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 email us.

**CHASEL** is open for visit to our Eucharistic Lord every day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS**

- **Eucharistic Celebrations**
  - Saturday—8:30am and 5:00pm
  - Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am
  - Weekdays — 8:30am
  - **Baptism (Infants)**
  - Saturday—11:00am

  Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

- **Reconciliation (Confession)**
  - 4:00—4:30pm in the Church

  Please sign up at saintlukefc@gmail.com

- **Marriage**
  - Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.

- **Anointing of the Sick**
  - For Last Rites please call or email us.

**PASTORAL STAFF**

- **Pastor**
  - Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

- **Deacon**
  - Deacon Mar Tano

- **Director of Religious Education**
  - Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

- **Secretaries**
  - Maria Teresa Alvarez
  - Maryvee Estacio

**Parish Office Hours**

- Monday—Friday 9:00am-12noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Saturday 9:00am-12noon
THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Love your neighbor. It sounds so simple. Yet it is not always easy to accomplish. Many things get in the way of taking this commandment to heart. Sometimes, it is things that get in the way, but more often, we get in the way. We tend to see things through our own perspective, rather than considering the other person’s point of view. In our interactions with others, we often fail to truly listen, focusing instead on our next response or point to be made. We say we love our neighbor, right up to the point at which doing so requires some sacrifice of time, attention, or financial support, and then suddenly, a thousand reasons for keeping to ourselves emerge. Jesus knew this when he summed up the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Notice what he said about this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

LOVE GOD

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God’s sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God’s love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made.

TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 22:20–26
Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10
Matthew 22:34–40
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The secret to our Sunday readings lies in today’s Gospel Acclamation: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him” (John 14:23). That single line from John’s Gospel gets right to the heart of today’s readings, reminding us of the intimate relationship between the law (“keeping God’s word”) and God’s love. While human nature tends to resist burdensome rules, our readings show us the wisdom of God’s plan that guides us with the rule of law. In Exodus, the law boldly prevents injustice, protecting the most vulnerable members of society. In Thessalonians, the law elevates our behavior and saves us from “the coming wrath.” In Matthew’s Gospel, the law swaddles us in God’s compassion. In loving God, neighbor, and self, we imitate God and bring blessing to a fractured world.

THE RULE OF LAW

Anyone who has read the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) from beginning to end appreciates the massive influence of the law on our ancestors in faith. In fact, what Christians call the Pentateuch (Greek for “five books”), Jewish tradition calls the Torah (“teaching” or “law”). In the first five books of the Bible, there is no escaping the law, its meticulous detail and relentless regulations, decrees, and pronouncements from God to Moses and Aaron. Also common in these books, alas, are stories of God’s chosen people going astray. The predominance of the law reminds us that we are creatures with a tendency to sin; God provides the law to us beloved children to regulate our behavior and help us live more peacefully on earth.

IMITATING GOD

Laws would be entirely unnecessary if we lived perfect lives. As we know all too well, however, we often fall short of the good intentions that we cherish in our hearts. Perhaps the law would even be unnecessary if we lived alone, isolated from other people. After all, what hermit in a cave actually needs a commandment to charge no interest on a loan? But God’s design for humanity includes togetherness. And when we live together, we tend to step on each other’s toes. Thank God for laws that help us to live in community with justice and compassion.

Underlying every one of God’s laws is an eternal longing for fairness and fullness. What’s more, God’s own self—a vibrant community of Father, Son, and Spirit—reveals the deep joy of living in peace with self and neighbor. The Trinitarian nature of God—three persons in one God—astonishes us with its commitment to fruitful love. Love is gratuitous and lavish, constantly producing and giving of itself. The more generously we love God, self, and neighbor, the more we will know that, as Saint Paul says, “love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

Sunday’s Readings: Ex 22:20–26; Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c–10; Mt 22:34–40

“If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”
(Exodus 22:26)
LIVING JUSTLY

“You give that back right now!” How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a “fair trade agreement.” Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God’s beloved children are not to behave like bullies. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).
Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).
Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).


SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; All Hallows’ Eve

Prayer of Reparation especially during these times when we are witnessing the desecration of the Blessed Eucharist and statues of blessed Saints...

“Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention
Respect for the Planet’s Resources

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

“When we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we represent the one in the world who is in most need of God’s Mercies. We stand in behalf of the one in the world who does not know Christ and who is farthest away from God and we bring down upon their soul the Precious Blood of the Lamb.”

—POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

—John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, visit: virtualadoration.home.blog
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadiong, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohnen, †Fr. Tom Timmins, †Josephine Law, †Dennis B. Huang, †Rosetta Parisian, †Clarita Dela Cruz, †Alex Minerva, †Manisha Patil, †Catalina de Joya, †Zenaida Froilan, †Arturo Almeda, †Myke Viray, †Teresa Bautista, †Sue Rathjen, †all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

We pray for God’s healing mercies upon the sick:

- Juris Arcilla
- Minerva Barnhart
- Jim Bortak
- Mary Ann Bravo
- Ruben Calderon, Jr.
- Bobby Calderon
- Michael Carmody
- Elizabeth Fong
- Barbara Keefer
- Tom Keefer
- JoAnn Kozloski
- Jackie Kuo
- Felise Langi
- Badette Ledesma
- Celia Leones
- Dancy Lim
- Christian Liwag
- Arturo Martin
- Natividad Martin
- Fr. Kieran McCormick
- Andres Mendez
- Angela Mihelec
- Bozidar Mihelec
- Jon Miller
- Virginia Molina
- Edgar Navarro
- Ed Page
- Violet Pastrana
- Tom Pope
- Frances Presutto
- Angela F. Reyes
- Estrella Reyes
- Kathy Sampson
- Jennifer Shamway
- Manny Torres
- Joe Touchstone
- Priscilla Touchstone
- Those suffering from the Coronavirus

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
ALL SOULS
Month of Remembrance

All Souls envelopes are now available in the community center. You can list on the envelopes the names of deceased loved ones. The completed forms will be placed at the foot of the altar and your departed loved ones will be remembered on November 1st and 2nd and all Monday Masses in November.

“For the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God”(CCC#1032).

“We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” ~ St. Ambrose

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Here I Am, Send Me!

Thank you for your generous response!
Thanks for your participation! Thank you for answering, “Here I Am, Send Me” to your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Your offering to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church is a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

All Saints Day and All Souls Day
Sunday, November 1, and Monday, November 2

The Solemnity of All Saints is November 1, and is a holy day of obligation. In 2020 it falls on a Sunday (which is, of course, by definition a day of obligation to attend Mass). Monday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day). All Souls Day is NOT a holy day of obligation except when it falls on a Sunday.

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”

(John 11: 25-26)

This Weekend, 10/24 & 25...
2020 PONTIFICAL
GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This year, due to the pandemic, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Land of our Lord Jesus.

The collection in favor of Holy Land is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian Communities that are in Holy Land and feel the weight and also the redeeming grace of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

It is thanks to you, Christians throughout the whole world, who give so generously, that we will able to continue taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher to the Basilica of the Nativity and to the lesser known sanctuaries. Your donation will be able to support pastoral action of the parishes, guarantee quality education and learning to more than 10,000 students, help young families find a home, assist Christian migrant workers and refugees.

This is what the Franciscans have tried to do for centuries in the Holy Land and this is thanks to the help of Christians like you from all over the world.

Thanks for Your Donations

In spite of the difficult situation we are facing, I wish to thank you for your continuous support of our parish through your prayers and generous donations. I pray that you and your families will remain safe and well within the shelter of our merciful Savior.

— Fr. Jonathan Paala

Go to sfarch.org/lifeline select “St. Luke Parish”. You can also mail or drop your donation in the parish office mail box or Sunday Collection Box. Thanks so much! God bless your generous hearts!

Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God’s goodness and asked Our Lord
“How can I thank you?”
Our Lord replied, “ATTEND ONE MASS.”
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SF Archdiocese
Adult Confirmation
November 21, 2020

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering Adult Confirmation Classes for November 2020. The classes are open to persons 17 years of age or older. Classes will be on Thursday, November 5 from 6:00-8:30pm; Friday, November 6 from 6:00-8:30pm; and Saturday, November 7, 10:00am-1:00pm.

Candidates must attend all sessions at the Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, SF 94109 or Virtual if necessary.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St. San Francisco, on November 21, 2020, 5:30pm Liturgy.

Please visit the parish office to sign up or for more information. Please register on or before on October 31, 2020.

Contact Sr. Celeste Arbuckle at 415-614-5650 or email arbucklec@sfarach.org.

“And when [Jesus] had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20:22

Family Fun and Faith:
A Weekly Invitation

Families are invited each week to join with Catholic families throughout California in prayer, song, and reflection on the Sunday Gospel. The Office of Faith Formation, in cooperation with the Catholic bishops of California, recommends this resource for all families: in 15 minutes your family can be renewed by the Sunday readings. All families are welcome to join, and to forward this invitation to others.

Go to Youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJliKc57jfoYgdTE3ZlcYtA

Get Updates from St. Luke through Flocknote

Connect with us through Flocknote. To join, text Alleluia to 84576 or login to saintlukechurch.flocknote.com

Take a stand for JUSTICE & LIFE for ALL this Autumn of 2020

From September 23 - November 1 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at:

2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City

You can make this commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

For scheduling by phone, questions, difficulties or help, contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-918-9119 (mobile) or 650-572-1468 (landline) or email themunns@yahoo.com

God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone – and you may save a life!

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Act Now to Help Save Catholic Schools

COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 130 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent of Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.

Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.

Public schools are asking for $300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking congress for direct funding to families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition. We encourage you to add your own personal story about your Catholic school experience in the message as well. Go to https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/76171/Respond Catholic schools urgently need help in this time of uncertainty. Please contact your members of Congress today!

