

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 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Benediction on Thursday & 1st Friday

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Special Associate

Rev. Kieran McCormick

Deacon

Deacon Mar Tano

Director of Religious Education

Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

Secretaries

Maria Teresa Alvarez

Maryvee Estacio

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 8, 2019

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9



*Come, O Christ Jesus, our promised Savior,
come and unite our souls to Your Divine Heart.
Let us praise You through lives of love
and service of You and one another,
until You bring us to Your eternal kingdom
where we will be worshipping You forever. 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 8, 2019

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: 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

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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: International Human Rights Day

Wednesday: St. Damasus I

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: St. Lucy

Saturday: St. John of the Cross
 Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for Pope Francis's Intention

Universal – The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 14, 2019

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala

9:00 am Fr. Al Furtado

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Paala

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Paala



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Holy Mass Intentions for December 9 – 15, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your priests
MON 9	8:30 a.m.	† Carol Ross	Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE 10	8:30 a.m.	† John Thomas Becker	Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 11	8:30 a.m.	† John Nunes	Fr. Al Furtado
THU 12	8:30 a.m.	† Sheila O'Neill	Fr. Francis Njua
FRI 13	8:30 a.m.	† Catherine McNamara	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT 14	8:30 a.m.	† Natividad Palanca	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	† Cora B. Huang	
SUN 15	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	† Concepcion Evans	
	10:30am	† Alfredo V. Lagmay	
	5:00p.m.	† Liza Benzon	

**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 is at 7:00PM

Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is longing to shower upon us the divine light of His grace, love and peace. For "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (*Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei*). He is our greatest friend, our Healer, our Savior who is waiting for us to come and abide in His Eucharistic Love, until He comes again to bring all of us to His eternal home in heaven.

"For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - John 6:33

We need people who will commit as

"Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament."

Sign-up sheets are located in the Chapel foyer.

December 8, 2019

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.

†**Maria Isabel Lopetegui**, †**Bienvenido Mendoza**
and †**Aurora Villegas**

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

Juris Arcilla	Evangeline B. Lopez
Minerva Barnhart	Arturo Martin
Jim Bortak	Andres Mendez
Ruben Calderon, Jr.	Angela Mihelcic
Elizabeth Fong	Bozidar Mihelcic
Dennis B. Huang	Jon Miller
Barbara Keefer	Angelina Paguio
Tom Keefer	Rosetta Parisian
JoAnn Kozloski	Tom Pope
Josephine Kozloski	Frances Presutto
Jackie Kuo	Angela F. Reyes
Courtney LaTour	Estrella Reyes
Badette Ledesma	Kathy Sampson
Derek Lee	Jennifer Shamway
Celia Leones	Priscilla Touchstone
Dancy Lim	Dr. Francis Walls

"...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 the month of December. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.



November 23/24	\$ 3,340.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Devt.	\$171.00
November 30/December 1	\$ 3,276.00
Church Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,693.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ's mission.

Thank you! God bless you!

"Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD." (Psalm 4:5)

Dear Parishioners of St. Luke's:

Since my health is not so good and gradually getting worse, I have decided to stop presiding at Masses.

I am grateful for the warm welcome and continuing support you have shown me. You have helped make these years very happy ones.



~ **Father Kieran McCormick**

From us at St. Luke, to you, dear Father Kieran...

Thank you so much! You are our gem whom we will forever treasure! We will miss you!

See you all on Sunday, December 8, for Fr. Kieran's Thanksgiving Mass at 10:30am, followed by an Appreciation Fellowship in the church community center.

