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.

CHAPEL: Open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM everyday

Pastoral Staff

Pastor
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Special Associate
Rev. Kieran McCormick

Deacons
Deacon Paul Lucia
Deacon Mar Tano

Parish Manager
Deacon Paul Lucia

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.

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
— Matthew 24:44

Prayer

Come, O Christ Jesus, King of all creation.
Illumine our darkened souls and draw us to the light of Your love.
Prepare our hearts for Your final coming.
This we ask in Your powerful Name. Amen.

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 - by appointment
Sacrament of Baptism - every Saturday; and every Sunday (after the 10:30 a.m. Mass)

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 six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office at (650) 345-6660
BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It’s that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can’t escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin’s Day, November 11. This “Saint Martin’s Lent” extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter’s fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn’t pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior’s coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called “Winter Lent,” “The Nativity Fast,” or “Christmas Lent,” and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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"Real love is demanding. I would fail in my mission if I did not tell you so. Love demands a personal commitment to the will of God." —St. John Paul II

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 3, 2016
5:00pm Fr. Jonathan Mario & Co

Sunday, December 4, 2016
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
9:00 am Fr. Maria Joseph Children’s Choir
10:30 am Fr. Maria Joseph Emmaus Choir
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Youth Choir

Mass Intentions for November 28 — December 4

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

Missa Pro Populo-General Intentions/Mass for the People

"In the Mass the blood of Christ flows anew for sinners." —St. Augustine

Today’s Readings

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

November 27, 2016

Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, Ken Lee, Antonio L. Diaz & Dean Walsh that they may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all.

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


The ADULT FAITH FORMATION program is ongoing. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. here at the Church. This program addresses enhancement of your spiritual growth and increases your knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Refreshments are provided. If a particular meeting is being cancelled, it will be announced during the prior Sunday Masses. All are invited to attend. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9072 for further information.

The Little Ones

Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Mt 24:42

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of October 30, 2016

Thanks to your generous response, our 2016 Annual Appeal has reached 87% of our $59,393.00 goal or $51,671.91 total payments received.

We need your help to reach our goal. If you have not filled out your pledge form or have not yet submitted your contributions, please do so. We need everyone’s support to meet our goal. Forms are available on the table in our community center.

Your loving sacrifices and commitment to the AAA allows the Archdiocese of San Francisco to continue serving the Universal Church and the local community. God reward you a hundredfold.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intentions

General: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Mission: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
November 27, 2016

NOVEMBER 2016

➤ November 27, 2016, Sunday
Launching of the Giving Tree

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
Let’s bring Hope and Joy to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share your God’s blessings with the needy. And so, we welcome into our midst “THE GIVING TREE” on the 1st week of Advent.

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 wish for a needy person. 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 DEC. 18, SUNDAY.

If you have GIFT CERTIFICATE, drop them off at the Office of Religious Ed. 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 may GOD be your reward!

DECEMBER 2016

➤ December 7, 2016, Wednesday
6:30 p.m. PARENTS’ ADVENT RECOLLECTION

➤ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
5:30PM—6:30PM Grades 1-4
6:45PM—7:45PM Grades 5-8
• Wednesday, December 7th,
• December 14th, Christmas Party
Note: NO CLASSES on December 21st & 28th
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 11, 2017

Please silence your cell phone before entering our church or chapel.

December Adult Rosary Making Schedule

December 1 Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 6 Tuesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 8 Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 9 Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
December 13 Tuesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 15 Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 16 Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
December 20 Tuesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 22 Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 23 Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
December 29 Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 30 Friday 9:30am - 11:30am

December Junior Rosary Making Schedule

December 11 Sunday 1:30pm - 3:30pm
December 18 Sunday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Welcome to the Family of Christ!
Congratulations to
OLIVER ALFRED COMBS
SOPHIA ANN COMBS
LAYLA ANN McCARTY-BARAKAT
SOFIA GRACE PAULA

Our Newly Baptized Infants and members of the St. Luke Community

“It’s Flu Season”
When partaking of Holy Communion, please refrain from receiving the “Precious Blood” if you have the flu, cough or a cold.
Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Loving and gracious God, with faith in the Resurrection, I pray for all the faithful departed, especially those I have known and loved in this life.
With joy, I thank You for what we shared in this life. With hope, I entrust them to Your mercy.
Welcome them to Your Kingdom where they will see You face to face. In loving hope and trust in Your goodness, I look forward to the day when I shall see You and be united with them again in paradise.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through Your mercy, O God, rest in peace. Amen.

This Week in Our Parish
November 28 – December 3, 2016

Monday
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Tuesday
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation

Wednesday
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group/Chapel

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:30 p.m. Benediction/7:45 p.m. RCIA

First Friday
9:00 a.m. All - Day Eucharistic Adoration
4:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Benediction

Saturday
10:30 a.m. Jr. Legion of Mary

Contact People

Adult Rosary Making: Kevin and Sally Lucia (650) 740-9071
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 and Sundays. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.
Christian Burial: Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.
Cursillo: Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345
Faith Formation: Kevin Lucia (650) 740-9071
Filipino Cursillo: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542
Finance Council: John Bernat (650) 341-4045
Grief Support Ministry: Ellen Six (650) 341-0683
Jr. Legion of Mary: Saturdays, 10:30 am, Sally (650) 349-3090
Junior Rosary Making: Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090
Knights of Columbus: Call Tom Miller (650) 631-1341
Legion of Mary: Fri. at 4:30p.m. Georgie Unson (650) 345-2613
Lectors & Ministers of Holy Eucharist Captain: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Marriages: Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.
Music Groups:
Children’s Choir, Kevin’s Flock—Kevin Lucia (650)740-9071
Emmaus Choir Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123
Pastoral Council: Tom Consunji (650) 345-1441
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
St. Luke Church Email: saintlukefc@gmail.com

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. ______________________

Archdiocesan Year of Mercy Resources
Please visit SFArchdiocese.org/YearOfMercy to find information, resources and service opportunities during this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.