

Saint Luke Catholic Church

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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 Noon

CHAPEL OPEN: 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 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33



Come, Lord Jesus, come and prepare our hearts for Your coming, O long-awaited Messiah. Banish from us everything that will keep us away from being in full union with You— for we long to be with You and praise You forever in Your Kingdom. 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 - call the Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturday 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 3, 2017

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and new-fangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Come Let Us Adore our Lord Jesus

in the Blessed Sacrament every **Thursday**, after the 8:30AM Holy Mass and on the **First Friday** of the month. Benediction is at 7:30PM.

Prayer wherever the Lord is present changes the lives of those who pray and changes the lives for whom we pray...

Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00 pm Fr. Kengah

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan

9:00 am Fr. Kieran

10:30 am Fr. Kieran

5:00 pm Fr. Maria Joseph



Mass Intentions for December 4 — December 10

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
MON 4	8:30 a.m.	John, Jaleigh, Justin Schneider	Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE 5	8:30 a.m.	† Gracia Untalan	Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 6	8:30 a.m.	John, Jaleigh, Justin Schneider	Fr. Joe Gordon
THU 7	8:30 a.m.	John, Jaleigh, Justin Schneider	Fr. Larry D'Souza
	5:00 p.m.	Hearts of Jesus and Mary	
FRI 8	8:30 a.m.	Purísima Magdaraog BD	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
	5:00 p.m.	Thelma De Leon BD	
SAT 9	8:30 a.m.	John, Jaleigh, Justin Schneider	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	Christopher Jones SI	
SUN 10	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	Angela & Bozidar Mihelcic	
	10:30 a.m.	† John Nunes	
	5:00 p.m.	Nancy O'Donnell	

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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December 3, 2017

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially,
James Wirthman and Elizabeth Liwag.



May they be strengthened and comforted by their trust in the Lord...

Keri Ables, Elysabeth Allen, Juris Arcilla, Rori Arcilla, Patrick Banks, Jose Barcelona Jr., Michael Carmody, Alma Castellanos, Gail Castro, John Copeland, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Marvin Crockett, Duncan Fife, Elizabeth Fong, Marie Ghiozzi, Craig Gockley, Cora B. Huang, Dennis B. Huang, Mary Lou Kaufer, Eva Latham, Veronica Maguire, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Katie McNamara, Angela & Bozidar Mihelcic, Bridgette Negar, Kathy Raymor, Josephine Rea, Antonio & Ernesto Reyes, Margaret F. Reyes, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Rosa Santos, Jameson Sham, Sally Stevens, Sue Techlin, Priscilla Touchstone, Vallery Washington and George Zughbaba.



Sunday, November 19th \$ 4,322.50
Thanksgiving \$ 522.00
Sunday, November 26th \$ 3,909.00
Retirement for Religious \$ 1,357.00

Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible. Thank you! God bless you!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of November 20, 2017

Thanks to your generous response, our 2017 Annual Appeal has reached **92%** of our \$ **60,768.00** goal or \$ **56,122.00** total payments received.

We still need your help of \$4,646.00 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's Intention



General: The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. John Damascene
- Wednesday: St. Nicholas
- Thursday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

READINGS 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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December 2017 Religious Education Class Days

Grades One - Eight
First Three Wednesdays
December 6th, 13th and 20th

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 Youth Mass
December 3rd, 10th and 17th

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Let's bring Hope and Joy to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share your God's blessings with the needy. And so, we welcome into our midst "THE GIVING TREE" on November 26th, 2017.



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 wish for a needy person. 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 DEC. 17, SUNDAY.

If you have GIFT CERTIFICATE, drop them off at the Office of Religious Ed. 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 may GOD be your reward!

Youth Ministry Announcements:

Christmas Cookie Jar Sale: Beautifully decorated Christmas Cookie Jars make delicious gifts for neighbors, teachers, friends - ANYONE! Limited quantities available for purchase in the Community Center after the Sunday Masses starting December 3rd.

Culture Project 12/3/2017 @3:30PM: All high school teens are invited to the Culture Project to speak on living life of counter-culture virtue. Session to be held in Room 4.

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 Consunji at: (650) 892-3312 or email: tconsunji@gmail.com



December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Thursday Vigil Mass will be at **5:00PM**
Friday Masses will be at **8:30AM** and **5:00PM**
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)



Holiday Grief Workshop

St. Pius is once again holding a "Coping with Grief During the Holidays" Workshop on Monday, December 4th, 2017, 7:00PM-8:30PM. This workshop will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the San Francisco Archdiocese and held in the Parish Center at St. Pius Church (1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City). To register or for more information, please email griefministry@pius.org or phone (650) 361-0655.

ST. LUKE PENITENTIAL SERVICE

*Prepare for the coming of the Lord...
Receive God's peace and forgiveness...*

CONFESSIONS: 6:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE: Dec. 15 - 23, 2017

All Masses at 7:00PM

Masses will be held at the parishes listed below...

Sponsor and Venue	Date
St. Catherine of Siena	Dec. 15, 16, 23
Our Lady of Angels	Dec. 17
St. Bartholomew	Dec. 18
St. Gregory	Dec. 19
St. Mark	Dec. 20
St. Luke	Dec. 21
St. Matthew	Dec. 22

All are invited to come and celebrate with us during this Advent season, in preparation for our Lord's birth.

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.*

Parish Events

December 4, – December 8, 2017

Monday

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation

Wednesday

*7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group/Chapel
Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)*

Thursday

9:00 a.m. All Day Adoration

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

***5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)***

Friday

8:30AM and 5:00PM Holy Mass

Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

TRAVEL PLANS

Go to www.masstimes.org to find local Mass times at Catholic churches wherever your travels may take you. Simply enter the city and country and nearby Mass times will be displayed.

Contact People

Altar Linens: Mary True (650) 571-8783

Altar Servers: Tony Belo (650) 345-6660

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of any 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 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

Faith Formation: Contact Parish Office

Filipino Cursillo: Deacon Mar Tano (650) 867-5542

Finance Council: John Bernat (650) 341-4045

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 office at least 8-12 months before the desired date.

Music Ministry: Contact Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123

Pastoral Council: Dan Linkhorn ~ dlinkhorn@comcast.net

Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver (650) 349-1408

SVdP Conference: Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370

Youth Ministry: Amabel Goell (650) 740-7751

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. _____