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 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Celebrations
Saturday—8:30am and 5:00pm
Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am
Weekdays — 8:30am
Baptism (Infants)
Saturday—11:00am
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
Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00am-12noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12noon

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2
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PSALM 63:2

CONSEQUENCES

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn’t, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the “If-Then Statement.” That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew’s parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends “The world is nearly done.” “The time is drawing near.” or “The day is dawning nigh.” The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of “already but not yet” as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, “The day is drawing nigh!” Amen.

TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12–16
Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 [13–14]
Matthew 25:1–13
November 8, 2020

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED
If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today’s Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus’ story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus’ listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There’s always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn’t tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday: St. Leo the Great
Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Thursday: St. Josaphat
Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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 indulgences 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
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)

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Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadiong, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohlen, †Fr. Tom Timmins,
†Letty Rollan, †Franklin V. Hipol, †Maria Pham, †Josephine Law, †Dennis B. Huang,
†Rosetta Parisian, †Zenaida Froilan, †Arturo Almeda, †Myke Viray,
†Felisa Mariano, †Teresa Bautista, †Sue Rathjen,
† all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

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

Juris Arcilla Celia Leones Violet Pastrana
Minerva Barnhart Dancy Lim Anna Pham
Jim Bortak Christian Liwag Tom Pope
Mary Ann Bravo Arturo Martín Frances Presutto
Ruben Calderon, Jr. Natividad Martín Angela F. Reyes
Michael Carmody Fr. Kieran McCormick Estrella Reyes
Elizabeth Fong Andres Mendez Kathy Sampson
Barbara Keefer Angela Mihelec Jennifer Shamway
Tom Keefer Bozidar Mihelec Manny Torres
JoAnn Kozloski Jon Miller Joe Touchstone
Jackie Kuo Virginia Molina Priscilla Touchstone
Felise Langi Edgar Navarro Cathy Yee
Badette Ledesma Ed Page Coronavirus patients

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
November Plenary Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

The Vatican has announced an extension to the plenary indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November. Because of restrictions on cemetery visits due to COVID-19, “the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.”

To obtain an indulgence, one must be a Catholic in the state of grace and free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. In addition to this pious act, it is necessary to fulfill the following three conditions in order to gain the indulgence:

- sacramental confession,
- Eucharistic Communion,
- and prayer for the intention of the Pope (this can be satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary, or any other prayer for the intention of the Roman Pontiff).

Please visit sfarch.org/indulgences for a more complete explanation of indulgences and the conditions for obtaining them.
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SOULS Month of Remembrance
The month of November is devoted by the Church to the commemoration of the faithful departed and offering of prayers for them. In our parish at St. Luke’s, the list of your beloved departed will continue to be placed at the foot of the altar and will continue to be remembered in all Monday Masses in November (aside from the recently commemorated All Saints Day and All Souls Day).

All Souls envelopes are still available in the community center for everyone to fill out. You can mail in the names of your deceased loved ones if you cannot come to Church. Or you can email the list to saintlukefc@gmail.com.

“From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” (CCC#1032).

“We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” ~ St. Ambrose

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!

Support Knights of Columbus’ “Keep Christ in Christmas” Greeting Card Drive
Please support the Knights of Columbus in their Annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Greeting Card Drive. Christmas cards will be on sale in the community center after this weekend’s (November 7 & 8) Masses.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE
With the change in Daylight Saving Time, the Chapel will be closed at 5:00 p.m. starting Monday, November 9, 2020. It is already very dark and cold by 6:00pm. Thank you for your understanding.

OFFICES CLOSED
November 11, VETERANS DAY
Office services resume the following day, Thursday, November 12th.
Have a safe and Christ-filled holiday.

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.” 2 Samuel 22:2

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER RECEIVED COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

St. Luke is offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), a process of preparation for those who are not baptized and wish to become Catholic; for those who have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to become Catholic; and for those baptized in the Catholic Church who wish to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. Classes will be held virtually, Wednesdays, once a month, beginning November 18, 2020 at 10:00am.

