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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

Lord Jesus, God of Love, as You have come to us as a child in a manger, help us to find You and see Your radiant presence in one another and in all Your Creation. Open our hearts to Your Divine Spirit as we consecrate our families to Your Most Sacred Heart, until You come again to bring us all to Your Kingdom. 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 30, 2018

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

PSalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).


READINGs FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year’s Eve
Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES 5:00PM Vigil Mass (December 31, 2018) 8:30AM Holy Mass (January 1, 2019)

World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday and on the First Friday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
Benediction is at 7:00p.m.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now (St. Mother Teresa). If we only knew how much Jesus loves us in the Blessed Sacrament we would never want to leave His Eucharistic presence. For nowhere on earth are we more welcomed than in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Nowhere can we find comfort and healing than in His Heart overflowing with love for us.

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.
December 30, 2018

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:

†Christa Shih, †Anthony Vecchio
†Arthur McNicholl and †Miguel Gil

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

“...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.

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 thou-
sands 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.

Christmas Break: December 20, 2018 to January 3, 2019
Bible Study resumes: Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 9:30a.m.
(Patti Villano: 650-341-6913)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year
in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and
commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed
from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Jo-
seph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the
temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law,
who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center
of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the
synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study.
Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate
in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law
that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a
glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the
normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely
grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity
for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that
is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of con-
nection to important events in our family history. During the
Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the
family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where
we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful
manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days
than this in our calendar for spending time with the family,
especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just
make sure that no one gets left behind!
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

January 2019

Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
January 9 and 16
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
January 6, 13 and 20

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 2018
Our heartfelt gratitude to those who helped embellish our altar through gifts of poinsettia plants. Thanks to those who worked hard to make our Christmas liturgical celebration meaningful. God shower you all with His blessings.

Start the New Year Blessed...
Be with the One True Source & Summit of Eternal Peace, Hope and Love

Our Lord Jesus Christ who is truly, really and corporally present in the Blessed Sacrament during each celebration of the Holy Eucharist and in every Tabernacle loves you and wishes to be with you…

IN THE EUCHARIST. Come and worship Christ Jesus our Lord and witness His life-giving sacrifice unfold anew during each Eucharistic celebration, with the Holy Spirit opening your heart to savor and share with others the marvels of God’s love.

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Come and rest in the loving and healing presence of our Lord Jesus during our all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the First Friday of every month and all Thursdays of the year.

IN CONFESSION. Come and receive Christ’s promise of new life as He breathes forth His Spirit of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation.

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION
Mass Schedule
NEW YEAR’S EVE
DECEMBER 31st, MONDAY
5:00PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY
JANUARY 1st, TUESDAY
8:30AM

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
—St. Francis of Assisi

Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and our Mother, pray for us.

Save the Date: CRAB FEED 2019
St. Luke’s Annual Crab Feed Fundraising Event will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 in the Parish Center. Please continue to check our future Sunday bulletins for details. Plan on purchasing your tickets early to acquire choice seats.
PRAYER of DEDICATION
Most loving JESUS, look upon our families.
We belong to You, we thank You for Your manifold blessings and we entrust ourselves to Your loving care. Preserve us from danger, give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in imitation of Your own home in Nazareth, so that having revered You and loved You faithfully on earth, we might praise You eternally in heaven.
O dearest Mother, to your intercession we have recourse, knowing that your Divine Son will hear your prayers.
Glorious patriarch, Saint Joseph, help us by your powerful prayers and offer our prayers to Jesus our Lord through our Blessed Mother’s hands.
AMEN.

PARISH EVENTS
December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Monday
5:00 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Offices Closed—A Spirit-filled New Year to All!

Wednesday
Offices Closed

Thursday
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel
First Friday
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Sunday
3:30 p.m. Confirmation 2 Class
4:15 p.m. Youth Music Ministry Rehearsal

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. ____________________

Contact People
Altar Linens: Mary True (650) 571-8783
Altar Servers: Tony Belo (650) 346-6660
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

3rd Annual Santo Niño Fiesta and Dance Festival
The Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is inviting all to participate in the Third Annual “Santo Niño Fiesta and Dance Festival,” a Filipino devotion honoring the Holy Child Jesus on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 11:00am Holy Mass, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Reception and festivities follow after the Mass.