

5th SUNDAY IN Lent - April 2, 2017

Gospel

"...he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."
Jn 11: 43b-44

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

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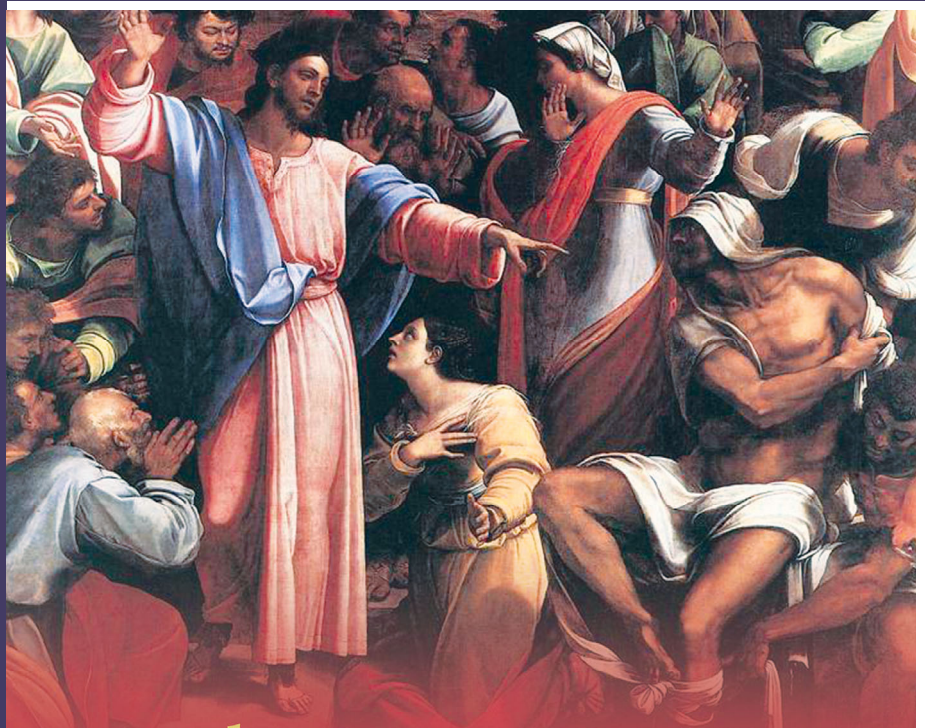
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Saint Luke

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a time in your life when you felt a kind of death or felt tied down by something which held you back from experiencing the fullness of life. How was this like Lazarus' time in the tomb? What can you do to open yourself to the Lord's call to come out of the tomb?

Alternative: What kinds of things might you be allowing to hold you back from being all that God created you to be? How is this like Lazarus being "tied hand and foot by burial bands"? What can you do to allow your family and friends to 'untie you and let you go free'?

Parish Council, Finance Council & From the Pastor

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:

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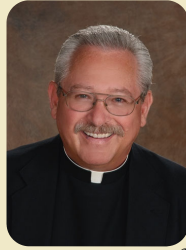
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

Parish Finance Council Members:

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

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

This is the last segment of the American Bishops' document on immigration. I pray that the Churches teachings, presented here, will inform all of our consciences as we deal with immigration issues in our country. Here is the Third Principle: A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy:

“The second principle of Catholic social teaching may seem to negate the first principle. However, principles one and two must be understood in the context of principle three. And all Catholic social teaching must be understood in light of the absolute equality of all people and the commitment to the common good.

“A country's regulation of borders and control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice. A nation may not simply decide that it wants to provide for its own people and no others. A sincere commitment to the needs of all must prevail.

“In our modern world where communication and travel are much easier, the burden of emergencies cannot be placed solely on nations immediately adjacent to the crises. Justice dictates that the world community contribute resources toward shelter, food, medical services, and basic welfare.

“Even in the case of less urgent migrations, a developed nation's right to limit immigration must be based on justice, mercy, and the common good, not on self-interest. Moreover, immigration policy ought to take into account other important values such as the right of families to live together. A merciful immigration policy will not force married couples or children to live separated from their families for long periods.

