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 Concepcion Cambaya, 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.

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12 13

Prayer

Christ Jesus, our Lord & King of Divine Mercy, we trust in Your transforming power. Imbue us with heartfelt compassion, loving mercy and humble submission to Your will—the stepping stones to life eternal with You in heaven. Amen.

— Month of August —

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
**DISCIPLINE**

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop’s authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the cathedra. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain’s chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the cathedra is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a cathedra is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair.

You may find the cathedra in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the cathedra in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the cathedra, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.

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**WORTHY TEACHERS**

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

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**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 149).

**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Pray for our deceased: that they may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all; and for those who mourn, that they may be consoled.

May they be strengthened and comforted by their trust in the Lord. Marietta Alipio, Patrick Banks, Mary Jane Bryan, Gail Castro, Cynthia Connor, Marge Cowart, Clint Culver, Carol Fitzgerald, Cynthia Galicia, Marie Ghiozzi, Elizabeth Victoria Liwag, Veronica Maguire, Paul Marino, Arturo & Natividad Martin, Garvin McClain, Katie McNamara, Kathy Raymor, Josephine Rea, Connie Rojas, Jason Sahayaraj, Kathy Sampson, Jameson Sham, Sue Techlin, Paul Villano and Lana Vorrides.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of July 30, 2016

Thanks to your generous response, our 2016 Annual Appeal has reached 68% of our $59,393.00 goal or $40,387.24 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 sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Mission: That Christians may live the gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Jubilee Year of Mercy and Pope Francis’ ministry have renewed our understanding that the Church’s heart is open wide to all, and the heart of the gospel is God’s mercy. Flooded with God’s mercy, our hearts should overflow as channels bringing to wounded and weary hearts Jesus’ healing mercy. For Jesus warns, our own salvation is not guaranteed by the Liturgy of the Word (“you taught in our streets”) nor by the Eucharist (“we ate and drank in your company”) (Luke 13:26). People far from that banquet, “from the east and the west and from the north and the south . . . will recline at table in the kingdom of God” (13:29). Rather, showing mercy is key to obtaining mercy ourselves (Matthew 5:7). So we should never dare ask what “someone” asked Jesus, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13:23). The crucial question is “Will I be saved?” And Jesus’ answer is another question: “Have you shown mercy to everyone, freely, gladly, no limits, no conditions, no exceptions?”

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: St. Monica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
LOOKING AHEAD...
As this school year has ended, we are already planning for the next school year (2016-2017). The hope is always to improve the Religious Education Program in such a way as to make the children feel excited about coming to class. The classes should be filled with learning in a safe and caring atmosphere. The hope is to teach about the love of God and how that love touches family, friends and the world around us.

**Wednesdays** will still be the night for classes. Please continue to look in the bulletin for **UPDATES**.

ENROLLMENT
1ST GRADE to CONFIRMATION:
Enrollment is now ONGOING. Registration Forms are available at the Parish Office. Please register **before** August 31st to avoid incurring a late fee.

*Catechists Needed:* If you are interested to become a formator of faith in children, join the Catechetical Ministry and be a **CATECHIST**. No teaching experience is required. The Office of Religious Education will provide the training to those who wish to join. If you are interested or have questions about the Ministry, feel free to send your email to: st.lukereed@gmail.com

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWC)
The Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered at our 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. This is an opportunity for children to listen and interact with the Sunday morning Scripture Reading in their own level.

There is no fee or registration and it is open to all children at Mass who are preschoolers (4 yrs. old) through children in 2nd grade.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts when the priest presider at Mass invites the children to gather in front of the altar after the opening prayer. With the dismissal blessing, the children process out of the Church and proceed to the Religious Education Office for their own Scripture Readings. The children return to their families at Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center. Exception: September meeting will be on **Sept. 12th**.
All Knights are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Miller at: tommiller@sonic.net or @tom_miller_1

There will be a dunk tank at the Oktoberfest event on the 15th. October is usually one of the warmest and sunniest months so a cool off can be fun! Do you want to be dunked? Do you want to nominate someone to be dunked? How about your Dad? Maybe your daughter or friend would look good with a refreshing wetness. Email Tom Miller tommiller@sonic.net with your dunkees.

**Save the Date…**
**Healing and Renewal Seminar**
*When:* **September 24th**, Saturday, a whole-day seminar starting at 9:00am

*Where:* St. Luke Catholic Church, Foster City, CA

Nothing is impossible with God! Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus!

*To be conducted by Dr. Jaime Irizari, Jr., an Inspirational Speaker and A Charismatic Servant Leader*

**LECTORS AND CAPTAINS**
**Sept/Oct - 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 Sept./Oct., please call her by Aug 24th. Contact number (650) 573-5370. Leave a message if you do not speak to Peggy directly. Thank you.

**NEW CARE NOTES** are available free of charge.
Check out the new titles!
Please Take, Read and Share.

**Mother Teresa Exhibit**
An exhibit on Blessed Teresa in anticipation of her Sept. 4 canonization will be presented at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Cathedral Hall, Gough Street at Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, 9a.m.—5:30p.m., Aug. 27, 28 and Sept. 3. The exhibit is open 3:00p.m.—5:00p.m. on Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. A Mass of thanksgiving with Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone as principal celebrant and homilist will be celebrated Sept. 4 at 11:00 a.m. at the cathedral.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and tender Mother of all people, we consecrate ourselves to you and to your Immaculate Heart, and recommend to you our families, our country, and the whole human race.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish, to accomplish your designs upon the world.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, rule over us, and teach us how to allow the Heart of Jesus to rule and triumph in us and around us, as it has ruled and triumphed in you. Amen.

This Week in Our Parish
August 22 – August 27, 2016

Monday
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Tuesday
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour
7:30 p.m. Benediction 7:45 p.m. RCIA

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

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. ______________________

Contact People

Adult Rosary Making: Kevin and Sally Lucia (650) 740-9072
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) 740-9072

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

Jr. Rosary Making: Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090

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

Legion of Mary: Fri. at 6:30p.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) 740-9072
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

Managing Challenging Behaviors with Dementia
Presented by Catholic Charities Adult Day Services.
This free, 2-hour overview introduces acute or chronic health problems/illnesses that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find additional resources. Presented by Patty Clement-Cihak, Catholic Charities Division Director, Aging Support Services. Designed for caregivers with all levels of experience, who are caring for a family member or friend. Saturday, September 10, 2016; 10am to 12Noon. San Mateo Senior Center 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Register at www.erecreg.com (Course #71449) For help with registration call 650.522.7490