

# Saint Luke Catholic Church

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## *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.*

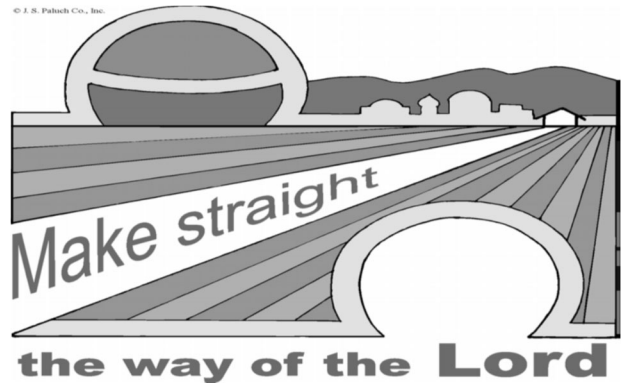
*Thank you.*

## *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. In flame 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!

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**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.

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



***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...**

***Holy Mass Celebrants***

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

5:00 pm Fr. Larry

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

7:30 am Fr. Kengah

9:00 am Fr. Kieran

10:30 am Fr. Kieran

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

10:30 pm Fr. Jonathan



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***Mass Intentions for December 18 — December 24***

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
<b>MON 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Thomas Cline	Fr. Kieran McCormick
<b>TUE 19</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Ronald Gonsales	Fr. Anthony Chung
<b>WED 20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Nancy O'Donnell	Fr. Joe Gordon
<b>THU 21</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Manuel Dela Cruz	Fr. Larry D'Souza
<b>FRI 22</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Elizabeth Li Chun Chan	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
<b>SAT 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	Jenny Go BD	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	Christopher Jones SI	
<b>SUN 24</b>	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	† Elizabeth Liwag	
	10:30 a.m.	† Regina Sieber	
	5:00 p.m.	† Sito Recto	
	10:30 p.m.	† Tom & Anne Bortak	

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).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**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).

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Please pray for our recently deceased, especially,  
**James Wirthman & Margaret Carion**  
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**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 Kaufer, 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*

**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.*

**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 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.



**The Little Ones**

Jim Burrows



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. Jn 1:6-8

**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

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## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

*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!*

**PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*Tota Pulchra Es Maria*

*How beautiful you are, O Mary  
How beautiful you are!  
The original stain is not in you.  
You are the glory of Jerusalem.  
You are the joy of Israel.  
You are the honor of our people.  
You are the Advocate of sinners.  
O Mary, O Mary, Virgin Most prudent.  
Mother most merciful, pray for us.  
Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

**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 Gabi (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.

**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. \_\_\_\_\_