“Undocumented immigrants present a special concern. Often their presence is considered criminal since they arrive without legal permission. Under the harshest view, undocumented people may be regarded as undeserving of rights or services. This is not the view of Catholic social teaching. The Catholic Church teaches that every person has basic human rights and is entitled to have basic human needs met—food, shelter, clothing, education, and health care. Undocumented persons are particularly vulnerable to exploitation by employers, and they are not able to complain because of the fear of discovery and deportation. Current immigration policy that criminalizes the mere attempt to immigrate and imprisons immigrants who have committed no crime or who have already served a just sentence for a crime is immoral. In the Bible, God promises that our judgment will be based on our treatment of the most vulnerable. Before God we cannot excuse inhumane treatment of certain persons by claiming that their lack of legal status deprives them of rights given by the Creator.

“Finally, immigration policy that allows people to live here and contribute to society for years but refuses to offer them the opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good. The presence of millions of people living without easy access to basic human rights and necessities is a great injustice.

“It is the position of the Catholic Church that pastoral, educational, medical, and social services provided by the Church are never conditioned on legal status. All persons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools, and receive other services offered by our institutions and programs.”

In His service,

Fr. Ron

Remember in your Prayers, Weekly Readings, Mass Intentions



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rachel Chavez, Michele Chavez, Joy & Richard Darrach, Gray Draper, Linda Rogers, Helen Chu, Al Bowen, Margaret Dennison, Jacob Seilheimer, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Worcholik, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Harriet, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, 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, 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, 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, Audianna 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 Krueer 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 03/26/2017

Plate:	\$	904.00
Envelope:	\$	7,763.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$	8,667.00

Online Giving February 2017: \$ 21,024.78 (112 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

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Jim & Vicky Cate	38-years
Allan & Sally Williams	31-years
Steve & Patti Ann Carlin	28-years

Thank you,

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Edward Ray Collins RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke

11:30am Joseph Donato RIP

Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service

Wednesday: 7:30am Caroline Balmert RIP

Thursday: 7:30am Pat Lombardo RIP

Friday: 7:30am Eric Guajardo RIP

Saturday: 5:00pm Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Rolande Chollet

11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent,

Monday: Weekday

Tuesday: St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of Church

Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Saturday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Lord

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Gospel Meditation, Live the Liturgy & Why Do We Do That

Stations of the Cross



Every Friday Evening
During Lent
7:00 pm
In the Church

East County Penance Services

Saint Martin of Tours
April 3 - 6 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
April 10 - 9 am & 7 pm

Guardian Angels
April 11 - 7 pm



*You are invited
to come and pray
a Rosary for Peace
at the
Church of St. Luke
Saturday, April 8
at 4:00 PM*

We will pray the Rosary on the
second Saturday of each month

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself? If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As our season of Lent quickly draws to a close, we are reminded today that God's creative and life giving presence is always at work, bringing light out of darkness and new life out of death. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that God's spirit is within us. Realizing this allows us to endure not only our eventual physical deaths but any difficulty, disappointment or crisis we may encounter. God's desire to bring all things into loving union with him is eternal.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

Lent always helps me renew my relationship with God. What can I do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year-round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For additional calendar and event information.

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Joanie Maitilasso and Carole Morales

OFFICE HOURS: **Monday - Friday:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS

MONDAY AT 12 NOON.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month of April

(Calendar Events are subject to change)

**Sat
1st**

5th Sunday of Lent

10:00am Boy Scout Pack 391 Meeting

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

**Sun
2nd**

5th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Pro-life Rosary

9:00am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word

10:15am HS Confirmation Prep Session

10:30am No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II

11:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy Word

11:30am Core Team-Retreat Planning Meeting

**Mon
3rd**

3:45pm No Middle School Faith Formation

4:00pm No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd III

5:00pm No High School Youth Group

**Tues
4th**

5:00pm Communion Service

6:30pm Young Adult Gathering

**Wed
5th**

7:30am Mass

4:00pm No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II

5:00pm Lenten Mission and Family Night

7:00pm No RCIA

**Thu
6th**

7:30am Mass

8:30am Centering Prayer

11:00 SVDP Meeting

4:00pm No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II

**Fri
7th**

7:30am Mass

8:00am 1st Friday Adoration

5:00pm Closing Benediction

6:00pm Lenten Stone Soup Dinner

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Sat
8th**

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Rosary for Peace

5:00pm Mass

**Sun
9th**

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

8:00am Pro-life Rosary

9:00am Mass w/ Children's Liturgy Word

10:15am No HS Confirmation Prep Session

10:30am No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II

11:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy Word

11:30am Core Team-Retreat Planning Meeting (tentative)

**Mon
10th**

9:00am Hall set up for Easter

3:45pm No Middle School Faith Formation

4:00pm No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd III

5:00pm No High School Youth Group

Parish Events

Easter Lily Memoriam



Easter Lilies beautifully decorate our church on Easter and are a special way to remember loved ones, both living and deceased.

