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.

**CHAPEL** is open for visit to our Eucharistic Lord every day, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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**

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Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

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Deacon Mar Tano

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Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

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**Parish Office Hours**
Monday—Friday 9:00am-12noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12noon

Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master’s joy.

*Matthew 25:21*
THE REST OF THE STORY

Paul Harvey was a popular radio broadcaster with a daily program during which he would relate a historical anecdote, but it would have a twist at the end, and then he would intone “and now you know the rest of the story.” Our scriptures today are like that. We await the coming Christ as the readings describe for us how to be good servants, but they give us a limited picture. The famous Proverbs passage, “The Valiant Wife” is edited down from the full selection (31:10–31) to just a few verses. Take a couple moments to explore the fuller selection. Psalm 128 proclaims, “Blessed are those who fear the Lord,” but in this context “fear” doesn’t mean dread and trepidation. Rather, this kind of fear means “to show awe,” and there are wonderful promises made to those who do. The letter to the Thessalonians continues the call to be alert, and Matthew shows us various ways that people might respond to God in the parable of the talents. The Gospel is presented in long and shortened versions; be sure to read the whole thing so you can get “the rest of the story.”

REMAIN IN ME

In the story of the talents, the head of the household leaves the servants “talents” or money, which they are expected to foster and develop during the leader’s absence. Today we think of talent as an innate ability or a skill. It is interesting that they were distributed “according to ability,” which would express a certain intimacy as we realize that the master knew each one, and already had an idea of their capabilities. They were not given explicit instructions like “put this in the bank” or “invest this in your portfolio” or “take piano lessons.” Rather, we are told that the goods were divided unequally. One received five, one received two, and the last received one.

BEAR MUCH FRUIT

When the head of the household returned, the outcomes were just as varied as we and our responses might be. Some people are multitalented, and capable of accomplishing many great things, like the servant who turned five into ten. Others may be more inclined to do one or two things very well and may excel in them. Still, there are some who may struggle in life, and their accomplishments are very small. But those who made use of their gifts were praised and told, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” When it came to the second coming, the return of their master, they both made some effort. The only one in whom the head of household showed any disappointment was the one who made absolutely no effort, the one who was frozen by fear or indifference. As we journey toward the kingdom, there are not always clear instructions. We are simply asked to try, to give it our best effort. There is nothing in the passage to say that these servants didn’t make mistakes along the way, but their master saw them and loved and praised them for their actions, their attempts, as God will do with us. And now you know the rest of the story.

TODAY’S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
CHANGE OUR LIVES
The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).
Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 indifferences 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.”

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
November 15, 2020

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)

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Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Fr. Frank Bagadiong, †Fr. Dennis Steik, †Fr. Raymond Zohnen, †Fr. Tom Timmins, †Letty Rollan, †Franklin V. Hipol, †Maria Pham, †Josephine Law, †Dennis B. Huang, †Rosetta Parisian, †Zenaida Froilan, †Arturo Almeda, †Myke Viray, †Felisa Mariano, †Teresa Bautista, †Sue Rathjen, †all victims of the coronavirus pandemic

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


“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
November Plenary Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

The Vatican has announced an extension to the plenary indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November. Because of restrictions on cemetery visits due to COVID-19, “the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.”

To obtain an indulgence, one must be a Catholic in the state of grace and free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. In addition to this pious act, it is necessary to fulfill the following three conditions in order to gain the indulgence:

✧ sacramental confession,
✧ Eucharistic Communion,
✧ and prayer for the intention of the Pope (this can be satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary, or any other prayer for the intention of the Roman Pontiff).

Please visit sfarch.org/indulgences for a more complete explanation of indulgences and the conditions for obtaining them.
UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SOULS
Month of Remembrance
The month of November is devoted by the Church to the commemoration of the faithful departed and offering of prayers for them.
In our parish at St. Luke’s, the list of your beloved departed will continue to be placed at the foot of the altar and will continue to be remembered in all Monday Masses in November (aside from the recently commemorated All Saints Day and All Souls Day).
All Souls envelopes are still available in the community center for everyone to fill out. You can mail in the names of your deceased loved ones if you cannot come to Church. Or you can email the list to saintlukefc@gmail.com.

