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 send us an email.

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.

**CHAPEL will be OPEN**
for Personal Prayer
Monday through Sunday,
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Schedule of Sacraments**

- **Eucharistic Celebrations**
  NO Masses until further notice
  Tune in to EWTN TV or watch livestream Masses at https://sfarch.org/livestreams

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
  NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice

- **Baptism (Infants)**
  NO Baptismal Preparation Class and Sacrament of Baptism until further notice

- **Reconciliation (Confession)**
  NO Confession until further notice, except for urgent cases, please schedule via email.

- **Marriage**
  Please call the Parish Office at least 8 - 12 months before the desired wedding date.

- **Anointing of the Sick**
  To schedule Last Rites
  please email saintlukefc@gmail.com

**Offices Closed Until Further Notice**
Please email saintlukefc@gmail.com for queries and concerns. Thank you.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect Prayer)

**Month of March**
is dedicated to the Saint Joseph

**Pastoral Staff**

- **Pastor**
  Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

- **Deacon**
  Deacon Mar Tano

- **Director of Religious Education**
  Sr. Maria Ruth Linaac, RVM

- **Secretaries**
  Maria Teresa Alvarez
  Maryvee Estacio
March 22, 2020

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the mid-point of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).
Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-17 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

“Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, ‘In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me.’”—St. Peter Julian

“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” —John 6:33

Although the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice, the Chapel will remain open, Monday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow moments of personal encounter with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For a live image of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, visit www.savior.org

Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass Intentions for March 23 - 29, 2020

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

No daily and Sunday Mass in Church until further notice.

Mass intentions will still be offered during the private Mass celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Jonathan Paala.

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Women’s Bible Study Group
The Women’s Bible Study and Discussion Group has cancelled their meetings until further notice.
Patti Villano: 650-341-6913

The Little Ones

“...for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

If you have sick relatives whom you want us to include in our prayers, please call or email our Parish Office. Their names will be on our list for the month of March. If you want us to continue praying for them, please notify the office. Thank you.

March 15/16

Our Offering

March 15/16 $ 1,111.00

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And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
(Hebrews 13:16)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, “Why do you persecute me?” So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God’s forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness.

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Patti Panfile

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. —St. Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday, March 18

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of Your beloved, O Lord.
†Daniel Concepcion, †Ida Jacobs,
†Courtney LaTour, †Aurora B. Nario
and †Sigred Saavedra

We pray for God’s healing upon our sick parishioners:
Feliz Acosta Arturo Martin
Juris Arcilla Andres Mendez
Minerva Barnhart Angela Mihelcic
Teresa Bautista Bozidar Mihelcic
Jim Bortak Jon Miller
Mary Ann Bravo Edgar Navarro
Ruben Calderon, Jr. Ed Page
Michael Carmody Angelina Pauigo
Elizabeth Fong Patti Panfile
Dennis B. Huang Rosetta Parisian
Barbara Keefer Tom Pope
Tom Keefer Frances Presutto
JoAnn Kozloski Angela F. Reyes
Jackie Kuo Estrella Reyes
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CLASSES are SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Journey with Christ in His Passion
Although our Friday evening Stations of the Cross in the main church is cancelled, all are encouraged to meditate on the passion of Christ this Lenten Season.

Here are some online Stations of the Cross:
- catholic.org/prayers/station.php
- mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/stations-of-the-cross/
- onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/stations.html

“Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

LENTEN BIBLE SERIES CANCELLED
Contact Patti Villano (650) 341-6913

There will be no preparation of Sandwiches in the St. Luke Kitchen on March 22nd & 29th.
Contact Peg Culver at 650.349.1408

RESOURCES FOR LENT
The Archdiocese of San Francisco website has a page devoted to Lent, visit sfarch.org/lent
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers Lenten resources in a variety of media.

The website Strong Catholic Family Faith offers many resources, especially for children and families.
Loyola Press, a Jesuit ministry, offers a multitude of Lenten information, activities, and communications.

The Catholic Education Resource Center offers many things, visit the site and search for “Lent”.

MEMO FROM OUR PASTOR
Dear Parishioners,

Hoping you are all well. Although this current health crisis has disrupted our parish life and activities, we continue to be in solidarity with the whole Catholic Church, in faith, hope, and love, through Christ our Lord who heals.

Based on the memo issued by our Archbishop, Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Mass will be celebrated every day in our parish church with only one altar server in attendance. Due to the “shelter in place” order, no one else can be present in the church during the celebration of Mass, only one priest and one altar server. This means that for the time being, and until further notice, there will be no public celebration of Mass. The Mass intentions that have been requested will still be offered each day.

Since the celebration of Mass in public is not available, we are not bound by the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance in Church. However, we are not dispensed from the third Commandment of God to "keep the Lord's Day holy." We are still expected to observe the Lord's Day while being in the confines of our home. We can attend Mass remotely by watching a televised Sunday Mass, making an act of spiritual communion, meditating on Scriptures, and praying the Rosary.

During this crucial time when our prayers are most essential, and to allow you moments before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, our Chapel will be open from 9:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Sunday.

Last Rites will be available, by appointment.
Please email saintlukefc@gmail.com.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We continue to pray and hope that this crisis will end and that it will bring us closer to God, our families and our fellow parishioners through prayers and acts of kindness.

In Christ, with prayers for all of you,
Rev. Jonathan Paala
Pastor

For a detailed Memo of Archbishop Cordileone and to read the Archbishop’s advice on how to keep the Lord’s Day holy, go to the Archdiocesan website https://sfarch.org
For spiritual resources, livestreams and announcements, please visit the Archdiocesan website and

This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: “I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord.” (2 Kings 20:5)
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, 
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. 
We fly to you today as your beloved children. 
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, 
as you did at the wedding in Cana. 
Pray for us, loving Mother, 
and gain for our nation and world, 
and for all our families and loved ones, 
the protection of your holy angels, 
that we may be spared the worst of this illness. 
For those already afflicted, 
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. 
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, 
wipe away their tears and help them to trust. 
In this time of trial and testing, 
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. 
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. 
We come to you with confidence, 
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, 
health of the sick and cause of our joy. 
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, 
keep us in the embrace of your arms, 
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen. 

—Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is asking the faithful to unite in prayers with the entire Church and utter the above prayer each day to seek the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember, most pure spouse of the 
Blessed Virgin Mother of God, 
our loving protector, Saint Joseph, 
that no one ever had recourse to your protection 
or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. 
Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, 
we come before you and 
with humble hearts implore you. 
Be our father, protector, and guide 
in the way of salvation. 
After your example, 
let all our actions be directed 
to the greatest glory of God, 
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, 
the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother 
and your own paternal heart. 
Amen.

PRAYER FOR 
HEALTH CARE WORKERS

God of everlasting goodness, 
you sent your Son among us to bring healing, 
peace, and reconciliation to our weary world. 
Be with all health care workers and 
their assistants in this time of the 
Coronavirus pandemic. 
As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care, 
renew them in mind, body, and spirit. 
Keep them safe from infection and illness, 
and may Christ’s healing presence flow through 
them as they serve those entrusted to their care. 
We ask this in his name, 
Christ the healer, 
who is Lord forever and ever. 
Amen.