ASK HELP

Ask Our Blessed Mother to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
Join the National Vocation Awareness Campaign of Prayer
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says, “National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.”

In our contemporary times, it is a “mini-miracle” that anyone is able to hear and respond to a religious vocation. It is a miracle that can only be explained by the power of prayer and the efficaciousness of God’s grace. Our prayer for vocations is ultimately a response to Christ’s personal call for us “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38).

In observance of this week, the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations will be sponsoring and promoting a prayer campaign that involves praying a short prayer each day so that the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese may be open to a religious vocation.

To join our Archdiocesan prayer campaign text VOCATIONS to 8457 or visit http://sfpriest.flocknote.com/VocationWeek.

Meetings for Men Discerning a Priestly Vocation
Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood are resuming: for San Mateo County on the first Monday of each month; for San Francisco County on the third Monday. The question of meetings online via Zoom or meetings in person is still to be settled. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priests below:

First Monday Meetings:
St. Pius X Church, Redwood City
Fr. Tom Martin
martin.thomas@sfarch.org

Third Monday Meetings:
Church of the Visitación, San Francisco
Fr. Cameron Faller
faller.cameron@sfarch.org 415-317-4436

Notre Dame Free Webinar Series
The Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity is hosting a free, three-part webinar series intended for a general audience through fall 2020. It is designed to assist anyone in more effectively advocating for a just society which supports human flourishing for mothers and their unborn children. Each session will begin with a 30 minute talk, followed by time for Q&A.

View this link to find out more about the subject matter, and sign up if you are interested.

The first session of the 3-part series took place on Sept. 29. However, anyone interested can play the recorded video at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqlPuz9Qqks&feature=youtu.be

The second session will convene on October 28, 2020, 5 p.m. PDT.

The third session will convene on November 11, 2020, 5 p.m. PDT.

There is still time to register for the 2nd and 3rd sessions if interested.

Is Your Marriage Struggling?
There Is hope!
Is your marriage struggling? There is hope! Retrouvaille is a world-wide program offering healing and renewal for difficult marriages. This upcoming weekend (virtual) retreat will offer you the tools you need to restore your marriage – come and learn from others who have been through the same process. November 12-15; limited to the first 50 couples to register. For more information/registration call (408) 417-4953 or (408) 794-9941, or email retrouvaillesfespanol@yahoo.com

Fall Marriage Encounter Weekends
A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you!

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Nov 13-15, 2020 in San Jose, CA
For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit sanjosewwme.org, or contact Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.
LIVE STREAM MASSES

For those who cannot celebrate with us in St. Luke’s...

At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: “He took bread...”

“He took the cup filled with wine...” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1333)

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco
https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco
Monday through Friday:
12:10 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)
Television Broadcast
5:00 am, 9:00 am, 4:00 pm, 9:00 am
Comcast 229 Direct TV 370, Dish 261,
AT&T 562, Astound 80, Sirius
Website
www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states

St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo
Daily including weekends at 12:00 noon

St. Charles, San Carlos/
St. Matthias, Redwood City
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC
Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, East Palo Alto
https://www.facebook.com/Parroquia-de-San-Francisco-de-Asis-103290567983242
Monday-Friday 8:00 am (Bilingual)
Saturday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 am (English) and 9:30 am (Spanish)

All Souls Parish, South San Francisco
https://allsoulsparishssf.org/
Daily 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

St. Catherine of Siena, Burlingame
https://www.stcsiena.org

St. Augustine Parish, South San Francisco
https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear
Daily Mass 10:00 am

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Daly City
https://www.facebook.com/olmdalycity
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 12:00 noon

St. Pius Parish, Redwood City
https://www.pius.org/stream
Daily Mass 12:00 noon (English)
Sunday 9:30 (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

St. Timothy Parish, San Mateo
https://www.facebook.com/sttimothysanmateo/
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (English), 12:00 noon (Spanish)
October 25, 2020

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Month of October is dedicated to
Our Lady of the Rosary

Queen of the most Holy Rosary, in these times of such brazen impiety, manifest thy power with the signs of thine ancient victories, and from thy throne, whence thou dost dispense pardon and graces, mercifully regard the Church of thy Son, His Vicar on earth, and every order of clergy and laity, who are sore oppressed in the mighty conflict.
Do thou, who art the powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God’s justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men. For me who am the least of men, kneeling before thee in supplication, do thou obtain the grace I need to live righteously upon earth and to reign among the just in heaven, while in company with all faithful Christians throughout the world, I salute thee and acclaim thee as Queen of the Holy Rosary. Amen.

Prayer to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I desire, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most holy Mother received You, and with the spirit and fervor of Your saints.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.
—Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is asking the faithful to unite in prayers with the entire Church and utter the above prayer each day to seek the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BELLS CALL TO PRAYER
Set your alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.
9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
—Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago