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.

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

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 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Benediction on Thursday & 1st Friday

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 Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” — Matthew 3:17

Month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

Pastoral Staff

**Pastor**
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

**Deacon**
Deacon Mar Tano

**Director of Religious Education**
Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

**Secretaries**
Maria Teresa Alvarez
Maryvee Estacio
January 12, 2020

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).
Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).
Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).
Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:2-12
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-9
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION

PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads. This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent’s hand, and water is poured or splashed over them.

The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water’s surface, is not really in our tradition, and that “infusion,” the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ’s life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., September to May, 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

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BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST...

John tried to prevent him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Mt 3:14

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Christmas Offering $11,296.00
December 28/29 $ 3,248.50
St. Vincent de Paul $ 2,607.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God $ 1,396.00
January 4/5 $ 4,184.00
Church Maintenance Fund $ 2,849.00

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

• “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)
January 12, 2020

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191
EMAIL: st.lukereed@gmail.com

January 2020
Religious Education Classes
Grades One - Eight
January 8th and 15th
Grades 1-4 (5:30PM to 6:30PM)
Grades 5-8 (6:45PM to 7:45PM)

Confirmation Two Classes
January 8th and 15th
6:45PM to 7:45PM

ATTENTION:
The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month
at 7:30PM in the St. Luke community center.
All Knights are invited. Contact Eddie Torres at:
650-823-3911 or edginho@hotmail.com

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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.

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.

Walk for Life West Coast
Stand Up! On January 25, 2020!
Stand Up! At the Civic Center Plaza, SF!
Stand up! For the littlest among us!
The Walk for Life West Coast 2020 is coming up:
Join fellow Catholics and pro-lifers from all over
California and beyond as we stand up for the
smallest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life
West Coast. There will be Mass at 9:30 am at
St. Mary’s Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop
Alexander Sample from Portland, Oregon. The rally
begins at 12:30 pm in Civic Center Plaza, and the
Walk, down Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last
year’s Walk drew more than 50,000 participants.
For complete information, visit the website
walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

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ACTION ALERT!
PROTECT OUR KIDS!
Request to Pass Senate Bill 673 to Strengthen
Parental Rights about Sexual Health
Education of their Children in Public Schools
On January 15, 2020 the State Senate Education
Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on Senate
Bill 673. SB 673 would enact three amendments
in the California Healthy Youth Act. These
amendments will support parental rights in matters
of sexual health education of elementary age
(TK to 6th grade) students in the State of California.
The Archdiocese of San Francisco is inviting us
to show support for Senate Bill 673. Please go to
https://sfarchdiocese.org/myfamilyrights to read the
facts about the bill and to access the letter. Please
print, sign and mail the letter today to Senator Mike
McGuire at 1303 10th Street, Room 5061,
Sacramento, CA 95814. To make sure your letter
reaches Senator McGuire before the senate hearing
on January 15, 2020, you can email the letter to
senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov. You can also call
him to express your support at 916-651-4002.
Copies of the letter are also available in our
church community center. Thanks for your support!
“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great
shall be the peace of your children.” (Isaiah 54:18)

Day of Prayer & Penance for Life
and Novena (Jan. 21–29)
On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized
abortion throughout the United States in its
companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v.
Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have
lost their lives and millions of women and families
have been wounded by abortion. The Church
designates January 22 as a “Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” As
individuals, we are called to observe this day through
the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or
almsgiving. The USCCB sponsors a nationwide
novena called “9 Days for Life,” which surrounds the
liturgical observance of the Day of Prayer. In 2020,
the novena will take place January 21 – 29.
Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the
annual novena, January 21-29. Sign up today
at www.9daysforlife.com.

“`I came to give life - life in all its fullness.”' (John 10:10)
PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

O sweet Name of JESUS, holy above all names in heaven and on earth, and to which every knee, both of men and of angels in heaven, on earth and in hell bends. You are the way of the just, the glory of the saints, the hope of those in need, the balm of the sick, the love of the devout and the consolation of those that suffer.

O, JESUS, Son of the Living God, be to us a help and a protector so that your Name will be blessed for all times. AMEN.

PARISH EVENTS January 14 - 19, 2020

Tuesday (January 14)
3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

Wednesday (January 15)
7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
Re-Ed and Confirmation 2 Classes (Refer to page 4)

Thursday (January 16)
9:00 a.m. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Room 4
7:00 p.m. Benediction/Chapel

Friday (January 17)
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Saturday (January 18)
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Sunday (January 19)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Holy Masses
*Join us for fellowship, donuts, coffee and refreshments after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Masses in the community center*

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: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
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: Eddie Torres (650) 823-3911
Religious Education: Sister Maria Ruth (650) 574-9191
Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408
SVP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370
Women’s Bible Study: Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

St. Luke Needs All of You…
Be the help which our good Lord calls us to be.
Volunteer in one or more of our various ministries which would welcome your participation. Please refer to Contact People above for contact persons of these ministries to express your interest in offering your time and talent. Make a lasting difference through service of God and our brethren.

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. __________________________