	Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE 19	8:30 a.m.	Robert Grainger BD	Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 20	8:30 a.m.	Cecil Marcelo BD	Fr. Al Furtado
THU 21	8:30 a.m.	† Zacarias & Felisa Mendoza	Fr. Francis Njua
FRI 22	8:30 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT 23	8:30 a.m.	† Isaac de Leon, Jr.	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	† Rodolfo Gallegos	
SUN 24	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	Kim Luu Family	
	10:30am	† Leo Kahn	
	5:00p.m.	† Helen Peeke	

**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

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.

November 17, 2019

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

†**Maria Isabel Lopetegui**, † **Ben Mendoza**,
†**Teresa Pang** and †**Nelly Turk**


We pray for God's healing upon our sick parishioners:

Juris Arcilla	Arturo Martin
Minerva Barnhart	Andres Mendez
Jim Bortak	Angela Mihelcic
Ruben Calderon, Jr.	Bozidar Mihelcic
Elizabeth Fong	Jon Miller
Dennis B. Huang	Rosetta Parisian
Barbara Keefer	Diana Pineda
Tom Keefer	Tom Pope
JoAnn Kozloski	Angela F. Reyes
Josephine Kozloski	Estrella Reyes
Jackie Kuo	Kathy Sampson
Derek Lee	Celia Sanidad
Patricia Joy Lee	Jennifer Shamway
Dancy Lim	Priscilla Touchstone
Christian Liwag	Aurora Villegas
Evangeline B. Lopez	Dr. Francis Walls

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

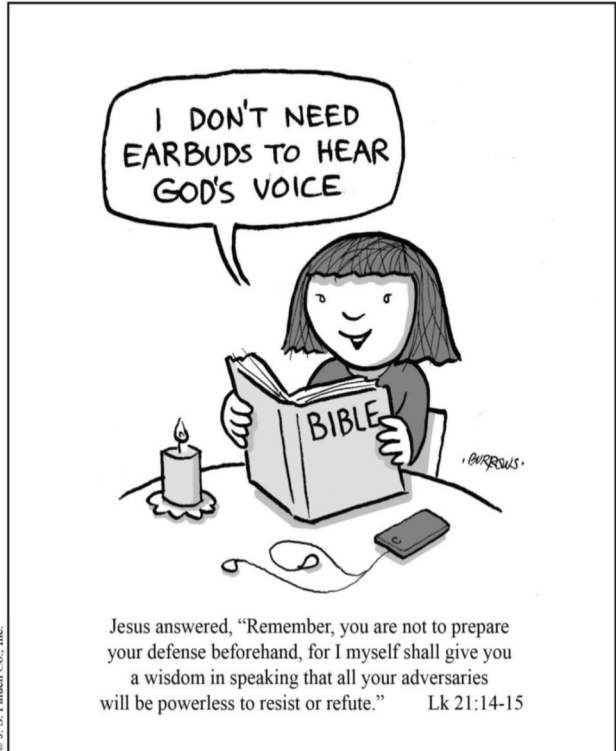
If you have sick relatives whom you want us to include in our prayers, please call or email our Parish Office. Their names will be on our list for the month of November. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.


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**



The Little Ones

Jim Burrow




Our Offering 

November 9/10	\$ 3,268.50
Parish Skip-A-Meal Program	\$ 1,511.00

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)

Next weekend, November 23/24, there will be a **SPECIAL BOX COLLECTION** for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. The mission of CCHD is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations and through transformative education. Please drop your donation in the box located in the church community center. Thank you and God bless you for your generous support.

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE
 With the Daylight Saving Time, the Chapel will be closed at **6:00 p.m.** starting Monday, **November 18, 2019**. 7:00 p.m. is already very dark and cold. However, the **Benediction on Thursday** and **1st Friday** will still be at **7:00 p.m.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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November 17, 2019

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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November 2019

Religious Education Classes

Grades One - Eight

November 6th, 13th, and 20th

Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)

Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)

Confirmation Two Classes

November 6th, 13th, and 20th

6:45PM to 7:45PM



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," which we will launch on Sunday, **November 24th, 2019**.

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

ON or BEFORE DECEMBER 15th, SUNDAY.

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

or at the Parish Office,

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!

Volunteers for Sandwiches on Sunday

Be Christ's hands and help feed our brethren in need. Please meet in the St. Luke Kitchen on **November 24 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

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: Tel. No.: 650-823-3911



THANK YOU, Fr. Kieran McCormick!!!

With heartfelt gratitude, we give tribute to our dear Fr. Kieran and thank him for his selfless and dedicated service to St. Luke. All are invited to Fr. Kieran's final Mass at St. Luke on December 8th, Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. An Appreciation Fellowship follows immediately in the church community center. Thank you, Fr. Kieran! We will miss you!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SAINT VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY PANTRY AT ST. LUKE

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is ongoing through the last weekend of November 30th/December 1st. We appreciate your assistance in providing non-perishable food for our pantry. You may drop off your donations in the bins placed in the church community center. We have posted a list of items for donation on our bulletin board. Thank you for your charitable participation.

~ St. Vincent de Paul Conference Committee

The Women's Bible Study Group

is offering 3 sessions in preparation for the Advent season. With Dr. Ellen Six as presenter, we will examine the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth and Joseph and Mary. We will look at how they said YES to God and we will have the opportunity to see how we are preparing for the coming of Christ.

Dates: Thursdays—Nov. 14, **Nov. 21, Dec. 5**

Time: 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Luke's Church Meeting Room (Room 4)
All women are welcome. Contact Mary Ann Fitzgerald phone (650) 759-3912 or rmafitz@sbcglobal.net

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Come and spend time with the Lord this coming Advent season. Allow Him 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.

PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS

O MOST gentle HEART of JESUS,
ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love for
the poor captive souls in Purgatory,
have mercy on the souls of Your departed
servants. Be not severe in Your judgments,
but let some drops of Your Precious Blood
fall upon the devouring flames.
And do Thou, O Merciful Savior,
send Your holy Angels to conduct them to
a place of refreshment, light and peace.
Amen.

PARISH EVENTS

November 20 — 24, 2019

Wednesday (November 20)

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

Thursday (November 21)

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 (November 22)

7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Saturday (November 23)

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Sunday (November 24)

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.
and 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

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. _____

Save the Date: December 14 (Sat.) St. Luke Christmas Potluck

All are invited to celebrate the coming Feast of Christ's birth, and gather together at St. Luke's Christmas Potluck Dinner, on December 14, Saturday, at 6:00 p.m. in the church community center. Come bring your favorite dish. This event is spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus.

saint snippets



Arise, soldiers of Christ,
throw away the works of
darkness and put on the
armor of light.

St. Cecilia

Noble lady of Rome beheaded for her faith in the year 230; patron saint of musicians because during her wedding she sang from her heart to the Lord

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