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 p.m.

Chapel open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Benediction on Thursday & 1st Friday

Pastoral Staff
Pastor  
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Deacon  
Deacon Mar Tano

Director of Religious Education  
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

Secretaries  
Maria Teresa Alvarez  
Maryvee Estacio

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019
“They shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”  
— Matthew 1:23

Come, O Christ Jesus, Emmanuel—  
come and dwell in our hearts.  
Help us to heed Your call each day and live according to Your loving promises.  
Make our lives a pleasing offering to You, our King and Savior, until You come again.  
This we ask in Your Name. Amen.

Month of December
Dedicated 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 - Saturdays 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
TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the Lord” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 14-15; Tì 2:11-14; Lk 2:14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Tì 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-8 [1-5, 9-14]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday: St. Stephen
Friday: St. John
Saturday: The Holy Innocents

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 28, 2019
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala
Sunday, December 29, 2019
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala
9:00 am Fr. Al Furtado
10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala
5:00 pm Fr. Francis Njua

Holy Mass Intentions for December 23 – 29, 2019

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

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday and on the First Friday of the month after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass
Benediction is at 7:00PM

“Faithfully pursuing the path of our Redeemer from the poverty of the crib to His abandonment on the Cross, we can better understand the mystery of His love which redeems humanity. In the stable at Bethlehem He allowed Himself to be worshipped under the humble appearance of a newborn infant...in the consecrated Host we adore Him sacramentally present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Godhead, and He offers Himself to us as the food of eternal life.” St. John Paul II (World Youth Day 2005)

We need people who will commit as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Sign-up sheets are located in the Chapel foyer.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention

Universal – The Future of the Very Young
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
December 22, 2019

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.

†Elizabeth Adorable and †Aurora Villegas

We pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:

Juris Arcilla  Arturo Martin
Minerva Barnhart  Andres Mendez
Jim Bortak  Angela Mihelcic
Ruben Calderon, Jr.  Bozidar Mihelcic
Elizabeth Fong  Jon Miller
Dennis B. Huang  Edgar Navarro
Barbara Keefer  Angelina Paguio
Tom Keefer  Rosetta Parisian
JoAnn Kozloski  Tom Pope
Jackie Kuo  Frances Presutto
Courtney LaTour  Angela F. Reyes
Badette Ledesma  Estrella Reyes
Derek Lee  Kathy Sampson
Celia Leones  Jennifer Shamway
Dancy Lim  Xid Wisco Tan
Evangeline B. Lopez  Priscilla Touchstone

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

If you have sick relatives whom you want us to include in our prayers, please call or email our Parish Office. Their names will be on our list for the month of December. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.

December 14/15 & Skip-A-Meal Program Collection Report will be in the 12/29 Bulletin

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ's mission. Thank you! God bless you!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)

Next Weekend is a “Fifth” Sunday Special 2nd Collection...

December 29 is a “fifth” Sunday. Whenever a fifth Sunday occurs in a month, the parish of St. Luke sets aside a second collection to benefit the works of our own local St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Their outreach extends to families in need in Foster City. The conference asks you to help them to help others. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

“To serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor.” —St. Vincent de Paul

Simbang Gabi at St. Luke (Dec. 23)

Come join us in preparing for the birth-feast of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend the Central San Mateo Deanery Simbang Gabi Advent Novena of Masses. The last day of the Novena, December 23rd, is our St. Luke-sponsored Simbang Gabi. It will start at 7PM in the main church. A fellowship dinner follows.

Women’s Bible Study Group

The Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group meets in Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center on Thursdays, 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m., September to May, to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community. Patti Villano: 650-341-6913

December 19, 2019: Start of Christmas Break
January 9, 2020: Bible Study resumes

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages.

A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far.

“I went to church, and some little baby became my brother.” That’s far more accurate than the adult’s remark, “There was a baptism at Mass today.” When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech.

Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
December 22, 2019

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

ATTENTION:
The Knights meet every 1st Monday of
the month at 7:30PM in the St. Luke
community center. All Knights are
invited to attend. Please contact Eddie
Torres at: Tel. No.: 650-823-3911

December 2019
Religious Education Classes
Grades One - Eight
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)
Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)

Confirmation Two Classes
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
6:45PM to 7:45PM

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.
The Giving Tree has produced fruits
because of you. Your generous and
charitable gifts has brought the hope and love of the
Christ Child to our brothers and sisters in need this
blessed season of Christmas.