Jesus prophesies that “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” (John 10:16)

Get Updates from St. Luke through Flocknote
Connect with us through Flocknote.
To join, text Alleluia to 84576 or login to saintlukechurch.flocknote.com
Priests Retirement Week:
A new way of celebrating and supporting our priests…

The annual St. John Vianney Luncheon that has raised more than $2 million for our priests’ retirement needs cannot be held this year. Instead, we celebrate Priests Retirement Week. Honorees for 2020 are Fr. John Greene and Msgr. Michael Harriman.

Some highlights of Priests Retirement Week:
November 14 - 15: Special Collection in parishes.
November 14 - 18: We will deliver gift baskets to more than fifty retired priests living in the Bay Area.
November 19: an Online Celebration 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (join us).
All are welcome to join online for the 45-minute program. After the virtual get-together, Archbishop Cordileone will say Mass in his chapel for Fr. Greene, Msgr. Harriman, and their guests, and will host them at lunch.

For information on the Virtual Celebration and/or the Special Collection, contact Rose Marie Wong, 415-614-5517 or wongr@sfarch.org.

Meetings for Men Discerning a Priestly Vocation
Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood are resuming: for San Mateo County on the first Monday of each month; for San Francisco County on the third Monday. The question of meetings online via Zoom or meetings in person is still to be settled. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priests below:

First Monday Meetings:
St. Pius X Church, Redwood City
Fr. Tom Martin
martin.thomas@sfarch.org

Third Monday Meetings:
Church of the Visitación, San Francisco
Fr. Cameron Faller
faller.cameron@sfarch.org 415-317-4436

Support Your Retired Priests:
Priests Retirement Fund
Next Weekend’s Special Collection
Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving others. They have been with us and those we love for many of life’s most precious moments, from birth to death, showing us the love and compassion of God. They have baptized us, taught us, preached the Gospel to us, and led our parish communities. They have heard our sins, blessed us with absolution, and brought us the Eucharistic gift of Christ Himself. They have witnessed our weddings, comforted us in illness, officiated our funerals, and always been there, in both our times of distress and our moments of celebration. In their retirement years, these men of God need and deserve our help. Please support them next weekend, November 14/15 through the Priests Retirement Fund Special Collection.

Online Advent Scripture Reflections: Hope in Time of Crisis
“Celebrating Advent: Hope in Time of Crisis” is an Advent study group on the Zoom platform, led by Deacon Chuck McNeil, using the scripture readings for the Advent seasons and a Christmas sermon on peace and hope preached by Rev Martin Luther King on Christmas eve in 1967 at Ebenezer Baptist Church. As Dr. King said, “At times life is hard, as hard as crucible steel.” The topics of the four weekly Saturday (3:00—4:30pm) meetings are:
11/28/20 What time is it?
12/5/20 The prophet Isaiah's message of comfort and liberation
12/12/20 Is joy possible in times of upheaval and crisis?
12/19/20 Our Lady: Model of trust and humility.
There is no charge. For more information and to receive the zoom link, contact Deacon Chuck, 415-567-7824 deaconchuck@stdominics.org

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention
Artificial Intelligence
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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)

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco
https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco
Monday through Friday:
12:10 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

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St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo
Daily including weekends at 12:00 noon

St. Charles, San Carlos/
St. Matthias, Redwood City
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC
Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

St. Catherine of Siena, Burlingame
https://www.stcsiena.org

All Souls Parish, South San Francisco
https://allsoulsparishssf.org/
Daily 6:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, East Palo Alto
https://www.facebook.com/Parroquia-de-San-Francisco-de-Asis-103290567983242
Monday-Friday 8:00 am (Bilingual)
Saturday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 am (English) and 9:30 am (Spanish)

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Daly City
https://www.facebook.com/olmdalycity
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 12:00 noon

St. Pius Parish, Redwood City
https://www.pius.org/stream
Daily Mass 12:00 noon (English)
Sunday 9:30 (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

St. Timothy Parish, San Mateo
https://www.facebook.com/sttimothysanmateo/
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (English), 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Collect
Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 November
Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Prayer
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 Thy departed servants. Be not severe in Thy judgments, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Savior, send Thy holy Angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
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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