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
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.
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
COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.

Matthew 25:34, 40

THE SERVANT KING

As we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of the traditional hymns and images for the day are joyful and triumphant. For some, these connotations may be perceived as negative. In these days when there are strong divisions within the Church, and when some government leaders are so far away from the people, we need to hear all of today's scriptures, and draw a bigger, fuller picture of Christ as servant king. In Ezekiel, we see God as both the tender, loving shepherd and the one who will judge at the Second Coming. This ties in with Matthew’s Gospel and separation of sheep and goats and “whatsoever you do.” We pray Psalm 23 with great familiarity and hope. First Corinthians carefully explains to us the order in which all will happen. This is not an evil dictatorship, or a power-hungry leader, but the culmination of a plan that was carefully laid out in love.

OLD IDEA, RECENT ADDITION

Perhaps it is important to remember that while the image of Christ as King has been known throughout Christianity, this feast was founded in 1925 as a reaction and a response to growing secularism, communism, and atheism that were becoming prevalent after World War I. If we pull back the lens even further, we will remember that throughout history there has seldom been a peaceful time in the Christian world. The Holy Land itself has frequently been a battle ground. There have been schisms and divisions in the history of the church itself, and every church council was convened to try to correct some mistaken notion, world event, or church heresy. Nor has church leadership always had clean hands, and there have been wars, genocides, and insurrections “in the name of Christ.” Today, when more and more people are leaving organized religion altogether, and people identify themselves as “spiritual but not religious” or “nones,” the need for Christ as leader and ruler and guide is more pressing than ever.

INHERIT THE KINGDOM

The world in which we live is complex. We are a diverse, global society and there are many issues and opinions ranging from climate change to politics to creed. Sometimes we try and sort it all out, and it is hard to know who and what to believe. One can find multiple takes on the same news story, and social media can easily sway us. Yet when we focus on the Gospel story, it seems very simple indeed. We do not have to know it all or figure it all out. We are not the one on the throne during the Last Judgment. When God starts separating the sheep from the goats, the formula is a simple rule of thumb. “When did you see Christ in others? When did you respond accordingly?” It does not ask if you are Catholic or even Christian; whether you had a police record or an incurable disease; whether you had a PhD or a fifth-grade education, or what languages you spoke. The call is to remember that “whatsoever you did to the least you did for me.” And then there will be the invitation, “Come you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

TODAY’S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46
THE SHEPHERD KING
The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn’t be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership. Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17).

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).
Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Ldac and Companions
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day (9AM St. Luke Mass)
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 indifferences 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.”

INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKDAYS at 8:30AM
SATURDAYS at 8:30AM and 5:00PM
SUNDAYS at 8:00AM and 10:00AM
So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:53-54)

Holy Mass Intentions for November 23—29, 2020

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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)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadiong, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohlen, †Fr. Tom Timmins, †Virginia Molina, †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
Minerva Barnhart
Jim Bortak
Mary Ann Bravo
Ruben Calderon, Jr.
Michael Carmody
Elizabeth Fong
Zahra Karimi
Barbara Keefer
Tom Keefer
JoAnn Kozlowski
Jackie Kuo
Felise Langi
Badette Ledesma

Celia Leones
Dancy Lim
Christian Liwag
Arturo Martín
Natividad Martín
Fr. Kieran McCormick
Andres Mendez
Angela Mihelec
Bozidar Mihelec
Jon Miller
Virginia Molina
Edgar Navarro
Ed Page

Violet Pastrana
Anna Pham
Tom Pope
Frances Presutto
Angela F. Reyes
Estrella Reyes
Kathy Sampson
Jennifer Shamway
Manny Torres
Joe Touchstone
Priscilla Touchstone
Cathy Yee
Coronavirus patients

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
Welcome to the Family of Christ

KAYNAN ALEXANDER ANTOC  
Son of Jhae Anthony and Raquel

ATLAS VALENTINE MADSEN LAXAMANA  
Daughter of Melissa and Emil Joseph

REYA REBEL LEECH  
Daughter of Roger and Yesenia

THEO ADAM MEYERS  
Son of Kenneth Adam and Maria Anastasia

CALEB REYES PADUA  
Son of Sheralyn

PAIYTON VINH PHAN  
Son of Paul and Maria Paz

BOSCO ANTHONY SHELTON  
Son of Elliot Jerry and Theresa Lian

MASON ALEXANDER and AVERY JAMES SAELEE TSE  
Children of Alexander Jr. and Kae Choi

Congratulations to our newly baptized infants and members of St. Luke!

“The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.”  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church #1213)

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church #1277)
Let us bring the hope and love of the Infant Savior to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share with our needy brethren the blessings received from God, through our annual “GIVING TREE.”

This year, our Giving Tree supports the Catholic Worker House San Bruno and Redwood City charity drive.

Simply take an ornament (or more if you are able) to help grant a needy brethren’s wish. 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 DECEMBER 18th, SUNDAY. If you have GIFT CERTIFICATES, drop them off at the Office of Religious Education or at the Parish Office, or put them in the Sunday Collection Box ALONG WITH THE ORNAMENT TAG.

