

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

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Bulletin Deadline: All announcements must be approved by Father Jonathan and must be submitted two weeks prior to the desired bulletin of your choice.

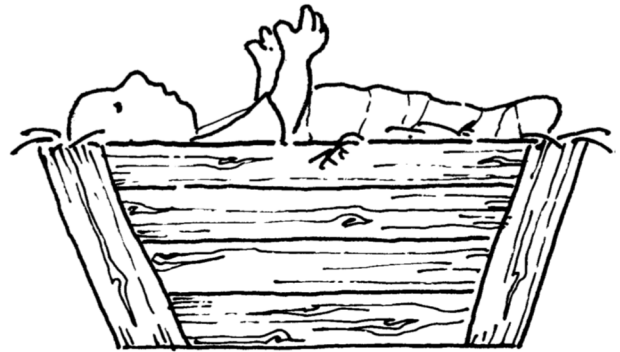
Thank you.

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

December 24, 2017

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.

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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 elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jésus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

—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 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



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Mass Intentions for December 25 — December 31

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
MON 25	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Kieran McCormick
	9:00 a.m.	† Filemon Bayangos	
	10:30 a.m.	† Betty Davis	
TUE 26	8:30 a.m.	† Ralph Colet	Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 27	8:30 a.m.	† Debra Taylor	Fr. Joe Gordon
THU 28	8:30 a.m.	† Mary Law	Fr. Larry D'Souza
FRI 29	8:30 a.m.	Tess Alvarez	Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT 30	8:30 a.m.	† Dorothy Gordon	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	Christopher Jones SI	
SUN 31	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Paala Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Dizon	
	10:30 a.m.	† Elizabeth Liwag	
	5:00 p.m.	† William Amoyen	

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).

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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

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
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.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. Lk 2:15-16

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**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.

December 24, 2017

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM
Director of Religious Education
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TELEPHONE NO. (650) 574-9191

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

Offices are closed on December 25th,

Christmas Day and will resume services on
Tuesday, December 26, 2017.



*...a prayer-filled wish for a blessed &
Spirit-filled Christmas feast for all...
Greetings from the Saint Luke
Pastoral Staff*

Our pastor Father Jonathan,
our Deacons, Paul Lucia and
Mar Tano, and our parishioners
extend a warm welcome to the
newest members of our
St. Luke Parish in the month of November...



Welcome

★Valerie Bio

★Stephanie Gaus, Erik Evensen and
children Kristina & Bridget

★Carolina Yoedhana

Youth Ministry Announcements:

Christmas Cookie Jar Sale: Beautifully decorated Christmas Cookie Jars make delicious gifts for neighbors, teachers, friends — ANYONE! Limited quantities are still available for purchase in the Community Center after the Sunday Masses.

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st 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.

Rosary Program...

To help bring the St. Luke parishioners together in a spiritual activity, the St. Luke Knights of Columbus is spearheading **"The 5th Sunday Rosary Program"**. The Knights, their families and our parishioners will be meeting every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month, to pray the rosary. The next 5th Sunday schedule is on **December 31** and the rosary meet will be conducted **after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Chapel.** Parishioners are advised to bring their rosaries. We request all parishioners to participate in this rosary program and help our parish grow in a more spiritual way.

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 bulletins for more details.

*Plan on purchasing your tickets early —
we are expecting a sell out!*

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.

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

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 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

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. _____