

Welcome to

# The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

May 17, 2015  
The Ascension of the Lord



Whoever believes and is  
baptized will be saved.  
— Mark 16:16



FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11  
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17- 23  
GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

*"He said to them [the disciples], "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature... So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." Mk 16: 15;19-20*

### Reflection:

Reflect upon/Share about how you proclaim the gospel in your life? How has the Lord confirmed the word in your life? (What kinds of signs does he give that you are proclaiming His gospel?) What can you do to be a better proclaimer of the Gospel?

### Alternative:

Of the people you know, who is the best example of someone who lives the Gospel? What is it about them, or what do they do, that makes them a good example? How can you become a better example of Gospel living, in your own life?

## 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.

## Masses

Tuesday: 5:00 pm  
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



## 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

Bob Guarnotta

Linda Jacobson

Anita Leak

Sam Lupo

Don Mercurio

Karen Mellos

Dcn. Emeritus:

Dennie Nickell

Rick Roberts

Dave Sapper

Karen Sapper

Bryan Shull

Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

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Dcn. Allan Williams

Connie Wills

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

### **Parish Finance Council Members:**

Fr. Ron Cochran

Jim Crockett

John Garbaczewski

George Heidenreich

Jeanne Houghtby

John Krueger

Cathy March

Jim Stepovich

Richard Venancio

## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Someone from the five o'clock Saturday night Mass, this last week, asked me what I think the truth taught by our culture is, as opposed to the truth of God. Although I gave some examples of it at the nine am Mass and the eleven-thirty Masses on Sunday, I shied away from it on Saturday. I shied away from it because I'm not really comfortable commenting on it for fear that I might say the "wrong thing" and enrage someone.

I shouldn't shy away from it but I have to admit that I am not the last word and don't really feel qualified to offer social commentary. But, if I would have to say what I think the false truth of our society is it would be "might is right". We want to be a strong country and I think we should be. We need to be strong for the protection of our people. Every country has that duty and that right.

In our culture, money is power, technological superiority is power, information is power, education is power, physical strength is power, knowing the right people is power and on and on. But, power for what... for protecting our people, for protecting our stuff, for solving the world's problems, for solving our own problems. Yet, throughout history, the use of power to accomplish these good objectives has failed every society. The Pax Romana is the quintessential argument against "might is right".

I learned as a young person that the use of power pits people against each other and somebody who isn't the mightiest will try to become mightier than the mightiest and will eventually challenge them. The old gunslinger movies and TV shows taught us that. Somebody was always trying to outdo the fastest gun in the West.

I think a major problem in our culture is the application, by some people, of the might is right theory to their personal lives. It doesn't work in personal relationships any more than it does in foreign affairs. It always pits people against each other.

The truth of God is the word of God which is love your neighbor (everyone) as yourself. And I don't mean a namby-pamby sort of love and I don't think God means that either. The kind of love to which we are called is concern for the good of the other. And, the good of the other is whatever is oriented toward their growth as human beings or cultures, if we are talking about other cultures.

Living that truth no longer pits people, or cultures, against each other. People who have experienced living that kind of love, and we all have at one time or another, experienced how life giving it is to both parties. That's why God's truth is better.

If we put our trust in God's truth and practiced living only His kind of love in our personal lives, I'm convinced it would change the way we do everything. It would change the way we parent. It would change the emphasis we put on acquiring power no matter how good the reason for acquiring power. It would change the way we use the power we have. It would change the way we do politics. It would change everything for the better.

In His service,

*Fr. Ron*

## THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Carver, Bobby Harris, Vie Liddell, George Serban, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Cathy Walloch, Matthew Chu, Petra Gallegos, Bob Weisham, Frank Asaro, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Seragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Geri McCabe, Rose Camacho, Ray Camacho, Maria Oliver, Al Oliver, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin Hughes, Clara Morrison, Nick Maitilasso, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Mark Malovic, Lucy Renko, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., Candace Solarzano, Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Eugene Cuomo, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, Mario Ingargiola, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, JoAnne Morse, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, Pam Oates, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters, Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Angelo Scardina, Andrew Mearm, John Dickerson, Marco Antonio Ballesteros Miranda, Rod Fakhoury, Janice Ayers, Peter Spinali, Karen Mays, Judy Nickell, Norma L'Ecuyer, Andrew Frechette, Brett Harris, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Michael Milnick, Rosemary Lowe, Hayden Remington, Bob De Winter, Kim Hankins, Francine Pabant, Joy Reynolds, Jeanne Lane, The Hill Family, Connie Bowen, Wayne Hill, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Krueger Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian Peregud; and all our relatives and 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. *By the same token please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification and 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.).