Donation for small Easter Lilies are 25.00, medium \$50.00 and large \$150.00. Envelopes are available in the pews and on the side tables in the Baptistry.



Giving, Cooperating, Sharing

Join us for good, hot, and hearty "Stone Soup"

each Friday during our Lenten Season in the Parish Hall from 6pm - 7pm.

Come after work, Come before Stations of the Cross

Parishioners & Friends are invited to bring a can of soup or vegetables to create a unique soup!

A Good Will Offering appreciated - with proceeds benefitting our St. Vincent de Paul Society, Church of St. Luke Conference



Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray... **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**

THE REAL PRESENCE: *Jesus' Gift to the Church* — **Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving, Petition**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me & I in him" (John 6:56)

Come meet Jesus at a "Happy Hour" of Eucharistic Adoration

The first Friday of each month, beginning at 8 am, prayer before Blessed Sacrament ending, at 5 pm, with a *Closing Benediction and Prayer for vocations*. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus who is present on the altar in the Blessed Sacrament, or just come by. This month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, April 7th. All are welcome!** There is a sign up sheet available in the baptistry. If you wish to sign up by phone or for additional information call **Cindy Christmas, Mike Wasyliv**.

Don't Forget to Pick-up Scrip! April 1/2

Gift cards are available the last weekend of the month and the first weekend of the month.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Care for God's Creation, we remember that God created every plant, every mountaintop, every animal-everything. And God said that these things are good. We find God in these good things, and so we must take care of creation-both for ourselves and for all of our human family.

ENCOUNTER DITA



Dita, her husband and their seven children depend on the money they earn selling crops from their small farm in Ethiopia. But frequent droughts often mean that families like Dita's who depend on home-grown crops go hungry. And amidst the current, historic drought, more than 10 million people are struggling with hunger. But thanks to a CRS program that helps families prepare for crises like droughts, Dita was able to build a new house and open a small store. Instead of relying solely on what

she can grow on her farm, she is able to sell items like pasta, shampoo and bananas. She earns a steady \$400 a month.

"Before, I had to get eggs from my neighbors. Now I have 15 hens," she proclaims. Saving money and being able to borrow not only allowed her to buy hens but also a metal roof for her new house, a rarity for families in this part of Ethiopia.

"Now we have no problems with food," she says. Unlike families across Ethiopia that struggle to find enough to eat, Dita says her children eat three times a day, thanks to her newfound business knowledge.

And what's more, all her children are attending school. "When I was a child, there were no education opportunities," she says. Then, with a shy but proud smile, she adds, "That's a big difference."



Saint Luke Lenten Clothing & Coffee Collection

Desayunador SALESIANO Padre Chava located in Tijuana, Mexico was founded in 1999, by the Salesian priest Salvador (Chava) Romo Gutierrez and Mrs. Margarita Andonaegui Padilla. Desayunador SALESIANO Padre Chava now serves breakfast to 1000 homeless persons daily. As our Lenten Project we will be collecting Men's clothing and food items for the homeless served at Desayunador SALESIANO Padre Chava. Please place items in barrels in baptistry.

For more info call: Joanie Maitilasso at the Parish Office 619-442-1697 ext. 101

New or Like New Clothing Items Needed: (large and xtra large sizes are most needed)

T-shirts, Jackets, Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Sweaters, Socks, Shoes, Baseball Caps & Knit Caps

Food Items Needed: Large cans of Regular coffee

Donations accepted: Make checks payable to St. Luke w/Desayunador SALESIANO noted at bottom of check



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

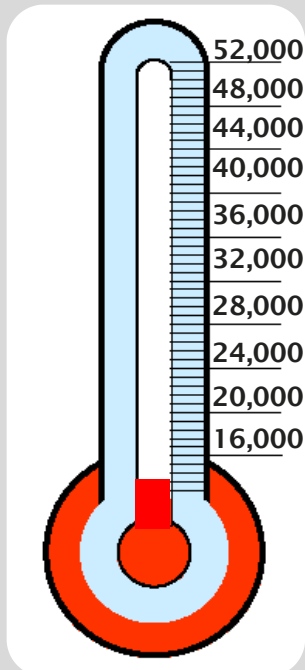
Annual Catholic Appeal Online Giving go to:
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<http://thechurchofstluke.org>
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We Need Your Help to Meet Our Goal!!!

