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: 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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018
The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7

O Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, let our hearts be crucified to Your love alone. Unite our sufferings to Your redeeming Passion and allow blossoms of Your graces to grow in our souls as we offer our crosses to You in praise of Your greatness. Amen.

Month of September
Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

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
LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today’s readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don’t always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God’s promptings will lead us in the right way.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday, after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass and on the First Friday of the month Benediction is at 7:30p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament is JESUS, the Source of all life, of all light, of all love, living in our midst to fulfill a promise made long ago: “I myself will pasture My sheep. I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.” (Ezekiel 34:15-16) Our Lord loves us so much that He humbled Himself and took the form of bread, never abandoning us, dwelling with us forever in the most Blessed Sacrament, the continuation of His Incarnation on earth, fulfilling His promise: “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20). No one can measure Jesus’ love for us. He desires to be close to us. He is waiting for us to come and be with Him.

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018
7:30 am Fr. Francis
9:00 am Fr. Kieran
10:30 am Fr. Kieran
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Mass Intentions for September 17- September 23

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

“Your deeds might be the only sermon some persons hear today.”

St. Francis of Assisi

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Januarius
Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
Friday: St. Matthew
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention
Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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. (Patti Villano: 650-341-6913)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don’t name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn’t take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A Friendly Reminder...

Please don’t forget to fulfill your pledge obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). We invite everyone to share a portion of God’s blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. No gift is too small (or too big). We hope for 100 percent participation of our parish this year to reach our goal ($59,277.00)

St. Luke and the Archdiocese of San Francisco thank you for your gift from the heart! Your contributions help support our ministries and services.

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:
†Tomas Chua Bandong, †Jeanette Castro,
†Steven Ghiozzi, †Carmen Aquinaldo,
†Jose Romero, Jr. and †Theo Cux

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:
Keri Ables, Juris Arcilla, Esther Bandong, Jacquelyn Conway, Dolores Detruz, Julie Ho, Dennis B. Huang, JoAnn & Josephine Kozloski, Andres Mendez, Leah Mercado, Maria, Diana Pineda, Josephine & Ronald Rea, Kathy Sampson, Priscilla Touchstone and Jim Tremont.

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, September 9 $ 3,687.00
Parish Skip-A-Meal Program $ 1,324.00

Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible. Thank you! God bless you!

“What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.”
- St. Augustine -

The Little Ones

Jesus said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”
Mk 8:34-35
ATTENTION:
The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Consunji at: (650) 892-3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com

Next Weekend,
September 22nd & 23rd
PRIEST’S RETIREMENT FUND
Our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure that the Priests’ Retirement Fund stays healthy and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests. The retirement years can be difficult for our priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pensions from the Priests’ Retirement Fund for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. Let’s show our gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to us by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests retirement with a gift donation to the Priests’ Retirement Fund special collection. Thank you for your support.

Grief Support Group
The St. Pius Grief Ministry will once again be facilitating an 8-session “First Step” Grief Support Group. If you are in the early stages of your loss, or have not previously attended a grief support group, this program may benefit you. Please join us beginning Monday, September 10. All meetings will be held at the St. Pius Parish Center at 7:00pm. To register, or for more information, please call our hotline at 650-361-0655 or email us at griefministry@pius.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Volunteers Needed
every 4th Sunday of the Month @ 8:00AM
Be Christ’s hands and feed our brethren in need. Please meet in the St. Luke kitchen and help prepare sandwiches which will be delivered to the Samaritan House in San Mateo. Contact Peg Culver at 650.349.1408

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER RECEIVED COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?
OR, JUST HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
If you are a confirmed Catholic and you are seeking an opportunity to enhance your spiritual growth and increase your understanding of the teachings of the Church, St. Luke is offering the Adult Faith Formation program. It will be held every last Monday of the month, from 7:00PM to 8:00PM, beginning September 24th, here at St. Luke’s Room 4. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), which is a preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be scheduled separately. Please contact our formation heads, Deacon Mar Tano (650.867.5542) and Dr. Ellen Six (650.341.0683).
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

September 19 – 21, 2018

Wednesday
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’ Bible Study/Rm. 3
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/Rm. #4
7:30 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.”
(1 John 4:12)