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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35

Come, Lord Jesus, come, O long-awaited Savior and bring life to our wretched souls. With Your Spirit alive in us, we will forever exalt You, O loving Redeemer, in a chorus of praise with our Blessed Mother and all Your angels and saints. 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
GOD’S PROMISE
The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God’s promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God’s name, poetically turns around David’s plan to build a house for God, and announces God’s plan to build a “house,” that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it’s amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who’s naughty and who’s nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge of gift-giving to the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it’s amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

December 24, 2017

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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 30, 2017
5:00 pm Fr. Larry

Sunday, December 31, 2017
7:30 am Fr. Kengah
9:00 am Fr. Larry
10:30 am Fr. Kengah
5:00 pm Fr. Larry

Mass Intentions for December 25 — December 31

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

“Your deeds might be the only sermon some persons hear today.”
St. Francis of Assisi

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).
Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).
Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

December 24, 2017

Please pray for our recently deceased, especially…
Margaret Carion, Cora Huang, Elizabeth Liwag & Victor Reyes

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, 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, December 17th

$4,583.00

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

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday: St. John
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

The ADULT FAITH FORMATION program is ongoing. We meet 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.

Christmas Mass Obligations Clarified: Two Masses Are Required

This year, we have the unusual occurrence of the obligation to attend Mass on two consecutive days, with Christmas Day falling on a Monday. People ask: 'Can I satisfy two obligations with one Mass?' The U.S. Catholic Bishops have clarified 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 obliged to attend one Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Luke: 12/23@5:00PM; 12/24@7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30AM); AND one Mass for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord (St. Luke: 12/24@5:00PM and 10:30PM; 12/25@7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30AM).

The perfect gift which our Lord is asking from us is the gift of our presence at His Eucharistic Table, celebrating His birth and thanking Him for His manifold blessings.

In turn, our Lord fills us with the true and most perfect Gift of Himself and the Holy Spirit.

"My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they have heard Masses.” Our Blessed Mother

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.
January 2017
Religious Education Class Days
Grades One - Eight
January 10th and 17th
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
January 7th, 14th and 21st

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Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the
St. Luke community center. Exception:
January meeting will be on Jan. 8th.
All Knights are invited to attend. Please
contact Tom Consunji at: (650) 892-3312
or email: tconsunji@gmail.com

Next Weekend is a “Fifth” Sunday
Special 2nd Collection...
December 31st is a “fifth” Sunday. Whenever
a fifth Sunday occurs in a month, the parish of
St. Luke sets aside a second collection to benefit the
works of our own local St. Vincent de Paul
Conference. Their outreach extends to families in
need in Foster City. The conference asks you to
help them to help others. Please be as generous as
possible. Thank you.

ATTENTION: St. Luke Church will begin the
Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group
January 11, 2018
The Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group will
have its first meeting of 2018 on January 11, 2018 in
Room 4 of the St. Luke Parish Center.
This group will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on
Thursday mornings to discuss various books of the Bible,
the scripture readings for the following Sunday, and to
provide prayer support for its members and the
community. Readings for Sunday, January 14, 2018 are:
Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:3-19 Psalm 40:2,4,7-10 and
New Testament 1 Corinthians 6:13-20
All Women are welcome.

Save the Date...
St. Luke 14th Annual Crab Feed Event will be held
on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Parish Center.
Please continue to look in our future Sunday
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Plan on purchasing your tickets early —
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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) ____________________________
(First) ____________________________

Address: _________________________________________

City: ______________________Zip:_______________

Telephone No. ______________________

**Update Member Information**

Name: (First) __________________ (Last) _________________

Address: _________________________________________

City: _______________________ Zip: _________________

Telephone No. ______________________

**Parish Events**

**December 25 – December 29, 2017**

**Monday**
Offices are closed—Merry Christmas

**Tuesday**
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference

**Wednesday**
No Religious Ed Classes (Refer to Page 4)

**Thursday**
9:00 a.m. All Day Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

**Friday**
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**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 11:00 AM. 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 the Parish Office (650) 345-6660
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

**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.

LORD of light, shine on us; Lord of peace, dwell in us; Lord of might, protect us; Lord of love, enfold us; Lord of wisdom, enlighten us. Then, Lord, let us go out as Your witnesses, in obedience to Your command, to share the good news of Your mighty love for us in the gift of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christ is born, give glory. Christ comes from heaven, meet him. Christ is on earth, be exalted. All the earth, sing unto the Lord, for He has been glorified. Wisdom and word and power, Christ our God is the Son and the brightness of the Father; He was made human and so has won us back again, for He has been glorified. Amen.