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

Parish Manager
Deacon Paul Lucia

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.

First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”
— Matthew 4:10

Prayer

All praise to You, O Christ Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, who by Your perfect obedience, have broken the chasm of sin and death. Enshroud us in the mantle of Your powerful love and protect us from the snares of the evil one. Lead us from the desert of this fleeting life into the celestial gardens of eternal life with You. 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 - by appointment
Sacrament of Baptism - every Saturday; and every Sunday (after the 10:30 a.m. Mass)

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 six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office at (650) 345-6660
STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. “Perpetual Adoration,” “Reservation,” “Benediction,” and “Reposition” are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There’s plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

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Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, especially Rita Matteucci that she may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all.

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May they be strengthened and comforted by their trust in the Lord.


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. Refreshments are provided. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9071 for further information.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent
- **Tuesday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- **Wednesday:** St. John of God
- **Thursday:** St. Frances of Rome
- **Friday:** Abstinence
- **Saturday:** Purim (Jewish festival of the story of)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- **Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- **Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- **Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- **Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- **Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Pray for Pope Francis’s Intentions**

**General:** Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole church.

**Urgent Intention:** Sacredness of Life:

We pray for the children who are in danger of the interruption of pregnancy, as well as for persons who are at the end of life - every life is sacred! - so that no one is left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life.

**Our Weekly Offering**

Sunday, February 26th $4,251.50

*Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible.

Thank you! God bless you!*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” — Ephesians 1:3

Next weekend’s 2nd collection March 11/12 is for the parish

**Skip A Meal Program**

This coming Saturday March 11th, be sure to set your clocks ahead **before** you retire for the night.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Every Sunday, all are invited for **FELLOWSHIP** after the 9:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses.
March 5, 2017

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
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March 2017

➢ Confirmation 2 - Classes
  3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (With Youth Mass)
  • Sunday, March 5th, 12th and 19th
  • Note: NO CLASS ON March 26th

➢ Religious Education Classes
  5:30PM—6:30PM Grades 1—4
  6:45PM—7:45PM Grades 5—8
  • Wednesday, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
  • Note: Class are held for FOUR WEDNESDAYS in March 2017

Rational:
➢ There are only TWO WEDNESDAY CLASSES in April 2017 because of Holy Week
➢ Thus, to complete the Number of Days required by the Archdiocese, we will hold class on the 4th Wednesday, March 22nd
➢ MARCH 12TH, SUNDAY
  9:00 AM, FAMILY MASS—
  SPONSORS: GRADES 2 & 7

➢ SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION/LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
  The students will hold classes in their classrooms.
  Each grade will take turns to go to the Church for Penitential Service and Confession.
  • March 15th, Wednesday, Grades 3, 5, and 7
  • March 22nd, Wednesday, Grades 4, 6, and 8
  • March 19th, Sunday, 3:30 - 4:50PM, Con. 2 Class
  •March 31st. Friday, 6PM for Parents & Parishioners

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.

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center except for July. The meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th. All are invited to attend. Please contact Shane Ahern at: (650) 766-7592 shane@shaneahern.com

Movie Night -

The St. Luke Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners and their friends for a movie night on

March 18th (Saturday) at 6 pm,
in the community center. We will be showing the movie - "Moana", a Walt Disney movie about a spirited teenager who sails out on a daring mission to prove herself a master way finder and fulfill her ancestors' unfinished quest. Join us as we enjoy this movie on the big screen.

Stations of the Cross...

Please join us every Friday evening during Lent. Stations of the Cross begin in the Main Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction.

PRO LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro Life will meet:
Thursday, March 9, 2017 @ 7:30PM*
Warner Center of St. Gregory parish
138 28th Ave, San Mateo (cross street Hacienda)
Discussing:
~ Current: Mustard Seed; Legislative Update
~ Pro Life movie “40” to be shown!! This movie has received multiple awards & is 62 Mins.

Let’s defend all people from conception to natural death.
For more information call Jessica, 650.572.1468

ARE YOU DISCERNING TO BE A RELIGIOUS SISTER?
Or do you know someone who is discerning?
The Daughters of St. Paul are offering a Discernment 101 mini series

Who: women ages 16-30
When: 6PM - 8PM
Date: March 10; April 17; May 15; June 9
Where: Pauline Books and Media
935 Brewster Avenue
Redwood City, CA. 94063
Contact: Sr. Jennifer Tecia, FSP
jhyatt@paulinemedia.com or 310.365.2679
A LENTEN PRAYER

LORD JESUS,
YOU CALL US TO REPENT AND
TO BELIEVE, FOR THE KINGDOM OF
GOD IS AT HAND.
YOU TEACH US TO DO GOD’S WILL.
YOU INVITE US TO FOLLOW YOU ON
THE WAY TO THE CROSS.

LORD,
RENEW IN US THE GRACE OF OUR
BAPTISM.
TRANSFORM OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS
AND DEEDS SO THAT WE MIGHT TURN
AWAY FROM SIN AND LIVE THE
GOSPEL.

This Week in Our Parish
March 6 – March 11, 2017

Tuesday
1:00—3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
CCD Classes – Refer to Page 4

Thursday
9:00 a.m. All day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

Friday
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday
10:30 a.m. Jr. Legion of Mary

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.

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. ________________

Contact People
Adult Rosary Making: Kevin and Sally Lucia (650) 740-9071
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 and Sundays. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.
Christian Burial: Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.
Cursillo: Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345
Faith Formation: Kevin Lucia (650) 740-9071
Filipino Cursillo: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542
Finance Council: John Bernat (650) 341-4045
Grief Support Ministry: Ellen Six (650) 341-0683
Jr. Legion of Mary: Sats.10:30am, Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090
Junior Rosary Making: Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090
Knights of Columbus: Call Shane Ahern (650) 766-7592
Legion of Mary: Weds. 1p.m. Georgie Unson (650) 345-2613
Lectors & Ministers of Holy Eucharist Captain: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Marriages: Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.
Music Groups:
Children’s Choir, Kevin’s Flock—Kevin Lucia (650) 740-9071
Emmaus Choir Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123
Pastoral Council: Tom Consunji (650) 345-1441
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
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