

# 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 p.m.

- Chapel open from 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*

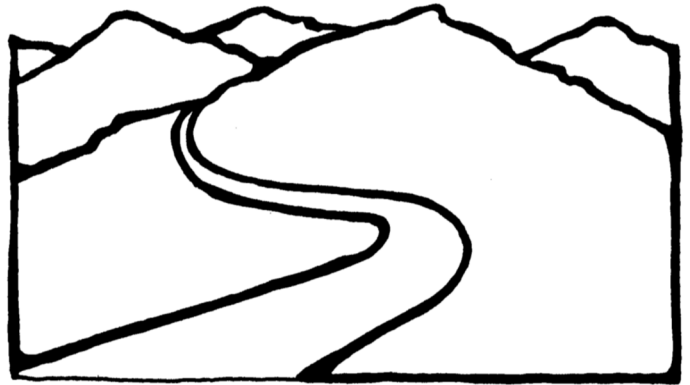
***Bulletin Deadline:** All announcements must be approved by Father Jonathan and must be submitted two weeks prior to the desired bulletin of your choice.*

*Thank you.*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 9, 2018*

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7



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Come, Lord Jesus, fount of mercy and forgiveness, come to us poor sinners. Infuse in our hearts true repentance and by the power of Your Holy Spirit lead us to newness of life with You. This we ask in Your powerful Name. Amen.

## *~ Month of December ~*

*Dedicated 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 - 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

December 9, 2018

**AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD**

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: International Human Rights Day

Tuesday: St. Damasus I

Wednesday: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary, and the God who sent her, accept all peoples. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself. *Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.*

[www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org)

Thursday: St. Lucy

Friday: St. John of the Cross

*Holy Mass Celebrants*

Saturday, December 15, 2018

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan

9:00 am Fr. Jonathan

10:30 am Fr. Al

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan



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**Mass Intentions for December 10 - December 16**

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your priests
<b>MON 10</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ryan Patron	Fr. Kieran McCormick
<b>TUE 11</b>	8:30 a.m.	† John Nunes	Fr. Anthony Chung
<b>WED 12</b>	8:30 a.m.	Nicole Fish	Fr. Al Furtado
<b>THU 13</b>	8:30 a.m.	Paul & Sandra Patron	Fr. Francis Njua
<b>FRI 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Natividad Palanca	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
<b>SAT 15</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Concepcion Evans	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	† Jeanette Castro	
<b>SUN 16</b>	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	Fathom Home Health Solutions	
	10:30 a.m.	† Paul Stangl	
	5:00 p.m.	Rio & Andy Denoga	

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

**Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament**

every **Thursday** and on the **First Friday** of the month after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass

**BENEDICTION at 7:00p.m.**

*“Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.”*

*—1 Peter 5:7*

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is our loving Savior. He teaches us to put all our trust in His Sacred Heart so that the power of His Eucharistic Love will capture, conquer, and cast out all doubts, all fears, all anxieties, all troubles that we have, so that His peace might reign in our hearts. Our Lord is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. How much he longs for you to experience His love, care and healing as you come to dwell in His Heart.

*We need people who will commit as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament.” Sign-up sheets are located in the Community Center during weekends, and in the Chapel foyer during weekdays.*

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Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:

†Peggy Seibert, †Christa Shih,

†Anthony Vecchio and †Arthur McNicholl

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of the departed, O Lord.

And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for God's healing upon our sick parishioners:

Keri Ables	Josephine Kozloski	Ronald Rea
Juris Arcilla	Andres Mendez	Jocelyn Reyes
Jennifer Barry	Leah Mercado	Rolando Reyes, Jr.
Gian Bordallo	Craig Midghall	Kathy Sampson
Maria Camicia	Angela Mihelcic	Priscilla Touchstone
Jacquelyn Conway	Bozidar Mihelcic	Charles Toves
Dolores Detruz	Jon Miller	John Toves
Julia Ho	Sheila O'Neill	Macrima Toves
Dennis B. Huang	Diana Pineda	Jim Tremont
JoAnn Kozloski	Josephine Rea	Michael Veprin

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

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.



Sunday, December 2nd	\$3,933.50
Church Maintenance Fund	\$5,092.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ's mission.

Thank you! God bless you!

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Mt.6:21)

### Next weekend (Dec.15/16), Special 2nd Collection RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members. Thank you for offering generous help to those who have given a lifetime of service. God reward your kindness.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018. It is a great blessing to know that through your loving sacrifices, we were able to reach our goal (\$59,277.00). Your inspiring gifts will help sustain the various ministries of our Archdiocese and our Universal Church. Thank you for being a vital part in carrying out Christ's work and helping thousands of people experience the goodness of the Lord.



