

# 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*

### **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.*

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

*December 29, 2019*

Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*



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*Cradle our homes  
in Your arms,  
O Lord Jesus,  
Blessed Mother Mary  
and St. Joseph,  
as we consecrate  
our families to You.  
Let the Holy Spirit  
dwell in our hearts,  
and make our  
homes a haven of  
love and peace like  
Your own home at  
Nazareth. Unite  
all families to You,  
until You welcome  
us into Your eternal  
Kingdom. Amen.*

## *Month of December*

## *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 29, 2019

**SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE**

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; **Mary, the Holy Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)** World Day of Peace; New Year's Day
- Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Pray for Pope Francis's Intention**  
**Universal – The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Holy Mass Celebrants*

- Saturday, January 4, 2020*  
5:00 pm Fr. Francis Njua
- Sunday, January 5, 2020*  
7:30 am Fr. Francis Njua  
9:00 am Fr. Al Furtado  
10:30 am Fr. Francis Njua  
5:00 pm Fr. Francis Njua



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**Holy Mass Intentions for Dec. 30, 2019 – Jan. 5, 2020**

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your priests
<b>MON 30</b>	8:30 a.m.	Madeleine Kavanagh BD	Fr. Kieran McCormick
<b>TUE 31</b>	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Romeo Y. De Jesus † Ernestina Torres	Fr. Anthony Chung
<b>WED 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Cecilia Chang SI	Fr. Al Furtado
<b>THU 2</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Romeo Y. De Jesus	Fr. Francis Njua
<b>FRI 3</b>	8:30 a.m.	† William Chen	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
<b>SAT 4</b>	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Lena Unson BD Baby Amari Wilson	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
<b>SUN 5</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30am 5:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo † Paul Luu Marc & Nona Jones † Romeo Y. De Jesus	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.

“Faithfully pursuing the path of our Redeemer from the poverty of the crib to His abandonment on the Cross, we can better understand the mystery of His love which redeems humanity. In the stable at Bethlehem He allowed Himself to be worshipped under the humble appearance of a newborn infant... in the consecrated Host we adore Him sacramentally present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Godhead, and He offers Himself to us as the food of eternal life.”  
—St. John Paul II (*World Youth Day 2005*)

“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.*

December 29, 2019

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

†Elizabeth Adorable and †Aurora Villegas

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	Edgar Navarro
Barbara Keefer	Angelina Paguio
Tom Keefer	Rosetta Parisian
JoAnn Kozloski	Tom Pope
Jackie Kuo	Frances Presutto
Courtney LaTour	Angela F. Reyes
Badette Ledesma	Estrella Reyes
Derek Lee	Kathy Sampson
Celia Leones	Jennifer Shamway
Dancy Lim	Xid Wisco Tan
Evangeline B. Lopez	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 December. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.



December 14/15	\$9,093.00
Skip-A-Meal Program	\$1,470.00

The December 21/22 Collection Report will be in the January 5, 2020 Bulletin

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.”

## 2019 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)

Thank you for heeding Christ's call. Your generous response testifies to this year's AAA theme, "I will show you my faith by my works" (James 2:18). Thanks to God's grace manifested in your faithful support, we were able to reach our 2019 AAA goal (\$59,244.20). Your loving sacrifices and commitment to the Annual Appeal allows the Archdiocese of San Francisco to continue serving the Universal Church and the local community.

