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 Noon

CHAPEL OPEN: 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.

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b

We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, in Whom the Father is well pleased. Breathe forth in us Your Divine Spirit and transfigure our hearts and make them like Yours. We long to see the radiance of Your presence as we come to worship You for eternity in Your Heavenly Kingdom.

This we ask in Your powerful Name. Amen

Month of February

Devotion to the Holy Family

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 - Saturday 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
February 25, 2018

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today’s scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God’s own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham’s obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God’s promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to Isaac, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn’t identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that’s us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It’s hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter’s plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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

Dedicate 2018 to our Lord Jesus...

Adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday, after the 8:30AM Holy Mass and on the First Friday of the month.

Benediction is at 7:30PM.

As the rainbow unites heaven and earth, so does the Blessed Sacrament unite God with man, heaven on earth, as God makes His dwelling with His people...a promise and foretaste of heaven and a fulfillment of the Love which is the greatest Love our hearts will ever know.

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, March 3, 2018
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Sunday, March 4, 2018
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
9:00 am Fr. Kieran
10:30 am Fr. Kieran
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Mass Intentions for February 26 — March 4

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday Missa Pro Populo-General Intentions/Mass for the People

“Your deeds might be the only sermon some persons hear today.”
St. Francis of Assisi

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).
Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

February 25, 2018

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially...

Ron Brown

May they be strengthened and comforted by their trust in the Lord...

Keri Ables, Elysabeth Allen, Juris Arcilla, Rori Arcilla, Patrick Banks, Jose Barcelona Jr., Michael Carmody, Alma Castellanos, Gail Castro, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Marvin Crockett, Elizabeth Fong, Linda Gaerlan, Marie Ghiozzi, Craig Gockley, Julia Ho, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kaufer, Eva Latham, Kevin Lucia, Veronica Maguire, Arturo Martin, Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Angela & Bozidar Mihelcie, Bridgette Negar, Joey Palanca, Kathy Raymor, Josephine Rea, Antonio & Ernesto Reyes, Margaret F. Reyes, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Rosa Santos, Jameson Sham, Sally Stevens, Sue Techlin, Priscilla Touchstone, Vallery Washington and George Zughbaba.

Sunday, February 18th $ 3,490.00

Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible. Thank you! God bless you!

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

Catholic Charities Lenten Tours and Volunteer Opportunities

During Lent Catholic Charities invites you to practice compassion by:

- Touring one of our programs serving the poor and vulnerable
- Share your time by volunteering: tutoring, serving food or leading activities.
- Donating to those in need.

Contact: Regina O’Connor 415.972.1297 volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

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 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): 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]

Women’s Bible Study Group

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Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention

General: Say “No” to corruption.
That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.
March 2018

Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
March 7th, 14th and 21st
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 Youth Mass
February 4th, 11th and 18th

Catholic Men’s Conference with
Archbishop and ETWN Guest...
Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (Registration
8:00 – 8:55 am) St. Bartholomew Church, 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo
Ed Hopfner Hopfner@sfarch.org
415-614-5680

Saturday, March 10, is the San Francisco Bay Catholic Men's Conference, "Called to Lead." Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass, and sacramental confession is available. Tim Whitmire, founder of The Iron Project, will take part; Fr. Joseph Illo is Retreat Leader; and keynote speaker is Doug Barry, founder and director of the Catholic ministry RADIX and host of EWTN's new television program Battle Ready. Cost (includes lunch) is $45 ($35 for early registration by Feb. 26); fathers, bring your teen sons: $20 for men under 20. Register online at the website above.

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center. Exception: April meeting — April 9, 2018. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Consunji at: (650) 892-3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com

Don’t Miss Out on Crab!
Crab! and more CRAB!!!
This Wednesday is the deadline to get your tickets so don’t delay anymore in purchasing your tickets for our 14th Annual Crab Feed, this Saturday, March 3rd. Tickets are on sale in the parish center after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. For $55.00, and all-you-can-eat CRAB or Chicken entrée with antipasto, salad, garlic bread, pasta, dessert await your craving palates. Beer, Sodas, Water and Wine are available for purchase. Music for Dining & Dancing...Raffle and no-host bar. Get your tickets now so that you and your guest are able to sit at the same table. Tickets are available in the office Monday through Wednesday during office hours.

Our pastor Father Jonathan, our Deacons, Paul Lucia and Mar Tano, and our parishioners extend a very warm welcome to the newest member of our St. Luke community in the month of February...

★ Jacqueline Kuo
★ George Poulous & Sonia and daughter Natasha

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent:
From Feb 14—March 25 commit yourself to one (or more) hours weekly to the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at 35 Baywood Ave., San Mateo.
Make this Lenten commitment in several ways:
Contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-572-1468 or themunns@yahoo.com or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo
God will surely bless you for it -
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: _________________

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**Parish Events**

**February 26 – March 3, 2018**

**Tuesday**

3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference

**Wednesday**

Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. All Day Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

**First Friday**

9:00 a.m All Day Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday**

6:00 p.m. Crab Feed Dinner Dance

**TRAVEL PLANS**

Go to www.masstimes.org to find local Mass times at Catholic churches wherever your travels may take you. Simply enter the city and country and nearby Mass times will be displayed.

**Contact People**

**Altar Linens**: Mary True (650) 571-8783

**Altar Servers**: Tony Belo (650) 345-6660

**Anointing of the Sick**: If you know of any 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 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

**Faith Formation**: Contact the parish office

**Filipino Cursillo**: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542

**Finance Council**: John Bernat (650) 341-4045

**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 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

**Sandwiches on Sunday**: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408

**SVdP Conference**: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370

**Women’s Bible Study**: Patti Vilano (650) 341-6913

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Lord Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen