

# 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.

**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.*

## *Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 11, 2016*

Those whom the LORD has ransomed  
will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a



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## *Prayer*

*Come, O Christ Jesus, our God and King—come and open our hearts to Your message of salvation. Imbue us with perseverance and firmness of heart, as we prepare for that day of great rejoicing at Your glorious coming. We ask this in Your great 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

December 11, 2016

**A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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

**Planning Ahead????**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**DECEMBER 25TH-SUNDAY**  
**NO 5:00PM MASS**

*Holy Mass Celebrants*



**Saturday, December 17, 2016**  
 5:00pm Fr. Jonathan Mario & Co

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**  
 7:30 am Fr. Jonathan  
 9:00 am Fr. Kieran Children's Choir  
 10:30 am Fr. Kieran Emmaus Choir  
 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Youth Choir

**Mass Intentions for December 12 — December 18**

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
<b>MON 12</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Antonio Lopez	Fr. Kieran McCormick
<b>TUE 13</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Antonio Lopez	Fr. Anthony Chung
<b>WED 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Natividad Palanca	Fr. Joe Gordon
<b>THU 15</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Concepcion Evans	Fr. Larry D'Souza
<b>FRI 16</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Antonio Lopez	Fr. Joseph
<b>SAT 17</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Mary Cua	Fr. Joseph Kengah Mumba
	5:00 p.m.	† Dean Walsh	
<b>SUN 18</b>	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	Fr. Jonathan Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00 a.m.	† Jesus & Natividad Guial	
	10:30 a.m.	Bozidar & Antonia BD	
	5:00 p.m.	† Lucia Perez Pascual	

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

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, **Susan Chua** that she may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all.



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

Keri Ables, Marietta Alipio, Elysabeth Allen, Juris Arcilla, Patrick Banks, Michael Carmody, Gail Castro, Susan Chua, John Copeland, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Cynthia Galicia, Marie Ghiozzi, Mary Lou Kaufer, Elizabeth Victoria Liwag, Veronica Maguire, Judy Mann, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Garvin McClain, Katie McNamara, Thomas Mullen, Kathy Raymor, Josephine Rea, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Jameson Sham, Sue Techlin, Priscilla Touchstone, Paul Villano, Jennifer Vistardis, and Lana Vorrises.



**Sunday, December 4 \$ 5,363.00**  
**Parish Maintenance Fund \$ 2,559.00**

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

*"O Lord, how great is the goodness that You keep for those who fear You."—Psalm 31:20*

## 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's 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.

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. Contact Kevin Lucia at 650-740-9071 for further information.



**TUESDAY, DEC. 13TH NO FAITH FORMATION**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday: St. Lucy
- Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
- Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### DECEMBER 2016

- December 14th, Christmas Party
- December 16th, Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant

Note: **NO CLASSES** on December 21st & 28th

**CHRISTMAS BREAK  
BEGINS DECEMBER 21, 2016**

**CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 11, 2017**



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Let's bring Hope and Joy to those in need! As we approach Christmas, we invite everyone to once again share with the needy the blessings which God showered upon you, through our "CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE."

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. 18, SUNDAY.

If you have GIFT CERTIFICATE, drop them off at the Office of Religious Education 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!

## "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.

**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



## **CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 25TH NO 5:00PM MASS**

### SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

**December 15 - 23, 2016**

All Masses will be held in St. Gregory Catholic Church located at 2715 Hacienda Street (Cross street 28th Avenue) San Mateo, Ca. at **7:00PM**

**Daily Confessions: 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**

**St. Luke Sponsor Night: Friday, December 21st.**

*Come celebrate with us. All are invited to participate this Advent season in anticipation of the Lord's birth and share in the fellowship after the Opening and Closing Masses at the St. Gregory Gym.*

## **LECTORS AND CAPTAINS**

**MAY/JUNE - LECTOR/CAPTAIN SCHEDULE**  
Peggy Simkins will be preparing the Lector and Captain schedules for the next two months. If you know of dates that you will be unable to read or captain in Jan/Feb., please call her by **December 20th**. Contact number (650) 573-5370. Leave a message if you do not speak to Peggy directly.

## **St. Luke Pastoral Parish Council**

All parishioners are welcome to attend the **parish council meetings** held on the **3rd Monday** of most months in the Church community center at **7:00PM**. Parishioners wishing to speak or make a presentation to the council must register to do so at least one (1) week prior to the meeting. Please fill out the request form available at the parish office, indicating the topic you are wanting to discuss. Your presentation will be the first order of business under our "open forum" session.

## *Poinsettia Plants*

Once again we would like to ask you to help us decorate our altar for the Christmas Liturgy. Your gift of poinsettia plants will be most appreciated. The plants can be delivered to the Parish Office **on Friday, Dec. 23rd**.

## 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.*

## CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 25TH NO 5:00PM MASS

### This Week in Our Parish December 12 – December 17, 2016

#### Tuesday

**NO FAITH FORMATION**  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

#### Wednesday

CCD Classes & Events— Refer to Page 4

#### Thursday

9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making  
7:30 p.m. Benediction

#### Friday

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Adult Rosary Making  
4:30 p.m. Legion of Mary  
7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday

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

### Travelers Alert

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

## Contact People

**Adult Rosary Making:** Kevin and Sally Lucia (650) 740-9071

**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 and Sundays. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.

**Christian Burial:** Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.

**Cursillo:** Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345

**Faith Formation:** Kevin Lucia (650) 740-9071

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

**Finance Council:** John Bernat (650) 341-4045

**Grief Support Ministry:** Ellen Six (650) 341-0683

**Jr. Legion of Mary:** Saturdays, 10:30 am, Sally (650) 349-3090

**Junior Rosary Making:** Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090

**Knights of Columbus:** Call Tom Miller (650) 631-1341

**Legion of Mary:** Fri. at 4:30p.m. Georgie Unson (650)345-2613

#### Lectors & Ministers of Holy Eucharist Captain:

Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370

**Marriages:** Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.

#### Music Groups:

Children's Choir, Kevin's Flock—Kevin Lucia (650)740-9071

Emmaus Choir Elysabeth Allen (650) 578-0123

**Pastoral Council:** Tom Consunji (650) 345-1441

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

**SVdP Conference:** Peggy Simkins (650) 573-5370

**St. Luke Church Email:** saintlukefc@gmail.com

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_