

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Gospel

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mk 5:20

Welcome to

THE CHURCH OF

Saint Luke

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES

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Mission Statement

The Church of St. Luke is a joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

Communion Service

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Masses

Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 7:30 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

(Also by appointment)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Fax: (619) 442-2293



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

Reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a time when you, like the scribes and Pharisees, failed to be, righteous in the way Jesus is calling for. What kept you from being truly righteous? What needs to change for you to be truly righteous more often?

Alternative: Reflect upon/Share about someone whom you think is righteous in the sense Jesus is talking about. What is it that makes them righteous in your eyes? How can **you** be more what Jesus is calling for?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Visitors/observers welcome. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact a Council member to present it for you or contact the Parish Office.

Parish Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
Jane Alfano
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Amy Cannon
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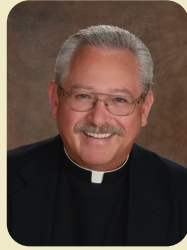
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets every other 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Finance Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
James Chitkowski
Jim Crockett
George Heidenreich
Jeanne Houghtby
John Krueger
Cathy March
Dave Sapper
Jim Stepovich
Richard Venancio

From the Pastor



Dear parishioners,
I know that some of our parishioners were upset by our bishop's, Bishop McElroy's, January 29, 2017 statement concerning president Trump's executive order restricting the entry of certain travelers and refugees into the United States. I would like to suggest that, if we judge him, we judge whether or not he is doing his job as the teaching authority, magisterium, of the Church in our diocese.

He bases his judgement on "the Gospel mandate to 'welcome the stranger'" which he calls a "searing responsibility". You probably know that the closest references to "welcoming the stranger" come from Hebrew Scripture, Deuteronomy 10:19 and Leviticus 19:34 which told the Hebrew people that they must "befriend" the alien and to "love" the alien for they too were once aliens. But, don't let the fact that these are former Hebrew Scripture distract you because the Christian Scriptures in Matthew 25:43 is even more searing. It condemns those who did not welcome the stranger, the alien, to eternal punishment.

What Matthew 25 doesn't say is "unless you are afraid of them" or "unless they are dangerous" or something like that. But, of course we have to acknowledge this reality, especially in light of the terrorist acts that have become alarmingly frequent today. What does the Gospel say about that?

Well, I'm afraid, it does speak to this issue. Remember in Luke 10, the scholar of the Law who, in order to test him, asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life? Remember, Jesus asked him "What does the Law say?" and he replied with what we call The Great Commandment. Then, "in order to justify himself" the scholar asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus responded with the story that we call The Good Samaritan telling him that his neighbor, the one he must love, is the one he hates, the one whose religion he believes is false, the one who defiled his place of worship, the one who waged war against them...

That's the searing responsibility Bishop McElroy is talking about. How do we love the one whom we believe is bent on destroying us and our way of life? How do we love the one who practices a religion that we believe is false and we believe wants to destroy anyone who holds to our faith? How do we love the one whom we think wants to destroy us and our families?

These are not easy questions to answer and I don't think Bishop McElroy is suggesting an easy answer. I think all he is saying is that overreacting is not the answer. Answers raised up by fear and hatred are not the answer.

I'm proud that we have a bishop who is intent on applying Gospel values to the lived experience of our lives in this day and time. My experience of him is that he is a reflective individual who is extremely knowledgeable about past history and current affairs. I am also aware that we are no longer a Church that blindly follows the statements of our pastors; I think that is a good thing. But, I urge us to not immediately reject the teachings of our Pope, bishops and priests because of our fears, prejudices or preconceived notions.

If we are going to be open to God's Word, and as disciples we should be, we have to be open to the teaching authority of the Church. Yes, I know we sometimes get mixed messages from different bishops, or their priests, but that doesn't mean we should just choose to hear what we want to hear. We should prayerfully consider what we are being told, compare it to our understanding of the message of Scripture and ask ourselves if God is challenging us the way Jesus challenged the scholar of the Law.

