

Saint Luke Catholic Church

1111 Beach Park Boulevard • Foster City • California 94404

(650) 345-6660 Fax (650) 345-8167 www.saintlukefc.org Email: saintlukefc@gmail.com

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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph *December 31, 2017*

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Cradle our homes in Your arms, O Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let the Holy Spirit make its dwelling 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 heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

~ Month of December ~ *Devotion 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 - 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

December 31, 2017

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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

Dedicate Your 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, January 6, 2017
 5:00 pm Fr. Larry
Sunday, January 7, 2017
 7:30 am Fr. Kengah
 9:00 am Fr. Kieran
 10:30 am Fr. Kieran
 5:00 pm Fr. Larry



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Mass Intentions for January 1 — January 7

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
MON 1	8:30 a.m.	Marc & Nona Jones Family	Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE 2	8:30 a.m.	Lena Unson BD	Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 3	8:30 a.m.	Bozidar BD	Fr. Joe Gordon
THU 4	8:30 a.m.	† Rudy Honrado	Fr. Larry D'Souza
FRI 5	8:30 a.m.	† Yasuko Landa	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT 6	8:30 a.m.	† Anka Troha	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	† Estella Pangilinan	
SUN 7	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	† Grbac Family	
	10:30 a.m.	Christopher Jones SI	
	5:00 p.m.	† Elisa Bravo	

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 — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

December 31, 2017

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially...

**Margaret Carion, Cora Huang,
Elizabeth Liwag & Victor Reyes**

**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, John Copeland, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Marvin Crockett, Duncan Fife, Elizabeth Fong, Linda Gaerlan, Marie Ghiozzi, Craig Gockley, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kaufer, Eva Latham, Veronica Maguire, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Angela & Bozidar Mihelcic, 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.



Thursday, December 21st \$ **365.00**
Simbang Gabi 7PM Mass

Sunday, December 24th \$ **2,865.00**

Christmas, December 25th \$ **11,120.00**

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

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to your generous response, we have reached our 2017 Annual Appeal goal **(\$60,768.00)**. 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 Intention



General: The Elderly

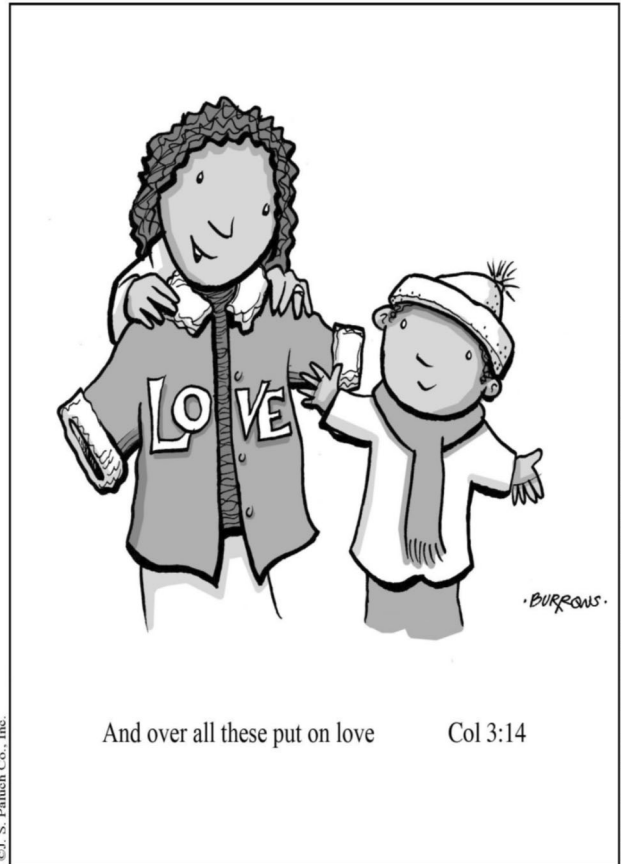
That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

The **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** program is ongoing. We meet **Tuesday at 7:00p.m.** here at the Church. This program addresses enhancement of your spiritual growth and increases your knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Scripture from the New American Bible, rev. ed. © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970, CCD. Used with permission.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
- Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

December 31, 2017

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
st.lukereed@gmail.com
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

January 2017

Religious Education Class Days

Grades One - Eight
January 10th and 17th

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
January 7th, 14th and 21st



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you for responding generously to the Christmas Giving Tree Drive. May GOD reward you a hundredfold for your kindness and support.

From all of us, the Catechists and the Staff of St. Luke Catholic Church

A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!!



Christmas 2017

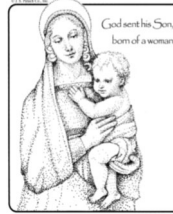
Our heartfelt gratitude to those who helped embellish our altar through gifts of poinsettia plants and to those who worked hard to make our Christmas liturgical celebration meaningful. God pour out upon you an abundance of His blessings.

Welcome to the Family of Christ!

Maximo Vittorio Araneta
Constantine Makai Bio
Savannah Lucia Hamilton
Hannah Olivia Nguyen
Danika Marie Consolacion Nemis
Sebastian Yan-Kai Schneider

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

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center. **Exception: January meeting will be on Jan. 8th.** All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Consunji at: (650) 892-3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com



SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2018 MONDAY

MASS IN THE MAIN CHURCH @ 8:30 a.m.

Offices are closed on January 1, 2018

New Year's Day and will resume services on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



...a prayer-filled wish for the Holy Family to bless all our families.

Happy New Year from the Saint Luke Pastoral Staff

ATTENTION: St. Luke Church will begin the **Women's Bible Study and Discussion Group** **January 11, 2018**

The Women's Bible Study and Discussion Group will have its first meeting of 2018 on January 11, 2018 in Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center.

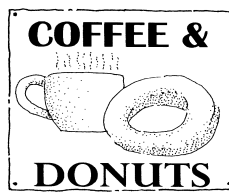
This group will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings for the following Sunday, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community. Readings for Sunday, January 14, 2018 are: Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:3-19 Psalm 40:2,4,7-10 and New Testament 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

All Women are welcome.

Save the Date...

St. Luke **14th Annual Crab Feed Event** will be held on Saturday, **March 3, 2018** in the Parish Center. Please continue to look in our future Sunday bulletins for more details.

Plan on purchasing your tickets early — we are expecting a sell out!



Every Sunday, all are invited for
FELLOWSHIP
after the 9:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses.

Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before you. Once more we consecrate ourselves before you—our trials and joys—that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

Parish Events

January 1 – January 6, 2018

Monday

Offices are closed—Happy New Year!!!

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Faith Formation

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
No Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. All Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

First Friday

9:00 a.m. All Day Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

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 (650) 345-6660

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 ~ dlinkhorn@comcast.net

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

SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370

Youth Ministry: Amabel Goell (650) 740-7751

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. _____