### Pray for Pope Francis's Intention

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

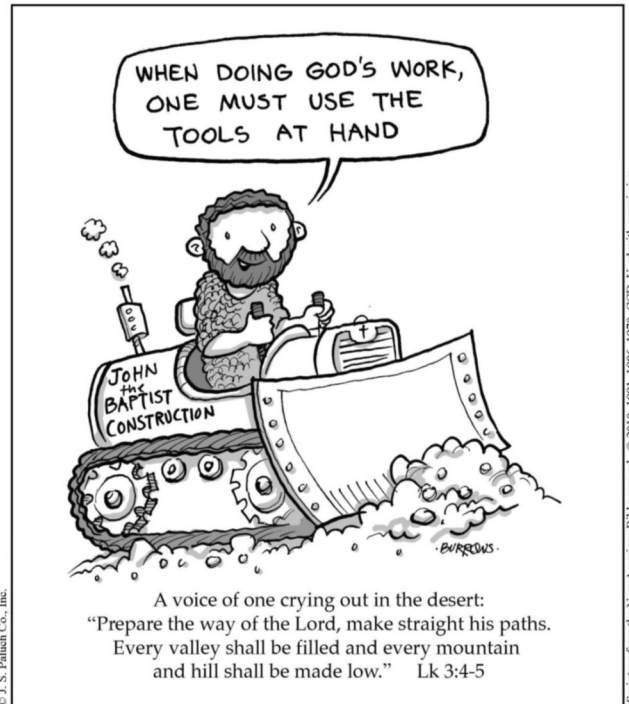
### Women's Bible Study Group:

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., to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community.

Last Bible Study before the Christmas Break: Dec. 13. Bible Study resumes: Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 9:30a.m. (Patti Villano: 650-341-6913)

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### December 2018

#### Religious Education Class Days

Grades One - Eight

December 5, 12 and 19

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 the Youth Mass

December 2, 9 and 16



#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN**

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 (4 years old) through children in 2nd grade.



#### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Let us bring the hope and love of the Infant Savior to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share with our needy brethren your blessings from God, through our annual "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 needy brethren's wish. 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 DECEMBER 16th, SUNDAY.**

If you have **GIFT CERTIFICATES**, drop them off at the Office of Religious Education 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 GOD be your reward!

#### **POINSETTIA PLANTS**

We are again appealing to all of you—help us decorate our altar for the Christmas Liturgies. Your gift of poinsettia plants will be most appreciated. The plants can be delivered to the Parish Office **on Friday, December 21.** Thank you and God bless you with his rewarding gifts.

#### **ATTENTION:**

The **Knights** meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30PM in the St. Luke community center. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Consunji at: Tel. No.: 650.892.3312 or email: [tconsunji@gmail.com](mailto:tconsunji@gmail.com)



On behalf of Fr. Jonathan and St. Luke Parish, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a

#### **Christmas Potluck Dinner**

on December 15th, Saturday, after the 5:00PM Holy Mass. Let us come together and celebrate the feast of our Lord's birth. Bring your favorite seasonal dish, some Christmas cheer and a heartwarming spirit. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Center after the weekend Masses. Please sign up with your name, number of members attending and a choice of your dish (appetizer/entrée/dessert). See you all!

#### Support the **YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE**

every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00AM, 10:30AM and 5:00PM Holy Masses.

The next bake sale is on December 16.

#### **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. 19th.** Contact number (650) 573-5370. Leave a message if you do not speak to Peggy directly. Thank you.

#### **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.

#### **FIRE ASSISTANCE FUND**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, which includes Butte County, has established a Fire Assistance Fund. The diocesan website says, "In light of the Northern California fires that have devastated various parts of our Diocese—from the Carr Fire to the most recent Camp Fire—Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful to remember in their prayers all those affected, especially the firefighters and emergency personnel, as well as residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated." To donate to the diocesan Fire Assistance Fund, go to [scd.org/catholic-foundation/giving](http://scd.org/catholic-foundation/giving).

## PRAYER for ADVENT

**LORD**, watch over Your people who come to You in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You.

Give courage to us who falter because of our failures. Lead us along in this Blessed Season of Advent closer to You in hope, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. May we one day proclaim Your saving acts of kindness in Your Eternal Kingdom.

**AMEN.**

## PARISH EVENTS

**December 11 – December 16, 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

7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

**Friday**

7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**

6:00 p.m. Christmas Potluck/Community Center

**Sunday**

Youth Ministry Bake Sale

(after the 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Holy Masses)

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Two Class (Refer to page 4)

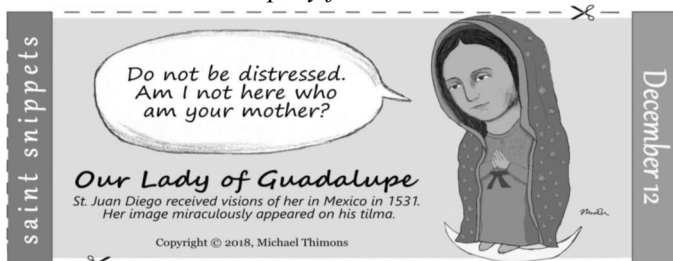
4:15 p.m. Youth Music Ministry Rehearsal

## Our Lady of Guadalupe PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Join the Pro-Life rosary-praying procession beneath Our Lady's banner starting from the statue of St. Matthew at El Camino Real & 9th Ave, San Mateo, north up El Camino to Planned Parenthood (35 Baywood Ave) and return [about 1.5 mile round-trip]. Rain or shine!

**Sunday, December 16, 2018, 2:00PM—3:00PM**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pre-born, pray for us!*



## 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 Elyzabeth 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

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_