Women's Bible Study Group

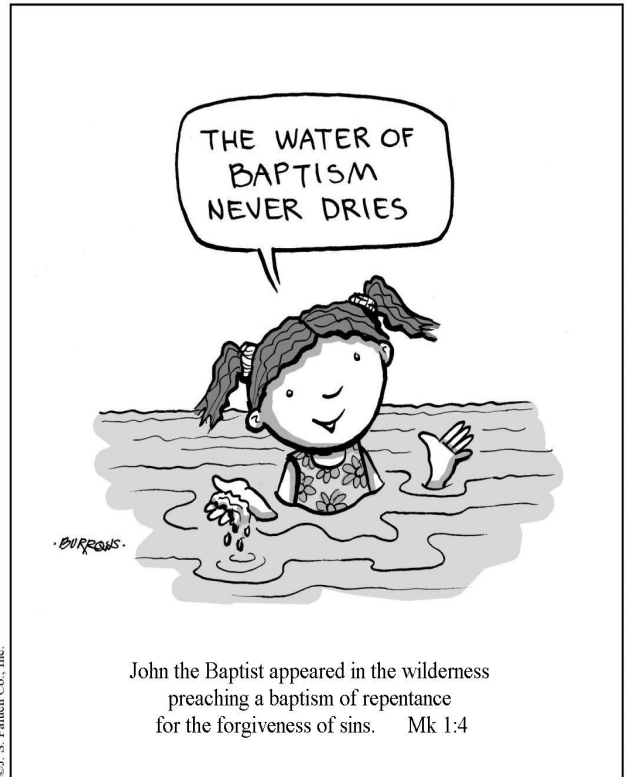
The Women's Bible Study and Discussion Group meets in Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center on Thursdays, 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m., September to May, to discuss various books of the Bible, the scripture readings, and to provide prayer support for its members and the community. **Patti Villano**: 650-341-6913

December 12, 2019: Bible Study Christmas Brunch
January 9, 2020: Bible Study resumes



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mk 1:4

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace" is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through more than five decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual. Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God's grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than "meets the eye." —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
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December 2019 Religious Education Classes

Grades One - Eight

December 4th, 11th, and 18th

Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)

Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)

Confirmation Two Classes

December 4th, 11th, and 18th

6:45PM to 7:45PM

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 15th, 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!

SVDP Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our heartfelt gratitude to all those who responded. We are overwhelmed by your generous support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference Committee and the families you have helped wish to thank you! God bless you all!

St. Luke Christmas Potluck

Saturday, December 14, after the 5PM Holy Mass
Join our St. Luke Community in celebrating the coming feast of our Lord's birth. Bring your favorite dish and share with the community. Sign-up sheets are located in the church community center.

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 Eddie Torres at: Tel. No.: 650-823-3911



Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend, we are having the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The women and men Religious of the Archdiocese are appreciative of any help you can give. They are counting on your assistance as they face retirement with limited resources. More importantly, though, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious who are living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

St. Luke Advent Penance Service

Be filled with God's peace, reconciliation and healing mercies... Let your heart be a humble gift to the Infant Child...

CONFESSIONS: 6:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019

Simbang Gabi, December 15, 5PM

Come join us in preparing for the birth-feast of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend our Simbang Gabi Advent Novena Mass celebration at **5:00PM**, in St. Luke's main church. A fellowship dinner immediately follows in the community center.

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Support the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card Drive. Christmas cards will be on sale this weekend in the community center.

Poinsettia Plants Needed

We are again appealing to your generous hearts—help us decorate our altar for our Christmas Liturgies through your gift of poinsettia plants, which can be delivered to the Parish Office **on Friday, December 20, 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.** Thank you and God bless you this Christmas and always.

Our Lady of Guadalupe PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Join our 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. The procession will be held on Sunday, December 8, 1:45-2:45 PM.

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

DECEMBER 9: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Since December 8, 2019 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, is not implemented this year.

—USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

Alleluia, alleluia. *Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.* Alleluia, alleluia.

(Luke 1:28, 42)

Let us pray: O GOD, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. AMEN.

PARISH EVENTS

December 9 - 15, 2019

Monday (December 9)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday (December 10)

3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

Wednesday (December 11)

Re-Ed and Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)

Thursday (December 12)

9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Meeting &

Christmas Brunch/Room 4

7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday (December 13)

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

Saturday (December 14)

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Sunday (December 15)

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & *5:00pm Holy Masses

~ Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and

refreshments after the 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am Masses ~

***5:00 p.m. SIMBANG GABI**

ADVENT NOVENA MASS*

The Simbang Gabi on December 15 will be at

5:00p.m. instead of 7:00p.m.

This fulfills the Sunday Obligation.

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: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911

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: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911

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

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. _____

The Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

heralds the beginning of the Simbang Gabi Advent Novena of Masses celebrated in the various parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All are invited to the Commissioning Mass and Parol Lighting on **Tuesday, December 10, 7:30p.m.** at **St. Mary's Cathedral** in San Francisco. This year, **St. Luke** will sponsor the **1st & 9th day of Simbang Gabi.**