“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” (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

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!

Support Knights of Columbus’ “Keep Christ in Christmas” Greeting Card Drive
Please support the Knights of Columbus in their Annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Greeting Card Drive. Christmas cards will be on sale in the community center after this weekend’s (November 14 & 15) Masses.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE
With the change in Daylight Saving Time, the Chapel will be closed at 5:00 p.m. starting Monday, November 9, 2020. It is already very dark and cold by 6:00pm. Thank you for understanding.

Next Weekend’s 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Households throughout the Archdiocese have supported the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) this year. Gifts made to the AAA benefit your Neighbors in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties, and the Church around the world.
Thanks to all of you who have completed your pledge. We are depending on your help to reach our $59,244.00 goal for 2020. We still need $14,811.
Whether your gift is large or small, when combined with the gifts of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, every gift makes a real difference in the ability to provide vital ministries and services.
Thank you again and God bless you for your support during our AAA collection next weekend, November 21/22.

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 the parish office. Classes will be held virtually, beginning January 10th, 2021 at 11:00am. There will be a live in-person orientation on Sunday, November 22nd in the church after the 10AM Mass.
Jesus prophesies that “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” (John 10:16)
Priests Retirement Week: November 14 - 19
A new way of celebrating and supporting our priests…

The annual St. John Vianney Luncheon that has raised more than $2 million for our priests’ retirement needs cannot be held this year. Instead, we celebrate Priests Retirement Week. Honorees for 2020 are Fr. John Greene and Msgr. Michael Harriman.

Some highlights of Priests Retirement Week:
November 14 - 15: Special Collection in parishes.
November 14 - 18: We will deliver gift baskets to more than fifty retired priests living in the Bay Area.
November 19: an Online Celebration 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (join us).

All are welcome to join online for the 45-minute program. After the virtual get-together, Archbishop Cordileone will say Mass in his chapel for Fr. Greene, Msgr. Harriman, and their guests, and will host them at lunch.

For information on the Virtual Celebration and/or the Special Collection, contact Rose Marie Wong, 415-614-5517 or wongr@sfarch.org.

Support Your Retired Priests:
Priests Retirement Fund Special Collection Nov. 14/15

Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving others. They have been with us and those we love for many of life’s most precious moments, from birth to death, showing us the love and compassion of God. They have baptized us, taught us, preached the Gospel to us, and led our parish communities. They have heard our sins, blessed us with absolution, and brought us the Eucharistic gift of Christ Himself. They have witnessed our weddings, comforted us in illness, officiated our funerals, and always been there, in both our times of distress and our moments of celebration. In their retirement years, these men of God need and deserve our help. Please support them this weekend, November 14/15 through the Priests Retirement Fund Special Collection.

Online Advent Scripture Reflections: Hope in Time of Crisis
“Celebrating Advent: Hope in Time of Crisis” is an Advent study group on the Zoom platform, led by Deacon Chuck McNeil, using the scripture readings for the Advent seasons and a Christmas sermon on peace and hope preached by Rev. Martin Luther King on Christmas eve in 1967 at Ebenezer Baptist Church. As Dr. King said, “At times life is hard, as hard as crucible steel.” The topics of the four weekly Saturday (3:00—4:30pm) meetings are:
11/28/20     What time is it?
12/5/20       The prophet Isaiah's message of comfort and liberation
12/12/20     Is joy possible in times of upheaval and crisis?
12/19/20     Our Lady: Model of trust and humility.

There is no charge. For more information and to receive the zoom link, contact Deacon Chuck, 415-567-7824    deaconchuck@stdominics.org

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

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention
Artificial Intelligence
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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)

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

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)
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St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo
http://saintgregorychurch.org and
https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorychurch
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
Saturday 9:00 am

Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
www.ola.community/parish/live-stream-of-
daily-and-weekend-masses
Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

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

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

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)

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)
Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 November

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Prayer

O MOST gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Thy departed servants. Be not severe in Thy judgments, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Savior, send Thy holy Angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

The Little Ones

We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 1 Thes 5:6

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, 
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
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