God’s generosity can never be outdone... Thank you and GOD be your reward!
**Thanksgiving Day**
**Thursday, November 26, 2020**
**Holy Mass is at 9:00am**

*Let our Lord fill our Hearts with THANKS and GIVING*

Bring your bread & wine for thanksgiving meal and have them blessed at the end of the Mass.

All throughout the year, we celebrate the Eucharist each day. Eucharist means THANKSGIVING. On this Thanksgiving Day, God calls us to gather at His Eucharistic table and GIVE Him THANKS for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

*A blessed and Spirit-filled holiday to all!*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.
—*Psalm 92:1*

**Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
November 22, 2020

UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS
From our Parish at St. Luke’s

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
2nd Collection (Nov. 21 & 22)
Our parish still needs $14,811 to reach our 2020 goal ($59,244.00). Whatever amount you give will make a lasting difference. God bless your kind support.

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 Masses.

Help Raise Funds:
St. Luke’s Face Mask Sale
Our St. Luke Parish Council is spearheading a Face Mask Sale fundraiser for the parish. Your support is much appreciated. More details to follow.

Calling All Eucharistic Ministers
St. Luke’s is looking for Eucharistic Ministers who can assist during our 8AM Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to serve.

Informed Consent Form and Waiver Mass Attendance Sheet
Only those who do not have their consent forms on file are required to submit them. The rest, please make sure that you sign the waiver attendance sheet before leaving the church.

Next Weekend is a “Fifth” Sunday
Special 2nd Collection for
St. Vincent de Paul
November 29th is a “fifth” Sunday. Whenever a fifth Sunday occurs in a month, the parish of Saint Luke sets aside a second collection to benefit the works of our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Its outreach extends to families in Foster City who are in need. The conference asks you to help them to help others. Please be as generous as possible. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus, and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. Thank you.

No work of charity is foreign to St. Vincent de Paul. We help to alleviate suffering or deprivation and promote human dignity.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”
(Matthew 25:35)

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!

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, beginning January 10th, 2021 at 11:00am. There will be a live in-person orientation on Sunday, November 22nd in the church after the 10AM Mass.

Jesus prophesies that “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” (John 10:16)
Restorative Justice Ministry
Annual Christmas Cards and Treats Drive

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry is having its Annual Christmas Cards and Treats Drive for incarcerated persons at San Francisco County Jails.

**Christmas Cards:** with your donation each incarcerated person will receive 4 Christmas cards to send to their family.

**Christmas Treats** include a Fruit Snacks and a Trail Mix Snack Pack for each incarcerated person.

- A **Fruit Snacks, Mixed Fruit, box (90 ct)** can be delivered to the Archdiocese for $13.19, or you can buy it yourself and deliver it us. A box will cover 90 people.
- A **Trail Mix Snack Pack box (28 ct)** can be delivered to the Archdiocese for $16.19, or you can buy it yourself and deliver it us. A box will cover 28 people.

**All donations must be delivered to the Archdiocese by December 11.**

Volunteers are needed to sort Christmas cards, December 16 and 17. Social distancing will be required.

Contact Julio Escobar  415-614-5572
escobarj@sfarch.org  sfarchdiocese.org/rjministry

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Mental Health First Aid: Four Tips to Manage Burnout

According to the American Institute of Stress, nearly 83 percent of American workers experience work-related stress across the country. This stress causes approximately 1 million employees to miss work every day and can lead to drops in productivity. If left untreated, it can even lead to symptoms of depression and anxiety. This is why it’s vital that you recognize how you are feeling and take time to protect your mental health with self-care. Self-care is an important tool to help manage symptoms of burnout and regain physical, spiritual, mental and emotional balance. Gain information and support by reading “Four Tips to Help Manage Burnout” at MentalHealthFirstAid.org.

Contact Richard Collyer,
Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry
415-614-5593

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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 Wednesday (7:00—8:15pm) meetings are:

- 12/2/20 The prophet Isaiah's message of comfort and liberation
- 12/9/20 Is joy possible in times of upheaval and crisis?
- 12/16/20 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

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Project Rachel Retreat for Hope and Healing After Abortion

Registration is open for a Catholic Women’s Retreat for Healing After Abortion. This one-day retreat will be in person, and at a confidential location in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All social distancing and public-health protocols will be observed. The retreat is led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ, with Father George Schultze, S.J. Confessions and counseling in English and Spanish will be available.

To register or for more information email projectrachel@sfarch.org or phone 415-614-5567
All inquiries are confidential.

For complete information about Project Rachel, visit the webpage sfarchdiocese.org/rachel, where you can view a powerful video testimony by Georgette Forney, co-founder of the Silent No More awareness campaign.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5

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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.

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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
http://saintgregorychurch.org and
https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorychurch
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

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)

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

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

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. Augustine Parish, South San Francisco
https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear
Daily Mass 10:00 am

St. Timothy Parish, San Mateo
https://www.facebook.com/sttimothysanmateo/
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (English), 12:00 noon (Spanish)

“One single Mass gives more honor to God than all the penances of the Saints, the labors of the Apostles, the sufferings of the Martyrs and even the burning love of the Blessed Mother of God.”

—St. Alphonsus Liguori
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](http://sfarch.org/indulgences) for a more complete explanation of indulgences and the conditions for obtaining them.
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father,
I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood
of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses
said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family.
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

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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