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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Prayer

We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who has come to fulfill the law in the greatness of Your love for all. Breathe forth in us Your Divine Spirit and lead us along the path towards Your Heart of love, in submission to Your most holy will. This we ask in Your powerful Name. Amen.

~ Month of February ~

Devotion to the Holy Family

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
February 12, 2017

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o’clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ’s victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ’s victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God’s Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is Feria VI in Paraseve, which translates as “The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

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“TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

“Where we run in the way of LOVE must never torment ourselves about anything. I see only the present moment, I forget the past and I take care not to anticipate the future. If we grow disheartened, if sometimes we despair, it is because we have been dwelling on the past or the future.”

St. Therese of Lisieux
February 12, 2017

Please pray for the recently deceased of St. Luke parish, Richard Rohrbacher & May Kwan that they may rest in peace and be brought to the final resurrection where God will be all in all.

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

Sunday, February 5th                  $ 4,480.86
Parish Maintenance & Repairs    $ 1,696.00

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

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” — Ephesians 1:3

Story and song: An evening of love and legacy
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:30-8:30PM
The end of life can invite the beginning of creative expression. Music and words have the power to heal grief, document legacy, and capture a shared experience. You are invited to join us for an inspirational and interactive evening with Mission Hospice authors and musicians.
Mission Hospice Office
1670 S. Amphlett Blvd. Suite #300
San Mateo
Free, but space is limited and registration is required.
Register at Mission Hospice.eventbrite.com Or call Susan Barber 650.532.2396/sbarber@missionhospice.org

Pray for Pope Francis’s Intentions
General: Comfort for the Afflicted
That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor refugees and marginalized may find welcome and comfort in our communities
Urgent Intention - Sacredness of Life:
We pray for the children who are in danger of the interruption of pregnancy, as well as for persons who are at the end of life - every life is sacred! - so that no one is left alone and that love may defend the meaning of 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine’s Day
Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

COFFEE & DONUTS
Every Sunday, all are invited for FELLOWSHIP after the 9:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses.
February 12, 2017

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

ATTENTION: The Knights meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Luke community center except for July. The meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th. All are invited to attend. Please contact Shane Ahern at: (650) 766-7592 shane@shaneahern.com

LECTORS AND CAPTAINS

March/April - 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 March/April, please call her by February 20. Contact number (650) 573-5370. Leave a message if you do not speak to Peggy directly. Thank you.

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.

CRAB FEED TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!!
Support Saint Luke’s ANNUAL CRAB FEED, slated to delight your crabbie appetite on March 4, 2017 Saturday. Tickets are on sale at the parish office or at the Church, after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. For $50.00, an all-you-can-eat CRAB or a pre-ordered Chicken entrée with antipasta, salad, pasta, dessert and coffee await your craving palates.

Raffle and no-host bar...

A crab-full of prayerful thanks to those who have made this fund raiser possible!

Attention Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary...
Our Annual Function will be on Saturday, February 18, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. here at St. Luke Church.
**This Week in Our Parish**

**February 13 – February 18, 2017**

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

**Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group/Chapel
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
CCD Classes – Refer to Page 4

**Thursday**
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:30 p.m. Solemn Benediction

**Friday**
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Adult Rosary Making
7:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**
11:30 a.m. Legion of Mary Luncheon

**Travel Plans**

Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://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.

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**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. ______________________

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**Prayer for Priests**

“O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep thy priests within the shelter of thy sacred heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch thy sacred body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with thy precious blood.

Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of thy priesthood.

Let thy holy love surround them from the world’s contamination. Bless their labors with abundant fruit.

May the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in heaven. Amen

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**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:** Sats.10:30am, Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090
- **Junior Rosary Making:** Sally Lucia (650) 349-3090
- **Knights of Columbus:** Call Shane Ahern (650) 766-7592
- **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