A million thanks from the Catholic Worker House,
the poor & homeless families of the Queen of Peace
Shelter and the hospice men of the Gift of Love
Home! Christ be your reward!

Come and Celebrate the Feast of our
Lord’s Birth...

St. Luke Children and Youth Choir
Concert and Nativity Pageant
Join the Children & Youth Choir on Christmas Eve,
December 24, as they offer tribute to the Christ Child
and serenade Him with jubilant and heartwarming
songs. Savor God’s saving work as they reenact the
first Christmas night when the Infant Jesus was born.
The concert will start at 3:15PM in the main church,
followed by the Nativity Christmas Pageant & Holy
Mass at 4:00PM.

Consecration of Families
to the Holy Family
St. Luke’s Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a
parish-wide Consecration to the Holy Family which
will take place at the 5 o’clock Saturday evening
Mass on December 28th and all Sunday Masses on
December 29th. All families are invited to come
together and consecrate themselves under the
protection of the Holy Family.

“For unto us a child is born…” (Isaiah 9:6)
Join us as we welcome the Christ Child...

ST. LUKE
CHRISTMAS 2019

DECEMBER 24th, TUESDAY
4:00PM NATIVITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & MASS
6:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
10:30PM MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY Masses
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM (NO 5:00PM)

DECEMBER 31st, TUESDAY
5:00PM NEW YEAR’s EVE MASS

JANUARY 1ST, SOLEMNITY of MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
MASS is at 9:00AM

A Christmas Prayer
Christ is born, give glory. Christ comes from
heaven, meet him. Christ is on earth, be exalted.
All the earth, sing unto the Lord, for He has been
glorified. Wisdom and word and power,
Christ our God is the Son and the brightness of the
Father; He was made human and so has won us
back again, for He has been glorified. Amen.

Greetings from Fr. Jonathan,
Deacon Mar & the Saint Luke Pastoral Staff

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Blessed Virgin.
He was born, not by the will of man, but by the gift of
the love of God our Father, who “so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but have eternal
life” (John 3:16). Like the Blessed Mother and Saint
Joseph, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, let us
welcome in our hearts the Infant Jesus, the love of God
made man for us. (Pope Francis)
PARISH EVENTS
December 23 - 29, 2019

Monday (December 23)
7:00 p.m. Last Day of Simbang Gabi/Main Church
8:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner/Community Center

Tuesday (December 24)
3:15 p.m. Children & Youth Choir Concert
4:00 p.m. Nativity Christmas Pageant & Mass
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Nativity of the Lord (December 25)
Holy Day of Obligation
Christmas Day Masses
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
(NO 5:00 p.m.)
Offices are closed on Christmas Day
A blessed and Spirit-filled Christmas to all!!!

Thursday (December 26)
Offices are Closed
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday (December 27)
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Office services resume
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Saturday (December 28)
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass—Consecration of Families to the Holy Family
(sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

Sunday (December 29)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
Consecration of Families to the Holy Family
(sponsored by Knights of Columbus)
*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Masses*

Contact People
Altar Linens: Mary True (650) 571-8783
Altar Servers: Tony Belo (650) 345-6660
Anointing of the Sick: If you know of 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 the 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
Filipino Cursillo: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542
Finance Council: John Bernat (650) 678-5840
Grief Support Ministry: Ellen Six (650) 341-0683
Knights of Columbus: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
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 parish office at least 8-12 months before the desired date.
Music Ministry: Contact Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123
Pastoral Council: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
Religious Education: Sister Maria Ruth (650) 574-9191
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVDP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Women's Bible Study: Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

St. Luke Needs All of You…
Be the help which our good Lord calls us to be. Volunteer in one or more of our various ministries which would welcome your participation. Please refer to Contact People above for contact persons of these ministries to express your interest in offering your time and talent. Make a lasting difference through service of God and our brethren.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT
LORD, watch over Your people who come to You in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You. Give courage to us who falter because of our failures. Lead us along in this Blessed Season of Advent closer to You in hope, through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Grant that we might one day proclaim Your saving acts of love in Your Eternal Kingdom.
AMEN.

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. ______________________