In His service,
Fr. Ron

Remember in your Prayers, Weekly Readings, Mass Intentions



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Al Bowen, Margaret Dennison, Jacob Seilheimer, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Worcholik, Eddie Turner, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Harriet, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, Mario Chavez, Jason Zdunich, Frances Machado, Karen Bennett, Connie Elba, Blanche Duncan, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Dave Johnson, Mina Scannicchio, Jan Lindgren, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, Anthony Potito, Kaylee Mikulsky, Jackie, Jeff Rogers, Michelle Tello, Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Adelaide Fitzwater, Karen Marie Moscar, Candace Solorzano, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Vie Liddell, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Matthew Chu, Bob Weisham, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Siragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Rose Camacho, Ray Camacho, Maria Oliver, Al Oliver, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin Hughes, Clara Morrison, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters, Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Andrew Mearm, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Rosemary Lowe, The Hill Family, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian Peregud; & all our relatives & friends who are sick.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST: If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please contact Nancy Adema . *Also please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification & your cooperation.

PARISH FINANCES

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program.

The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

LAST WEEK: Totals for 02/05/2017

Plate:	\$	979.00
Envelope:	\$	11,633.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$	12,612.00

Online Giving November 2016: \$ 19,024.78 111 users

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: *Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give.*

WAYS TO GIVE: You can use envelopes, as many people do, you can set up automatic donations through your Bank, (forms available in the parish office), you can go to Online Giving on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan which you can personally manage or call the parish office to arrange an online giving plan administered by the parish Business Manger.

Online Giving Link: www.thechurchofstluke.org

Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar. For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Bob and Nadine Weishan	65-years
John and Clara Morrison	37-years
Rob and Rita Wilson	31-years
Craig and Lilian Trautman	27-years
Tony & Linda Camara	25-years

If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin please call 442-1697

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34-9:1

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Judy Nickel RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Sharon Fowler RIP

11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke

Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service

Wednesday: 7:30am Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP

Thursday: 7:30am Lucretia Stehly

Friday: 7:30am Judy Nickel RIP

Saturday: 5:00pm Michelango Casarubia RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke

11:30am Santo Valentini RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: Weekday

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Wednesday: Weekday

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite

Order Saturday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday

This is a day of Fast and Abstinence
Mass



Wednesday, March 1st

7:30 am and 6:00 pm

**6 pm Mass will be followed by a
Soup & Bread Dinner
in the church hall.**

Donations will be accepted.

*All proceeds
will benefit*

The Pregnancy Care Center

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*at The Church of Saint
Luke*

*Morning and Afternoon
Shifts*

*(or occasional substitute)
are available.*

**Experience is required in
the following tasks:**

- Fundamental computer skills
- Phone skills
- Data Entry

Please Call

Business Manager:

Jim Crockett at

619-442-1697, ext. 110

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

This week and next Jesus presents challenges to Christians to go beyond the strictures of the law and to engage in a deeper understanding of what it can mean to follow Christ. Are we ready to do that with our whole heart?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the church issue an annulment?

Answer:

The description of marriage as indissoluble is found in several places in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." Described as required by spousal love (#1644) and as foundational to the union of marriage (#1646), this quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his church (#1647). Spouses give themselves once and forever to each other, forming a sacramental bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends upon the sacramental bond between spouses. An annulment does not destroy the bond. Instead, it shows that a sacramental bond never took place because, at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about a sacrament, but rather the full, free, and able consent of a man and woman, one to the other. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other because they give the gift of themselves to one another. The priest is the official witness. Therefore, if the gift of self is not given, or is held back for any reason, no sacrament takes place.

Contacts & Calendar Information

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
For additional calendar and event information.
www.thechurchofstluke.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Month of January & February
(Calendar Events are subject to change)

Sat 11th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 ACA/Parish Appeal Kickoff
 3:30pm Reconciliation
 4:00pm Rosary for Peace
 5:00pm Mass

Sun 12th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 ACA/Parish Appeal Kickoff
 8:00am Pro-life Rosary
 9:00am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word and
 HS Confirmation II Rite of Welcoming
 10:15am HS Confirmation II Parent Meeting
 10:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II
 11:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy Word
 11:30am Core Team-Retreat Planning Meeting

Mon 13th 3:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
 4:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd III
 5:00pm HS Youth Group

Tues 14th St. Valentine's Day
 5:00pm Communion Service
 6:30pm Young Adult Gathering

Wed 15th 7:30am Mass
 4:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II
 6:30pm SVDP Meeting
 7:00pm RCIA

Thu 16th 7:30am Mass
 8:30am Centering Prayer
 4:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II
 5:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Fri 17th 7:30am Mass
 2:00pm Funeral Mass: Mary Martindale

Sat 18th **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 3:30pm Reconciliation
 5:00pm Mass

Sun 19th **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00am Pro-life Rosary
 9:00am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word
 10:30am No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II
 11:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy Word
 11:30am Core Team-Retreat Planning Meeting
 1:00pm Group Baptism: Matthew Garofalo

Mon 20th **OFFICE CLOSED: PRESIDENTS DAY** (No classes)



If you have not yet purchased a St. Luke reusable tote bag, now is your chance! Please support this Parish fundraiser, which will use profits for Youth Ministry Outreach projects, by taking a moment to order grocery totes for \$5 each. You may email orders to Evelyn and pick up your bags during the week at the Parish office!

