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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
—James 2:5

Christ Jesus, our Divine Healer, touch our hearts with Your restoring love. We need Your miraculous mercies to invade our souls and make us whole, singing Your endless praises.
Amen.

Month of September

Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

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
SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly dressed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset
Tuesday: Patriot Day
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Thursday: St. John Chrysostom
Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday, after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass and on the First Friday of the month Benediction is at 7:30p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament is JESUS, the Source of all life, of all light, of all love, living in our midst to fulfill a promise made long ago: “I myself will pasture My sheep. I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.” (Ezekiel 34:15-16) Our Lord loves us so much that He humbled Himself and took the form of bread, never abandoning us, dwelling with us forever in the most Blessed Sacrament, the continuation of His Incarnation on earth, fulfilling His promise: “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20). No one can measure Jesus’ love for us. He desires to be close to us. He is waiting for us to come & be with Him.

Mass Intentions for September 10 - September 16

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

“Your deeds might be the only sermon some persons hear today.”  
St. Francis of Assisi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
September 9, 2018

Pray for our recently deceased, especially:
†Tomas Palars Bandong, †Tomas Chua Bandong, †Jeanette Castro, †Steven Ghiozzi and †Carmen Aguinaldo

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:
Keri Ables, Juris Arcilla, Esther Bandong, Patrick Banks, Jacquelyn Conway, Dolores Detruz, Katherine Fox, Dennis B. Huang, Maria, Andres Mendez, Leah Mercado, Marissa Paquette, Josephine & Ronald Rea, Kathy Sampson, Priscilla Touchstone and Jim Tremont.

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 4 weeks. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.

Our Offering

Sunday, September 2  $ 3,387.00
Church Maintenance & Repair $ 1,415.00

Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible. Thank you! God bless you!

“What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.”
- St. Augustine -

A Friendly Reminder…

Please don’t forget to fulfill your pledge obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). We invite everyone to share a portion of God’s blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. No gift is too small (or too big). We hope for 100 percent participation of our parish this year to reach our goal ($59,277.00)

St. Luke and the Archdiocese of San Francisco thank you for your gift from the heart! Your contributions help support our ministries and services.

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. The group will resume on September 13, 2018 (Patti Villano: 650-341-6913)

The Little Ones

Joy can’t be counted with dollar bills

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him?
Jas 2:5

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint? —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.
September 2018

Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
September 5th, 12th, & 19th
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
September 2nd, 9th, and 16th

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 presider 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.

St. Luke Pastoral Parish Council
All parishioners are welcome to attend the parish council meetings held on the 3rd Monday of most months in the Church community center at 7:00PM. Parishioners wishing to speak or make a presentation to the council must register to do so at least one (1) week prior to the meeting. Please fill out the request form available at the parish office, indicating the topic you are wanting to discuss. Your presentation will be the first order of business under our “open forum” session.

“WITNESS TO GOD’S MERCY”
Our Lady’s Ministry’s 15th Annual Fundraiser is happening on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Open your hearts and be a witness to God’s Mercy that brings financial relief and God’s love to the poorest of the poor around the world, including dioceses in Africa, El Salvador, Philippines, Peru, Mexico, Chile, Bosnia, and the Americas. OLM works with the local Cardinals, Bishops and Priests by their invitation.

Event Details:
Date: Saturday 15, 2018 (doors open at 3:30 pm)
Location: SDES Hall,
30846 Watkins Street, Union City, CA 94587
Contact No.: (415) 467-4747
Website: http://ourladysministry.org

Grief Support Group
The St. Pius Grief Ministry will once again be facilitating an 8-session “First Step” Grief Support Group. If you are in the early stages of your loss, or have not previously attended a grief support group, this program may benefit you. Please join us beginning Monday, September 10. All meetings will be held at the St. Pius Parish Center at 7:00pm. To register, or for more information, please call our hotline at 650-361-0655 or email us at griefministry@pius.org. Walk-Ins are welcome.

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church?
Are you an adult who has never received communion or confirmation?
Or, just have questions about the Catholic faith?
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of preparation for those who are not baptized, wanting to become Catholic, and for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Faith Formation and RCIA programs will be held every last Monday of the month from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., beginning September 24th in St. Luke’s Room 4. If you are interested, please call our formation heads, Deacon Mar Tano (650.867.5542) and Dr. Ellen Six (650.341.0683).

Jesus prophesies that “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” (John 10:16)
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. ______________________

Parish Events

September 11 – 14, 2018

Tuesday
3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference/Rm. #4

Wednesday
Religious Ed (Refer to page 4)

Thursday
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Rm. #4
7:30 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Entrepreneurial Television Network
will help you grow in your spiritual life
by providing you with movies, documentaries, children’s programming & more!

CHANNELS
EWTN can be viewed on:
Comcast 229, AT&T 562, Astound/Wave 80,
San Bruno cable 143,
Dish Satellite 261 and Direct TV 370.

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: 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 parish office at least 8-12 months before the desired date.
Music Ministry: Contact Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123
Pastoral Council: Dan Linkhorn (415) 533-8797
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
Youth Ministry: Amabel Goell (650) 740-7751

PRAYER TO THE SORROWFUL MOTHER
Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of my filial affection. Into Thy heart, pierced by so many swords, do Thou welcome my poor soul. Receive it as the companion of Thy sorrows at the foot of the Cross, on which Jesus died for the redemption of the world. With Thee, O sorrowful Virgin, I will gladly suffer all the trials, contradictions, and infirmities with which it shall please our Lord to send me. I offer them all to Thee in memory of Thy sorrows, so that every thought of my mind, and every beat of my heart may be an act of compassion and of love for Thee. And do Thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to Thy divine Son Jesus, keep me in His grace and assist me in my last agony, so that I may be able to meet Thee in Heaven and sing Thy Son’s glories. Amen. (Raccolta)