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.

CHAPEL: Open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM everyday

Pastoral Staff
Pastor
Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Special Associate
Rev. Kieran McCormick

Deacons
Deacon Paul Lucia
Deacon Mar Tano

Parish Manager
Deacon Paul Lucia

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.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. — Isaiah 11:9

Prayer

Come, O Christ Jesus, our promised Savior, come and unite our souls to Your Divine Heart. Lead us to true repentance. Let us praise You through our lives of love and service of You and one another, until we all worship You in Your eternal kingdom. We ask this in Your loving Name. Amen.

~ Month of December ~
Devotion 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 - by appointment
Sacrament of Baptism - every Saturday; and every Sunday (after the 10:30 a.m. Mass)

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 six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office at (650) 345-6660
PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the Lord’s birth before us, and it’s the right time to follow Francis’ example and embrace this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night through Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger on Christmas. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord’s birth before us, and it’s the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 10, 2016
5:00 pm  Fr. Maria Joseph Michelle

Sunday, December 11, 2016
7:30 am  Fr. Jonathan
9:00 am  Fr. Al           Children’s Choir
10:30 am Fr. Jonathan     Emmaus Choir
5:00 pm  Fr. Maria Joseph Couples for Christ

Mass Intentions for December 5 — December 11

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Legend: † - Deceased, SI-Special Intention, BD-Birthday

"In the Mass the blood of Christ flows anew for sinners." ~St. Augustine

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

December 4, 2016

Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, Antonio L. Diaz, Dean Walsh & Susan Chua that they may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all.


The ADULT FAITH FORMATION program is ongoing. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00p.m. here at the Church. This program addresses enhancement of your spiritual growth and increases your knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Refreshments are provided. If a particular meeting is being cancelled, it will be announced during the prior Sunday Masses. All are invited to attend. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9072 for further information.

The Little Ones

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. Mt 3:4

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of October 30, 2016

Thanks to your generous response, our 2016 Annual Appeal has reached 87% of our $59,393.00 goal or $51,671.91 total payments received.

We need your help to reach our goal. If you have not filled out your pledge form or have not yet submitted your contributions, please do so. We need everyone’s support to meet our goal. Forms are available on the table in our community center.

Your loving sacrifices and commitment to the AAA allows the Archdiocese of San Francisco to continue serving the Universal Church and the local community. God reward you a hundredfold.

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intentions

General: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Mission: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Nicholas
Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego
Saturday: International Human Rights Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center. All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Miller at: tommiller@sonic.net or @tom_miller_1

December 8 is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception:

**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule**

Wednesday Vigil Mass will be at 5:00PM; Thursday Masses will be at 8:30AM, 12:10PM and 5:00PM in the main church.

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for Your Son, grant, we pray, that, as You preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of Your Son, which You foresaw, so through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to Your presence. 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. (The Roman Missal, Immaculate Conception)

**ST. LUKE PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Prepare for the coming of the Lord...
Receive God’s peace and forgiveness...
—CONFESSIONS—

6:00PM, Friday, December 9, 2016

**WALK FOR LIFE!**

Walk to support life in all its stages!

All Ages, Young & Old: Come and Join...

**THE 13TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE**

Saturday, January 21st
Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco

We will not rent a bus this year. Sign up sheets are in the St. Luke Community Center for those who would like to carpool from St. Luke to the Millbrae Bart station. Wear your most comfortable shoes for your feet, pack a bag of lunch and beverage for your appetite, and don a prayerful, Christ-centered heart to have a most fulfilling event!!!

St. Luke’s Schedule

- 9:00AM - Meet at St. Luke to Carpool to the Bart Station in Millbrae
- Between 3PM and 4PM (approximately) arrive back at St. Luke Church
- 5PM - Holy Mass at St. Luke
- After Mass - Potluck Dinner in classrooms 1 & 2 awaits all participants

**Note:** Family members who cannot attend the Walk are most welcome to join the Potluck.

Sign-Up sheets will be in the community center every weekend leading up to the Walk for Life.

“IT’S FLU SEASON”

When partaking of Holy Communion, please refrain from receiving the “Precious Blood” if you have the flu, cough or a cold.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
**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 Holy 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.

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**CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 25TH**

**NO 5:00PM MASS**

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**This Week in Our Parish**

**December 5 – December 10, 2016**

**Monday**
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Tuesday**
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation

**Wednesday**
CCD Classes – Refer to Page 4
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Gp/Chapel
5:00 PM. Immaculate Conception - Vigil Mass followed by Advent Recollection for Parents

**Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
12:10 p.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
5:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

**Friday**
4:30 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**
10:30 a.m. Jr. Legion of Mary

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**Travelers Alert**

Mass Times and locations of Catholic Churches at (410) 676-6000 or www.masstimes.org

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**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. ______________________