<b>LAST WEEK:</b>	Totals for 5/10/2015
<b>Plate:</b>	\$ 886.00
<b>Envelope:</b>	\$ 6,295.00
<b>Total Collection Basket:</b>	\$ 7,181.00
<b>Online Giving April:</b>	\$15,943.45

**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: <http://thechurchofstluke.org>  
Click on: Online Giving box on upper right of screen.

For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE SOUL OF:** Yousif Kasyohannon

**BAPTISM:** Oliver Burris, Evelyn Feliberty, Zoe Madrid

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

James & Marianna McNelly 49 yrs

Joe & Frances Columbo 53 yrs

Al & Connie Bowen 30 yrs

Carlos & Patti Cuellar 37 yrs

Glenn & Carmen Hiebing 38 yrs

Tony & Kerri Holzer 20 yrs

John & Candy Weir 17 yrs

Matthew & Veronica Soares

Dan & Marty Molden 35 yrs

Peter & Rose Ann Vaiasuso 43 yrs

Romeo & Silvana Marcon 55yrs

Bob & Penny Guarnotta 47 yrs

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Jo McShane, RIP

**Sunday:** 9:00am Mothers Day Novena

11:30am Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday:** 5:00pm Mothers Day Novena

**Wednesday:** 7:30am Mothers Day Novena

**Thursday:** 7:30am John Kellher, RIP

**Friday:** 7:30am Mothers Day Novena

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Billy Agnello, RIP

**Sunday:** 9:00am John Camposasso, RIP

11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**TODAY:** Ascension of the Lord

**Monday:** St. John I

**Tuesday:** Easter Weekday

**Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena

**Thursday:** St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions; Julian Calendar Ascension

**Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia

**Saturday:** Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Pentecost Sunday

**Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading**—God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

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## PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.—Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



*You are cordially invited...*



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THE MOST POPULAR VACATION EXPERIENCE IN TRAVEL!!!**

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from Amsterdam to Zurich, leaving August 17, 2016**

**Exclusive presentation by Steve Avalos,  
River Cruise Expert with AMAWATERWAYS**

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

**6:15pm - Refreshments, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Presentation & door prizes**

**Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P to Carol Stone by this Friday May 15  
619-442-1697 ext 104 or [adultreled@thechurchofstluke.org](mailto:adultreled@thechurchofstluke.org)**

**Holt Travel & Tours  
2241 W. Victoria Drive  
Alpine CA, 91901**

**619-445-9193 OR [dholt@holttravel.com](mailto:dholt@holttravel.com)**



**Saint Luke First Communicants!**

Please pray for our disciples who will be receiving First Holy Communion at a parish Mass April - June!

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Gino Acosta      | Brendan Kelley      |
| Michael Borowski | Jack Kelley         |
| Daniel Camp      | Ryan Kopy           |
| Lucia Camp       | Lily Mascoso        |
| Anna Chiles      | Christian Munoz     |
| Talia Collura    | Elise Newbold       |
| Noah Connor      | Braden Pendell      |
| Luke D'Alesio    | Kate Provancha      |
| Mairin Furlong   | Bianca Rodriguez    |
| Justine Garcia   | Danny Simaytis      |
| Aubrey Hauck     | Gavin Sims          |
| Vincent Hillman  | Maximilian Szpyrka  |
| Alyssa Holguin   | Cambria Torretto    |
| Sean Keane       | Nicolas Vacio       |
|                  | Alice Villavicencio |



**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Vacation Bible School is coming!*  
**JUNE 22-26, 2015**

**REGISTRATION AFTER  
EVERY MASS**

**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**



**COMING SOON  
2015  
ST LUKE PARISH  
DIRECTORY**

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT IT'S BEEN 5 YEARS  
SINCE OUR LAST DIRECTORY  
THE 2015 ST LUKE PARISH DIRECTORY  
WILL COMMEMORATE OUR  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM TO  
WORK ON THE DIRECTORY AND  
THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

**WE NEED HOSTS FOR THE SIGN-UPS AFTER THE  
WEEKEND MASSES & PHOTO SHOOTS.  
DO YOU LIKE TO SCRAPBOOK? WE NEED PEOPLE  
TO DESIGN THE DIRECTORY LAYOUT  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTACT OUR  
ADVERTISERS FOR INCLUSION IN  
THE DIRECTORY?**

**PLEASE CALL SUZANNE LEVONIAN  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP**

*Volunteers  
Needed*



**Several Volunteers  
are needed  
to help launder  
the Altar Linens.  
If you can help  
please call  
Carol Claybrook**

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☜

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Joanie Maitilasso, Editor

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MONDAY AT 12 NOON.

