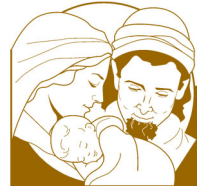


Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2015



Beloved, we are God's children
now; what we shall be has not
yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a



FIRST READING: *Sirach* 3:2-6, 12-14.

SECOND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52.

"But they did not understand what he said to them." Lk 2:50

Reflection: Share about/Reflect upon the difficulty you have understanding others. What helps you develop an understanding of them? How can the things that help you understand others help you understand the Lord in your relationship with him?

Alternative: How do you solve misunderstanding in your family? Does your response leave your relationship open to future understanding; or does it close off part of the relationship? If you handle misunderstandings poorly, what can you do differently to achieve a better result?

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

Mark Balmert

Amy Cannon

Bob Guarnotta

Linda Jacobson

Anita Leak

Sam Lupo

Don Mercurio

Dcn. Emeritus:

Dennie Nickell

Rick Roberts

Dave Sapper

Karen Sapper

Tom Selfani

Bryan Shull

Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

Dcn. Allan Williams

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

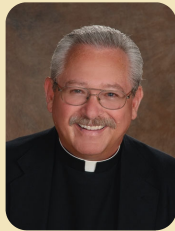
Cathy March

Dave Sapper

Jim Stepovich

Richard Venancio

FROM: THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

For most people Christmas is a time filled with expectations of warmth, peace, family and friends, and joy. But this year, at this time, there seems to be an atmosphere of fear underlying everything. The senseless attacks in France and in San Bernardino seem to have tinged everything. Will our celebrations be a break from that or will the fear invade even this sacred time?

I don't think there is much we can do about it but acknowledge it. Fear is an emotion and needs to be honored for what it is. If we allow it, it can create problems but that doesn't mean we should simply try to ignore it. God gave us our emotions for a reason and, therefore, we should ask ourselves what it is trying to tell us.

One of the negative reactions to fear is to allow it to paralyze us. We may have all experienced that happening at one time or another but for some it is the common reaction to fear. That paralysis keeps us from taking action, maybe necessary action, today and inhibits our ability to respond appropriately to the source cause of the fear.

Another negative response to fear is to take inappropriate action, maybe an overreaction, before we know with what it is that we are truly dealing. I think most people would agree that many of the things that happened during the McCarthy era red scare were overreactions that caused more problems than those it solved.

My best guess as to what might be an appropriate action toward the causes of the fear we all seem to be experience these days is to look the causes in the face and develop a level-headed reasoned response. I don't actually know much about what that would look like because I'm not a person who generally experiences fear. People who experience fear and respond appropriately, I think, develop an attitude of sensible caution.

Like I said, I don't know much about appropriate responses to fear because I don't usually experience fear. But, I do know that I need people around me who do experience it and who are capable of developing that attitude of sensible caution. I need them because I can't do it myself and that is my point; we need each other, in our differences, and we need to listen to each other and we need to help each other in these dangerous times.

Fear mongering doesn't do us any good and denying that we have anything to fear doesn't do us any good. If we, as a country, can distance ourselves from the extremes and carry on a conversation somewhere in the middle we might just be able to step out of fear based paralysis and move away from overreaction to create a calm but cautious society.

I pray that this Christmas can be a time when each of us can be at peace within ourselves and may we extend that peace throughout the new year. I pray that this Christmas our country can embrace all of our people, in our differences, and throughout the new year may we move our conversation away from the extremes to a place where we can listen to each other.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Ron

THE NAME FOR GOD: Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children. —William Makepeace Thackeray



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michelle Tello, Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Bill Ferreira, Adelaide Fitzwater, Karen Marie Moscar, Candace Solorzano, Elliott Rivera, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Jim Carver, Vie Liddell, George Serban, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, 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, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Lucy Renko, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., 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, Marco Antonio Ballesteros Miranda, Rod Fakhoury, Janice Ayers, Peter Spinali, Karen Mays, Judy Nickell, Brett Harris, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Michael Milnick, Rosemary Lowe, Hayden Remington, The Hill Family, Connie Bowen, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Marty & Lil Collins 48-years
John & Christine Weisickle 42-years
Martin & Adriana Holguin: 14-years

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 ; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Dominic Mazzone RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Angie Davis RIP
 11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke
Tuesday: 5:00 pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Communion Service
Thursday: 7:30:00 am Communion Service
Friday: 9:00 am Presiders intention
Saturday: 5:00 pm Domininic Mazzone
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Luke
 11:30am Anita Duncan RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: : Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; Joseph
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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 12/20/15
 Not available at time of printing

Plate: \$
Envelope: \$
Total Collection Basket: \$
Online Giving October: \$ 12,269.45

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. <https://stlukeelcajon.weshareonline.org/>
 Online Giving Link: <http://thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com/>
 Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.*

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or Psalm 128.*

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) *or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].*

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer? —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Blanket Drive



It is time again for the blanket drive for the less fortunate people in Tijuana. There are recent difficulties crossing donations to Mexico. Due to this recent obstacle, the decision was made that it would be more efficient to receive monetary donations and purchase the blankets in Tijuana.

