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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

Prayer

O Christ Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, all creation resounds in Your endless praise. Thank You for seeking us and saving us from darkness into the light of Your merciful love and forgiveness. Straighten our crooked hearts and lead us to the path of Your loving salvation. Amen.

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
September 11, 2016

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke’s Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul’s letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God’s patient mercy has been shown to us.

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9/11 REMEMBERED

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How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.

We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).

O LORD of hosts, restore us; Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation’s agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one’s friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

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Holy Mass Celebrants

Saturday, September 17, 2016
5:00 pm Fr. Kengah Mario & Co.

Sunday, September 18, 2016
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
9:00 am Fr. Jonathan Children’s Choir
10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Emmaus Choir
5:00 pm Fr. Kengah Youth Choir

Mass Intentions for September 12 — September 18

Date      Time                     Intention          Pray for your Priests
MON 12    8:30 a.m.              Evelyn Madamba BD    Fr. Kieran McCormick
TUE 13    8:30 a.m.              Jax Santino Lucero BD Fr. Anthony Chung
WED 14    8:30 a.m.              Ignacio Chua BD       Fr. Joe Gordon
THU 15    8:30 a.m.              Ignacio Chua BD       Fr. Larry D’Souza
FRI 16    8:30 a.m.     † Pete Garriz                 Fr. Joseph Cardoza
SAT 17    8:30 a.m.              † Jimmy Diaz         Fr. Chrisly Ereneo
      5:00 p.m.      Joy and Vince Patron
SUN 18    7:30 a.m.              Missa Pro Populo Pat Rea Fr. Jonathan Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
      9:00 a.m.     † Lola Ester Dello
      10:30 a.m.     † Alejandro Bravo
      5:00 p.m.      †

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

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).


Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Motto: MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER
September 11, 2016

Pray for our deceased: Antonio Lopez, Bob Hintz & Alicia Ramirez 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.


Our Weekly Offering

Sunday, September 4, 2016  $ 4,542.50
Parish Maintenance Fund  $ 1,525.00

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

“I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.” — Psalm 43:4

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.

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd, abandoning ninety-nine obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father’s will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother’s welcome-home feast. This Jubilee Year of Mercy asks, which half of Jesus’ audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus’ feast of forgiveness?

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intentions

General: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Mission: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents Day

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]
September 11, 2016

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

September 11 (Sunday)
FIRST DAY OF CLASS
3:30pm - 6:00pm
Confirmation 2 (High School)
(with the Sunday Youth Mass)

SEPTEMBER 14 (Wed.): FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
5:30PM—6:30PM Grades 1—4
6:45PM—7:45PM Grades 5—8

SEPTEMBER 18 (Sun.): CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
9:00AM Mass (Commissioning of Catechists)

SEPTEMBER 21 (Wed.): CCD CLASSES
5:30PM—6:30PM Grades 1—4
6:45PM—7:45PM Grades 5—8

Catechists Needed: If you are interested
in becoming a formator of faith in children, join the
Catechetical Ministry and be a CATECHIST. No teach-
ing experience is required. The Office of Religious Ed-
ucation 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

Please continue to look in the bulletin for UPDATES.

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 opportu-
nity 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 (4yrs. old) through chil-
dren 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 tomorrow, 9/12.
All Knights are invited to attend.
Please contact Tom Miller at:
tommiller@sonic.net or @tom_miller_1

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 experi-
ence the healing touch of Jesus!
To be conducted by Dr. Jaime Irizari, Jr., an Inspi-
ration Speaker and A Charismatic Servant Leader
from the Philippines.

Special Holy Hour... Take part in the 6:30
p.m. Holy Hour at the St. Luke Chapel on
September 12th, Monday with Benediction at
7:30 p.m. Offer your time to the Lord and be blessed
by His loving presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
There will be an all-day Eucharistic Adoration be-
ginning immediately after the 8:30a.m. Holy Mass.

What is your favorite German song? Elvis singing
“Wooden Heart? Something from a Wagner opera?
Email a copy and we will play it during Oktoberfest.
Email Tom Miller tommiller@sonic.net, and help us plan
for a wonderful day.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Do you know anyone who wish to become Catholic or
any Catholics who are inactive and would appreciate an
invitation to practice their faith again: There is a program
here at St. Luke that might be helpful. RCIA (Rite of
Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of preparation
for those who are not baptized and wish to become Cath-
olic; for those who have been baptized in another Chris-
tian church and wish to become Catholic; and, for those
baptized in the Catholic Church who wish to complete
their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of First Eu-
charist and Confirmation. Classes are on Thursday nights
here at the Church and will begin at 7:45 p.m. Please
contact Deacon Paul at the Parish Office, 650.345.6660.
**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 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)740-9072
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

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