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
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.

Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017
While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8

Prayer

O Christ Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer, refresh our souls with Your living water. Fill us with the waters of Your Spirit and help us repent of our countless offenses against Your love and return to You, our one true eternal life. 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
THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church reveal in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists’ portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people’s expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today’s Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsty one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting; also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsty one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say “I thirst” before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent is the season of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

—Henry Van Dyke

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord’s table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn’t fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord’s Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the “casket” containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the “old rule of the church” as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

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

SPRING

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March 19, 2017

Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, especially, Dorothy Maddox & Paul Villano 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.

Sunday, March 12th $ 3,667.00
Skip-A-Meal Fund $ 1,434.00
Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible.
Thank you! God bless you!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” — Ephesians 1:3

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

LEGION OF MARY 2017 ACIES
(Annual Consecration to Blessed Virgin Mary)
March 25, 2017 (Saturday)
at St. Timothy Church
1515 Dolan Ave., San Mateo, CA. 94401
Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary: 10:35 a.m.
Holy Mass: 11:15 a.m. Consecration after the Holy Mass; Reception to follow at School Gymnasium
Contact: Marina Angeles (650) 290-0041

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

The ADULT FAITH FORMATION program is ongoing. We meet every 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. Refreshments are provided. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9071 for further information.

COFFEE & DONUTS
Every Sunday, all are invited for FELLOWSHIP after the 9:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses.
March 19, 2017

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
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TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

March 2017

► Confirmation 2 - Classes
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (With Youth Mass)
• Sunday, 19th
• Note: NO CLASS ON March 26th

► Religious Education Classes
5:30PM—6:30PM Grades 1—4
6:45PM—7:45PM Grades 5—8
• Wednesday, 22nd
• Note: Class are held for FOUR WEDNESDAYS in March 2017

Rational:
► There are only TWO WEDNESDAY CLASSES in April 2017 because of Holy Week
► Thus, to complete the Number of Days required by the Archdiocese, we will hold class on the 4th Wednesday, March 22nd
• Note: NO CLASS on March 29th

► SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION/LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
The students will hold classes in their classrooms. Each grade will take turns to go to the Church for Penitential Service and Confession.
• March 22nd, Wednesday, Grades 4, 6, and 8
• March 19th, Sunday, 3:30 - 4:50PM, Con. 2 Class
• March 31st, Friday, 6PM for Parents & Parishioners

► MARCH 30TH, THURSDAY
7:00PM, FIRST EUCHARIST TALK FOR PARENTS OF 2ND GRADE

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWC)

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered at our 9:00AM Mass on Sundays. This is an opportunity for children to listen and interact with the Sunday morning Scripture Reading in their own level. There is no fee or registration and it is open to all children at Mass who are preschoolers (4yrs. old) through children in 2nd grade.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts when the priest presides at Mass invites the children to gather in front of the altar after the opening prayer. With the dismissal blessing, the children process out of the Church and proceed to the Religious Education Office for their own Scripture Readings. The children return to their families at Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

NEXT WEEKEND
MARCH 25th & 26th
St. Luke Church will have a special second collection ~ Catholic Relief Services. Your donations are giving food and water to the suffering refugees and helping those who are struggling with obtaining legal assistance and providing aid to the victims of natural disaster.

Receive God’s mercy and forgiveness...
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
St. Luke Main Church
Friday, March 31, 2017
6:00PM

Stations of the Cross...
Please join us every Friday evening during Lent. Stations of the Cross begin in the Main Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Archdiocesan Lent Website
New on the archdiocesan website is a Lent page with a brief overview of the season, links to resources, and current information from the parishioners of the San Francisco archdiocese on the services, liturgies, and special events planned for this spiritually significant time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. For help in keeping Lent well, visit the Lent page at

www.sfarch.org/lent.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent:
From Mar 1 - April 9 commit yourself to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) 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 at 650-572-1468 or themunns@yahoo.com
or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo
God will surely bless you for it – And you may save a life!

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco
This Week in Our Parish
March 20 – March 25, 2017

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

**Wednesday**
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
CCD Classes – Refer to Page 4

**Thursday**
9:00 a.m. All day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

**Friday**
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

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. __________________________