secretary@thechurchofstluke.org

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☜

Month of May

Sat  
16th

The Ascension of the Lord  
3:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

Sun  
17th

The Ascension of the Lord  
7:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:15am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
11:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word  
1:00pm Group Baptism: Emmett Castellanos & Gianna Perkins,  
6:30pm Last Class High School Confirmation Session

Mon  
18th

6:15pm River Cruise Presentation

Tue  
19th

9:30am Epic-Church History  
3:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
5:00 pm Mass  
5:45pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
7:00pm Epic-Church History

Wed  
20th

7:30am Mass  
8:30am Centering Prayer  
3:30pm Scripture Club Session

Thur  
21st

7:30am Mass  
3:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Fri  
22nd

7:30am Mass  
3:30pm Middle School Session

Sat  
23rd

Pentecost Sunday  
3:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass w/First Communion: Nick Vacio,  
Lily Moscoso

Sun  
24th

Pentecost Sunday  
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
9:00am Mass w/First Communion: Braden  
Pendell, Anna Chiles, Gino Acosta & Children's Liturgy  
of the Word  
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
11:30am Mass w/First Communion: Michael Borowski,  
Daniel Camp, Lucia Camp, Alice Villavicencio, Jack  
Dolak, & Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon  
25th

OFFICE CLOSED

☞ PARISH DIRECTORY ☜

**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Cochran (619) 442-1697

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**Organist:** Susan Paul

**Lectors:** Julie Carlin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Jacobson

**Greeters:** Maria Oliver

**Ushers:** Kenneth Stempien

**Welcoming Committee:** Suzanne Levonian

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**MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Baptism Class:** Call the Parish Office (619)442-1697

**Centering Prayer:** Carole Morales

**Church Cleaning Crew:** Peggy Nelson

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**Disability Facilitator:** Laura Clark

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Cindy Christmas  
& Mike Wasyliv

**Friends of the Poor:** Colleen Garbaczewski

**Knights of Columbus:** Marty Collins, G.K.

**Las Madrinas:** Kay Krueger, Letty Reece  
& Colleen Venancio

**Ministry to Sick & Homebound:** Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

**Outreach Ministry:** Ken Stempien (619) 442-1697

**Prayer Chain:** Nancy Adema

**Respect Life:** Don Mercurio

**Scrip:** Kerri Holzer

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**St. Luke Business Network:** Cathy March

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Pauline Doran

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Merciful**

**2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO**

**Our Response as Stewards**



*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown  
mercy."  
Matthew 5:7*

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 rest in His peace. Please make a pledge today.

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

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- one-time cash gift
- a credit card or electronic funds transfer, which may now be processed by the Diocese, or you may visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org)
- gift of stocks and bonds

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

**Annual Catholic Appeal Online Giving go to:**

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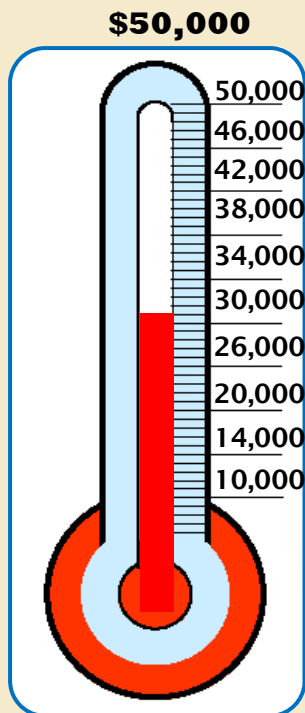
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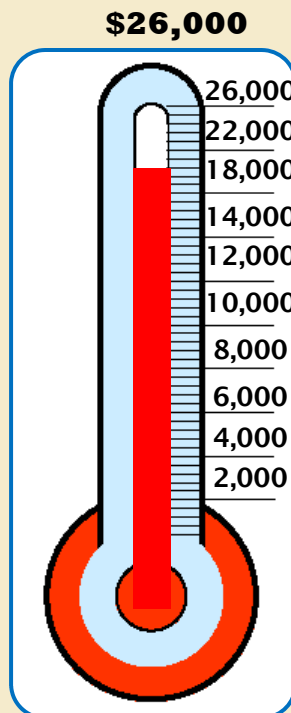
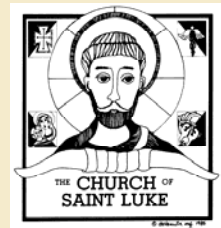
**Annual Catholic Appeal San Diego Diocese Goal for Saint Luke**



**\$ 33,070.00**

**CURRENT DONATIONS**

**Budgeted Parish Appeal Goal for Saint Luke**



**\$ 21,385.00**

**CURRENT DONATIONS**