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.

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15

Come, Lord Jesus, our long-awaited Messiah, come and prepare our hearts for Your coming. Banish from us all that will separate us from You. We long to be with You in Your Kingdom, praising You forever with our Blessed Mother and all the choirs of angels. 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 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 2, 2018

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God’s justice is something other than this, of course. God’s justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah’s time. Israel’s kings held the promise of God’s fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God’s promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke’s Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).


READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 7:30-36
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday: St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday: St. John Damascene
Thursday: St. Nicholas
Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday
Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

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

Holy Mass Celebrants
Saturday, December 8, 2018
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan
Sunday, December 9, 2018
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
9:00 am Fr. Kieran
10:30 am Fr. Kieran
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan

Mass Intentions for December 3 - December 9

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

NOTE: BENEDICTION will be at 7:00p.m. on Thursday, December 6th
5:30p.m. on 1st Friday, December 7th

“Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.”
—1 Peter 5:7

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is our loving Savior. He teaches us to put all our trust in His Sacred Heart so that the power of His Eucharistic Love will capture, conquer, and cast out all doubts, all fears, all anxieties, all troubles that we have, so that His peace might reign in our hearts. Our Lord is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. How much he longs for you to experience His love, care and healing as you come to dwell in His Heart.

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 2, 2018

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially:

† Ampy Carreon, † Peggy Seibert,
† Christa Shih and † Tony Vecchio

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

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.

Our Offering

Sunday, November 18th $4,012.00
Thanksgiving, November 22nd $694.00
Sunday, November 25th $3,768.00
St. Patrick’s Seminary $1,590.00

Your generous contribution helps us fulfill Christ’s mission.
Thank you! God bless you!

“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’”
Matthew 25:40

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 thousands of people experience the goodness of the Lord.

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10)

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention

Universal – In Service of Peace
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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.

Last Bible Study before the Christmas Break: Dec. 13.
Bible Study resumes: Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 9:30a.m.
(Patti Villano: 650-341-6913)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa’s sleigh at the Macy’s parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn’t catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch
December 2, 2018

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

December 2018
Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
December 5, 12 and 19
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
December 2, 9 and 16

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 16th, 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!

ST. LUKE PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Prepare for the coming of the Lord…
Receive God’s peace and forgiveness…

CONFessions: 6:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018

ST. LUKE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
December 15, Saturday, after the 5PM Holy Mass
Join our St. Luke Community in celebrating the feast of our Lord’s birth. Bring your favorite dish and share with the community in the spirit of fellowship.
Sign-up sheets are located in the Parish 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 Tom Consunji at: Tel. No.: 650.892.3312 or email: tcconsunji@gmail.com

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation Masses
December 7, Friday Vigil Mass at 6:00PM
December 8, Saturday Mass at 8:30AM only
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)

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS
Starting December 1st, there will be a sign-up for those who wish to commit as an Altar Server during the weekend Holy Masses. The parents can sign up on behalf of their children. Thanks for your service.

A NOTICE TO ALL LECTORS
A sign-up sheet for Christmas 2018 will be posted on the Bulletin Board beginning December 1st. Please sign up if you are available to serve at our Christmas Holy Masses. Thank you. God reward you for your dedication.

The Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass heralds the beginning of Simbang Gabi Masses celebrated in the various parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass on December 5, Wednesday, 7:30PM at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco. Our St. Luke’s parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi Mass is on December 20th, Thursday, at 7:00PM.

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE: Dec. 15 - 23, 2018

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Come and celebrate with us this solemn season of Advent, as we prepare for our Lord’s birth.
**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: _________________________________________
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**PARISH EVENTS**

**December 3 – December 9, 2018**

**Monday**

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday**

7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study  
Religious Ed (Refer to page 4)

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration  
9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Rm.#4

7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

**First Friday**

9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

6:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception  
**Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass**  
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass  
**Immaculate Conception**

**NOTE:** 5:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass  
(does NOT fulfill the Immaculate Conception Obligation)

It has been clarified by the USCCB that “when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.” Therefore, the people are to attend one Mass for the Immaculate Conception (from Friday evening up to 4:00 pm on Saturday the 8th), and a Mass for the celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent (from 4:00 pm on the 8th through Sunday the 9th).

**Second Sunday of Advent**

3:30 p.m. Confirmation 2 Class (Refer to page 4)

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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 11:00 AM. 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

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**Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

**First Friday Mass at St. Gregory**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Catholic Charismatic Renewal hosts a First Friday evening Mass each month, at different parishes throughout the archdiocese. The program is:  
Assembly 6:30 p.m., Rosary 6:45 p.m., Praise & Worship 7:00 p.m., Holy Mass 7:30 p.m.; Healing Service and Hospitality to follow. The final First Friday Mass for 2018 (December 7) is at St. Gregory Church in San Mateo.

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**PRAYER for ADVENT**

**LORD,** watch over Your people who come to You in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You. Give courage to us who falter because of our failures. Lead us along in this Blessed Season of Advent closer to You in hope, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. May we one day proclaim Your saving acts of kindness in Your Eternal Kingdom.

**AMEN.**