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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
—Jeremiah 31:33

O Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, breathe forth new life into our hearts, long dead in sin. Raise us up from the tomb of our sinfulness and lovingly bring us to Your eternal home in heaven. Amen.

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
SAVED BY GOD’S LOVE
Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called Dominus Flevit, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

Our Lord Jesus is waiting for us...
Adore Him 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.
As the rainbow unites heaven and earth, so does the Blessed Sacrament unite God with man, heaven on earth, as God makes His dwelling with His people...a promise and foretaste of heaven and a fulfillment of the Love which is the greatest Love our hearts will ever know.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.
Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3 -7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

**March 18, 2018**

**Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:**

†Pam Cook  
*May God welcome her into His Kingdom.*

**Pray for our sick parishioners,**

Keri Ables, Elysabeth Allen, Juris Arcilla, Rori Arcilla, Patrick Banks, Jose Barcelona Jr., Michael Carmody, Gail Castro, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Marvin Crockett, Elizabeth Fong, Linda Gaerlan, Marie Ghiozzi, Craig Gockley, Julia Ho, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kauer, Eva Latham, Kevin Lucia, Veronica Maguire, Arturo Martin, Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Angela & Bozidar Mihelic, Bridgette Negar, Kathy Raynor, Josephine Rea, Antonio & Ernesto Reyes, Margaret F. Reyes, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Rosa Santos, Jameson Sham, Sally Stevens, Sue Techlin, Priscilla Touchstone, Jim & Bert Tremont and Vallery Washington. *May they be comforted by their trust in the Lord.*

**Sunday, March 11th**  
$ 3,902.50

**Parish Skip-A-Meal Program**  
$ 1,374.00

*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

**Next weekend, March 24th and 25th,** there will be a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services.** Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how you are making a difference. Thank you for your support!

**JOURNEY WITH CHRIST IN HIS PASSION**

*Join us for our final Friday evening Stations of the Cross this Lenten season, beginning at 7:00PM in the Main Church.*

**Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention**

**General:** Formation in Spiritual Discernment  
That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**Women’s Bible Study Group**  
The Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group meets in Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center. This group meets from 9:30AM to 11:30AM on Thursday mornings to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings for the following Sunday, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community. *All women are welcome.*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday: Spring begins  
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday:  
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:  
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday:  
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:  
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday:  
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]
March 2018

Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
March 7th, 14th and 21st
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
February 4th, 11th and 18th

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. 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.

To all Parishioners…
St. Luke once again will have Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ on Good Friday, March 30th at 12:45PM in the Main Church (right after the Stations of the Cross and before the 2:00PM Veneration of the Cross service). We are seeking seven parishioners to participate, by giving a 5 to 8 minute reflection on their thoughts about one of Jesus’ “Words”. Please contact the parish office at 650-345-66-60 for further information, and to notify which of the 7 Last Words you wish to reflect on.

Annual Chrism Mass…
Archbishop Cordileone encourages the faithful to attend the annual Chrism Mass which will be celebrated on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption at 5:30 p.m. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of San Francisco, during which the Archbishop will bless the sacred oils, which will be used in sacramental celebrations in all of the parishes throughout the year. In this Mass, all the priests of the Archdiocese will renew before the Archbishop and the congregation their commitment and dedication to their priestly ministry. We extend this invitation to the Chrism Mass to all our parishioners, especially those who will be receiving the sacraments in which these holy oils will be used in the coming year, as well as their catechists and family members. We hope many of our parishioners will come to show their support and affirmation to their priests.

All clergy will be attending the Chrism Mass, therefore, there will be NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION or Benediction on Thurs., Mar 22nd in the St. Luke Chapel.

Pot Luck Supper following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29th, you are all invited to share one of your favorite dishes with the family of St. Luke. We also need volunteers to help in the preparation and in cleaning up. There are sign up sheets located in the Parish Center. Please take the time to sign up to help us plan accordingly. You may also call the parish office.

ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. FAST: Everyone 18 years of age & older are bound to fast on Good Friday.

Pauline Book Fair with the DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL
The Daughters of St. Paul, religious women who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish after all the Masses on the weekend of March 24-25, 2018. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family! Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good reading and viewing. Credit Cards accepted.
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
March 21– March 23, 2018

Wednesday
7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group
Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

Friday
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Eternal Word Television Network
CHANNELS
EWTN may be viewed on: Comcast 229, AT&T 562, astound/wave 80, San Bruno cable 143, dish satellite 261 and Direct TV 370.

TRAVEL PLANS
Go to 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 the parish office
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 (415) 533-8797
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Women’s Bible Study: Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

Welcome, in Jesus’ Name!!

Saint Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, to whose faithful keeping Christ Jesus, innocence itself, and Mary, the Virgin of virgins, were entrusted, I pray and beseech you by that twofold and most precious charge, by Jesus and Mary, to save me from all uncleanness, to keep my mind untainted, my heart pure, and my body chaste, and to help me always to serve Jesus and Mary in perfect chastity. Amen