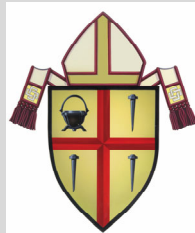
Annual Catholic Appeal San Diego Diocese Goal for Saint Luke

\$52,000



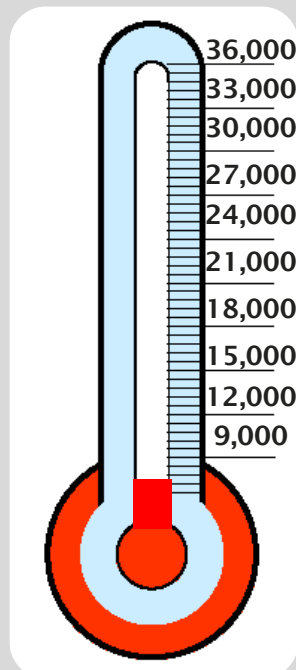
\$ 12,795

CURRENT DONATIONS



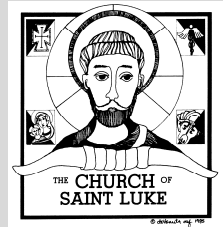
Budgeted Parish Appeal Goal for Saint Luke

\$36,000



\$ 7,405

CURRENT DONATIONS



DESAYUNADOR SALESIANO PADRE CHAVA

SALESIAN SOUP KITCHEN, “PADRE CHAVA”

HISTORY

The Salesian Soup Kitchen “Father Chava” was founded by the Salesian priest Salvador (Chava) Romo Gutierrez and Mrs. Margarita Andonaegui Padilla.

The doors opened on January 30th, 1999 with 17 commensals in a warehouse at a shopping center in Tijuana, Mexico. During the first two years 400 people were attended to twice a day. After a short break of three months and a change of location, by the end of 2001, 700 people were being served.

When finally the Soup Kitchen opened at its’ current location in 2007, breakfast was served to almost 1000 people. Since then from Monday to Saturday, its doors remain open continuously. Actually approximately 1000 people are attended to daily receiving a breakfast meal and other services.

MISSION STATEMENT

The presence of the Salesian work is to provide: educational opportunities with an emphasis toward an informative ambiance at a high level with formative teaching programs for children, adolescences, and the youth, by utilizing the preventive method from Saint John Bosco – Don Bosco- a priest, educator and writer of the 19th century.

The Mission is to offer integral education embedding solidarity and excellence for children, adolescents and youth. Also to promote the human and spiritual side of people to then generate opportunities, to reach a development with harmony, originality and freedom, especially to the most disadvantaged. This system was done to foster the conviviality and the familiar union, and to become good and honest citizens.

VISION

Toward 2020 year it’s expected that the presence of the Salesian work can be recognized as a formative place offering an educative answer to the population with an integral pastoral approach:

- Professional, human, and spiritual development.

- Education based on respect for the person and to the surroundings as a fundamental value.

- Promoting educational environments with quality, creativity and, cheerfulness.

- The development of positive leaders with critical and ethical characteristics.

- The identity through the pedagogy and the Salesian spirituality.

SERVICES

TELEPHONE: One person is in charge to take input information of each seeker before to let them make a call to the United States, and different Mexico States. The Calls make to a cellular phone numbers take three minutes maximum. This service is offered at the second floor of the building where chairs are set for waiting next to the public phone.

MEDICAL SERVICE: This service is offered according with the availability of the volunteer doctors because there is no one permanently on site. But they are reached at the second floor of the building where there is an area used as a waiting room.

PSYCOLOGIST: This service is always open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HAIR CUTS: This service is also offered for volunteers when they are available, and to who ask for it.

SHOWERS: From 8:00 to 10:00 AM the shower area is open for men. This area is kept clean and organized to help the guest to take turns allowing groups of two or three person at a time. Everyone receives a personal hygiene kit with towel, soap and shampoo and other items. Same service is offered to women 10:00 to 11:00 AM.

OTHER SERVICES

SHELTER: When a person, couple or family comes, they are guided by the coordinator to the receptionist to be registered according to their conditions and necessities (migrants, deported, or homeless).

TRIPS: One additional service is to get them back to their hometown when the applicant wants to go back home. In that case they are directed to the service coordinator.

PANTRY: When people request a bag of food, they need to be seen by the administrator or the director priest to authorize the delivery.