**Christ and His love be your reward!**

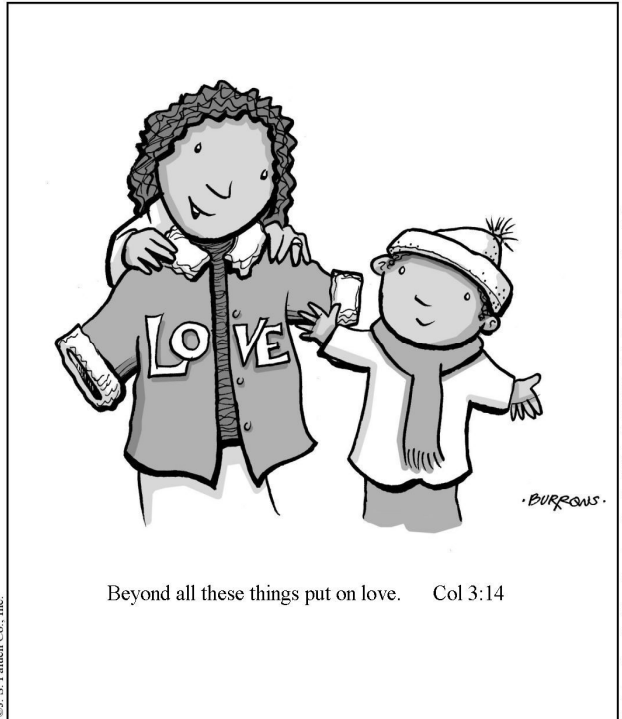
## Women's Bible Study Group

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  
December 19, 2019: Start of Christmas Break  
January 9, 2020: Bible Study resumes



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM  
Director of Religious Education  
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### January 2020

#### Religious Education Classes

Grades One - Eight

New Year's Day, January 1 - NO Classes

January 8th and 15th

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

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

#### Confirmation Two Classes

New Year's Day, January 1 - NO Classes

January 8th and 15th

6:45PM to 7:45PM

## CHRISTMAS 2019



Our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped embellish our altar through gifts of poinsettia plants. A big thanks to those who worked hard and contributed their time, talent and treasure to make our Christmas liturgical celebration meaningful. God shower you all with His blessings.



*Have a Blessed 2020*

*Be with the One True Source & Summit  
of Eternal Peace, Hope and Love*

Our Lord Jesus Christ who is truly, really and corporally present in the Blessed Sacrament during each celebration of the Holy Eucharist and in every Tabernacle loves you and wishes to be with you...

**IN THE EUCHARIST.** Come and worship Christ Jesus our Lord and witness His life-giving sacrifice unfold anew during each Eucharistic celebration, with the Holy Spirit opening your heart to savor and share with others the marvels of God's love.

**IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** Come and rest in the loving and healing embrace of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus during our all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the First Friday of every month and all Thursdays of the year.

**IN CONFESSION.** Come and receive Christ's promise of new life as He breathes forth His Spirit of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation.

*Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:53-54)*

### 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



*Solemnity of Mary,*

*Mother of God*

### **HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION**

MASS SCHEDULE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**DECEMBER 31st, TUESDAY**

5:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**JANUARY 1st, WEDNESDAY**

9:00AM



*Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace  
and our Mother, pray for us.*

**Let the love, peace and graces which arise  
from the Sacred Nazarene Home of our Lord  
Jesus, Blessed Mother Mary and Saint Joseph  
abide in all families throughout 2020!**

*Greetings from our Pastor, Fr. Jonathan,*

*Deacon Mar Tano & the Saint Luke Pastoral Staff*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;



O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

**JANUARY 1**

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—*St. Francis of Assisi*

### **Resources for "Living the Consecration"**

"For two years now, we have been living the life of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Consecration is not a one-time event, but a process of faith and love, a continuous Exodus from bondage into freedom," writes Fr. Charles Puthota. As we continue this life of consecration, a 17-page practical and spiritual Guide to Living the Consecration is available to subscribers to Catholic San Francisco's weekly email newsletter. Sign up at [catholic-sf.org/free-email-newsletter](http://catholic-sf.org/free-email-newsletter).

## **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life.

Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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## **PARISH EVENTS**

### **December 31, 2019 - January 5, 2020**

#### **New Year's Eve (December 31)**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Evening Vigil**  
Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 5:00 p.m.

#### **New Year's Day (January 1)**

#### **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 9:00 a.m. only

Offices are closed on New Year's Day

*A blessed and Spirit-filled 2020 to all!!!*

#### **Thursday (January 2)**

9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Office services resume

7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

#### **1st Friday of the Sacred Heart (January 3)**

9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel

7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

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

#### **1st Saturday of the Immaculate Heart (Jan. 4)**

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

#### **Sunday (January 5)**

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses

*\*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30a.m., 9a.m. & 10:30a.m. Holy Masses\**

## **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

## **St. Luke Needs All of You...**

Be the help which our good Lord calls us to be. Volunteer in one or more of our various ministries which would welcome your participation. Please refer to Contact People above for contact persons of these ministries to express your interest in offering your time and talent. Make a lasting difference through service of God and our brethren.

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_