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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.
— Deuteronomy 6:5

Christ Jesus, our Lord, grant us the grace to love You through the fire of Your Spirit. Let Your love for us fuel the love we offer to our brothers and sisters so that all will come to know and praise Your glorious might. We ask this in Your most loving Name. Amen.

Month of November

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

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
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Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

TODAY’S MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, November 10, 2018
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Sunday, November 11, 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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Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:

†Aldo Dinallo and †Esther Bandong

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  Dennis B. Huang  Jocelyn Reyes
Juris Arcilla  JoAnn Kozloski  Rolando Reyes, Jr.
Patrick Banks  Josephine Kozloski  Kathy Sampson
Gian Bordallo  Andres Mendez  Carol Shimek
Maria Camicia  Leah Mercado  Priscilla Touchstone
Maritess Cobarrubias  Craig Midghall  Charles Toves
Jacquelyn Conway  Jon Miller  John Toves
Emy Delos Santos  Sheila O’Neill  Nacrina Toves
Darlene De Maria  Diana Pineda  Jim Tremont
Dolores Detruz  Josephine Rea  Tony Vecchio
Julia Ho  Ronald Rea  Michael Veprin

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.

The Women’s Bible Study Group

is offering a 6-week series on the Theology of Women, on Thursdays, October 4 to November 8, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at St. Luke Catholic Church. This will cover women in the Old Testament, the New Testament and women in the Early Christian Church including Martyrs, Deacons, and Mystics. With Dr. Ellen Six as presenter, we will examine the little known leadership roles of these women and their impact on our personal spiritual journey. All women are welcome. Contact MaryAnn Fitzgerald: 650-574-8644 or rmfitz@sbcglobal.net

Our Offering

Sunday, October 28

$ 3,516.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ’s mission.
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 -

A Gentle 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 hundred 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.

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intention

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!
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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

November 2018
Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
November 7, 14 and 21
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
November 4, 11 and 18

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 (4 yrs. 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.

From our St. Luke Youth Ministry...
Calling ALL BAKERS! Support CHYLL Youth Ministry and sign up to donate your favorite home baked goods for the BAKE SALE held every 3rd Sunday of the month.

“Operation Christmas Child” donations will be collected until November 7th at the Office of Religious Education.

Rehearsals for Youth Music Ministry are held during the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 4:15pm.

For more information, please email st.lukefcym@gmail.com.

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

Religious Christmas Cards on display after Liturgies on Sunday, by the Knights of Columbus to raise funds for St. Luke Parish. Help “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious cards—a message participating in the New Evangelization from you! View these cards in advance at www.ChristisCHRISTmas.com. K of C representatives will also be accepting applications from prospective members after the Liturgies.

All Souls Envelopes are now available—the completed forms will be placed at the foot of the altar and your departed loved ones will be remembered during all Monday Holy Masses in November. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Offering Holy Mass for the Departed
The Holy Mass transcends time and space, uniting the faithful in heaven, on earth and in purgatory into a Holy Communion, and the Holy Eucharist itself augments our union with Christ, wipes away venial sins, and protects us from future mortal sins (cf. Catechism, No. 1391-1396). Therefore, the offering of Mass and other prayers or sacrifices for the intentions of the faithful departed are good and holy acts. This practice is not new. The Catechism asserts, “From 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” (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

 Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament
We need people who will act as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament” to ensure that there is at least one parishioner in the St. Luke Chapel guarding the Blessed Sacrament at any time during the Exposition every Thursday and First Friday of the month, from 9:00AM to 7:00PM. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Community Center at every weekend Mass and on the table in the Chapel foyer every weekday, for those who wish to commit as “Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament”.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER RECEIVED COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?
St. Luke is offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), a process of preparation for those who are not baptized and wish to become Catholic; for those who have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to become Catholic; and for those baptized in the Catholic Church who wish to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact our formation heads, Deacon Mar Tano (650.867.5542) and Dr. Ellen Six (650.341.0683). Jesus prophesies that “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” (John 10:16)
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.** ______________________

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**Update Member Information**

**Name:** (First) ______________________  (Last) ______________________

**Address:** _________________________________________

**City:** ______________________  **Zip:** _________________

**Telephone No.** ______________________

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**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 Elysabeth 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