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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Come, Lord Jesus, come with the refreshing dew of Your Most Holy Spirit. Inflame our hearts and make us faithful to our baptismal vows, until Your glorious coming.
We ask this in Your powerful Name. 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 17, 2017

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

Come Let Us Adore our Lord Jesus 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.

Prayer wherever the Lord is present changes the lives of those who pray and changes the lives for whom we pray.

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Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 23, 2017
5:00 pm Fr. Larry

Sunday, December 24, 2017
7:30 am Fr. Fengah
9:00 am Fr. Kieran
10:30 am Fr. Kieran
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan
10:30 pm Fr. Jonathan

Mass Intentions for December 18 — December 24

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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).
Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).
Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

December 17, 2017

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.

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, Marie Ghiozzi, Craig Gockley, Cora B. Huang, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kafer, Eva Latham, Veronica Maguire, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Angela & Bozidar Mihelcic, Bridgette Negar, 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.

**Immaculate Conception** $1,055.00

**Sunday, December 10** $4,003.00

**Parish Skip A Meal** $1,391.00

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

The ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of November 20, 2017

Thanks to your generous response, our 2017 Annual Appeal has reached 92% of our $60,768.00 goal or $56,122.00 total payments received.

We still need your help of $4,646.00 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.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**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.
December 2017

Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
First Three Wednesdays
December 6th, 13th and 20th
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
December 3rd, 10th and 17th

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 through our CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE.
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. 17, 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!

Youth Ministry Announcements:

Christmas Cookie Jar Sale: Beautifully decorated Christmas Cookie Jars make delicious gifts for neighbors, teachers, friends — ANYONE! Limited quantities available for purchase in the Community Center after the Sunday Masses starting December 3rd.

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 January 8th. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Consunji at: (650) 892-3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD
SAINT LUKE CHRISTMAS 2017

DECEMBER 24th, Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM
5:00PM NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MASS
10:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

DECEMBER 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM HOLY MASS

DECEMBER 31st, Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM and 5:00PM

JANUARY 1st, NEW YEAR’S DAY
SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
HOLY MASS is at 8:30AM only

LECTORS AND CAPTAINS
Jan./Feb. LECTOR/CAPTAIN SCHEDULE
Peggy Simkins will be preparing the Lector and Captain schedules for the next two months. If you know of dates that you will be unable to read or captain in Jan./Feb., please call her by Dec. 21st. Contact number (650) 573-5370. Leave a message if you do not speak to Peggy directly. Thank you.

Poinsettia Plants
Once again, we are counting on your kind donation to help us decorate our altar for the Christmas Liturgy. Your gift of poinsettia plants will be most appreciated. The plants can be delivered to the Parish Office on or before Thursday, December 21st. Thank you. God bless you a hundredfold.

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!
**Parish Events**

**December 18 – December 23, 2017**

**Monday**
5:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (St. Bartholomew Church)

**Tuesday**
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (St. Gregory Church)
7:00 p.m. Crab Feed Committee Chair Meeting

**Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group/Chapel Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (St. Mark Church)

**Thursday**
9:00 a.m. All Day Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi at St. Luke Church

**Friday**
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Pageant Dress Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gagi (St. Matthew Church)

**Saturday**
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (St. Catherine of Siena Church)

**TRAVEL PLANS**

Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://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.

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**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 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. ______________________