If you have any questions at all please email the Youth Coordinator, Evelyn, at youthreled@thechurchofstluke.org

619-44-1697 ext 106

Father Joe's Villages

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

We are scheduled to serve dinner on **February 24 from 4-7 p.m.** at Father Joe's Village and need your help. We need **14 volunteers** every month.

If you can help let Dan Goulding know. He can be reached by at **(619) 244-4546**

or by e-mail **dgoulding@qualityloan.com**.

We would like to have our volunteers show up at Fr. Joe's Village by 3:45p.m. If desired a carpool will be leaving St. Luke parking lot around 3:15pm for anyone interested.

Your help is truly appreciated. Thank you.

This is a monthly event and occurs on the 4th Friday of each month.

2/24/17, 3/24/17, 4/28/17, 5/26/17, 6/23/17, 7/28/17, 8/25/17, 9/22/17, 10/27/17, 11/24/17 and 12/22/17.



A Grateful Thank You!

To everyone who helped make Taste of Saint Luke International Cuisine a success.

- The awesome cooks, who donated and prepared the delicious food and desserts.
- The crew, who setup, decorated, took down, washed dishes and cleaned up.
- The handsome bar tenders and Groundswell Brewing Co. for delicious Craft beer and the Knights for their donation.
- The youth for selling raffle tickets and crew who announced winners of mystery gift cards and the grand prize winner.
- For all who sold tickets for the event.

But especially to all of you for purchasing tickets, attending the event and to those who made donations.

It was a fun evening with laughter and camaraderie shared with old and new friends over delicious food and a glass of wine or?

The proceeds which will be used by Outreach to help those less fortunate will be reported later.

Thank you all again!
Outreach Committee
All of you are a blessing!

Parish Events

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

Our Response as Stewards

Participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something simple but profound: it opens the door of faith for others and for yourself. Because of your gift, someone will meet Jesus Christ, have the opportunity to experience His loving grace, know His Mercy, and Love.

Please make a pledge today.

Don't delay, make a pledge today!

There are many ways to respond to the Annual Catholic Appeal:

- a monthly or quarterly pledge
- one-time cash gift
- a credit card or electronic funds transfer, visit www.giving.sdatholic.org
- gift of stocks and bonds

For more information or to obtain a pledge card, contact the parish office.

Note that the Annual Catholic Appeal qualifies for many company matching gift programs.

the Joy of Love

"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."
-Philemon 1:7

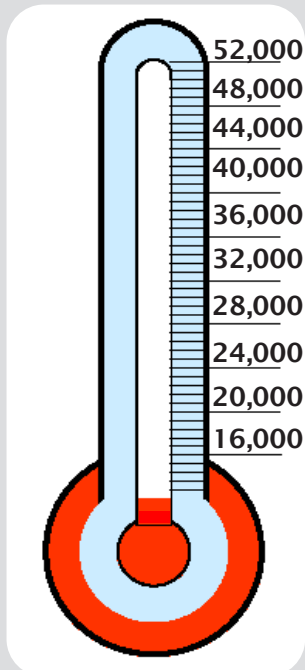
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Click on The Online Giving Link

We Need Your Help to Meet Our Goal!!!

Annual Catholic Appeal San Diego Diocese Goal for Saint Luke

\$52,000



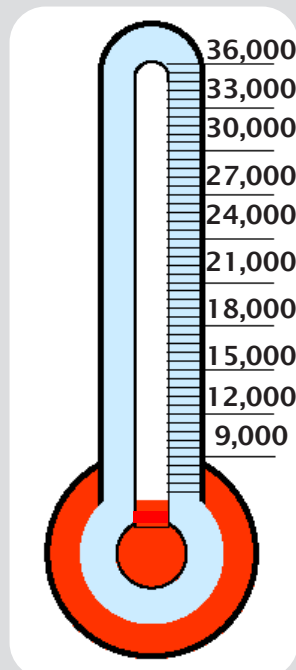
CURRENT DONATIONS

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Budgeted Parish Appeal Goal for Saint Luke

\$36,000



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\$ 0