A donation of **\$8.00** can buy a warm new blanket! Cash donations and checks made out to **Friends of the Poor** may be placed in a marked envelope and put in the collection plate. You may also bring or send your donation to the parish office at: 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. For more information please call Martha Evans .

Las Madrinas

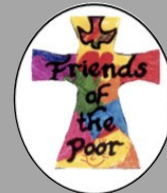
Christmas Bake & Craft Sale



To all the bakers and craftsman who gave of their talents and to all the parishioners who came and purchased.

Thank You!

Your generosity made it possible for us to donate \$800 to Noah Homes and \$800 to the Giving Tree.



Friends of the Poor

SOCK DRIVE

Friends of the Poor is collecting **new socks** for the less fortunate people in Tijuana.

Socks are needed for All Ages and All Sizes! Place socks in bin in baptistery. Call Martha Evans for more info.

Altar Flower Intentions



**Donate a Altar Flower Arrangement
in celebration of or in remembrance
of a loved one.**

*To schedule a donation, call the church
office at least two weeks in advance
of your chosen Sunday.
Intentions will be posted in the bulletin.
The cost of an arrangement is \$116.00.
For more information call the office
at 442-1697.*

Mark Your Calendar February 6th, 2016

2nd Annual

Taste of Saint Luke International Cuisine Dinner

**Volunteers needed to make this fundraiser
a success for the Outreach Ministry.**

**Next organizational meeting will be Tuesday
December 29, 2015 after 5 pm Mass.
(5:45) in classroom next to office.**

For more information please call: Pat Riggs



NO Eucharistic Adoration on January 1, 2016.

Next Eucharistic Adoration is February 5, 2016.

CHURCH ASSISTIVE HEARING FM SYSTEM



Our Church has a FM assistive hearing system. All Church amplified audio is simultaneously transmitted over a FM system. Individual FM "receivers" are available for our use.

The Church FM receivers have a single-ear earpiece that plugs into the FM receiver on one end, and into one ear on the other. Better reception is possible by using your own personal "ear buds" (allowing audio to both ears). The best reception will be obtained by t-coil equipped hearing aid users when they use an induction loop.

FM receivers are available before mass, and must be returned to an usher or to the sacristy after mass. If you're having difficulty hearing in Church; ask about using this very effective assistive hearing system.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound



If you or a family member cannot come to Sunday Mass, a Minister of the Eucharist is available to bring Eucharist to you in your home, hospital or convalescent home. Just call the Church Office and your name will be forwarded to the ministry.

One of our Ministers will call to set up a convenient time for a visit. 619-442-1697

Jesus said: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he shall live forever." Jn 6:51

☞ 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 December

Sat 26th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
3:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass/ with Baptism

Sun 27th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:15am Pro Life Rosary
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 & 2
NO High School Confirmation Session
No Scripture Club
11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon 28th Office Closed

Tue 29th 5:00 pm Communion Service

Wed 30th 7:30 Communion Service
8:30am Centering Prayer
No Catechesis of Good Shepherd 2
7:00 pm RCIA

Thur 31st 7:30 am Communion Service
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level 1 & 2

Fri 1st Mary Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation Dispensed
9:00am Mass
NO Eucharistic Adoration
Office Closed

Sat 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord
3:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sun 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord
8:15am Pro Life Rosary
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd level 1&2
NO High School Confirmation Session
No Scripture club
11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon 4th Office Closed

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For additional calendar and event information.
www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com

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Eucharistic Adoration: Cindy Christmas & Mike Wasyliv
Friends of the Poor: Martha Evans
Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio,
Ministry to Sick & Homebound: Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien
Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema
Respect Life: Don Mercurio
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mike Wasyliv

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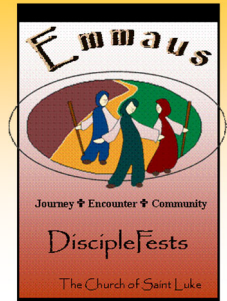
Mark Your Calendar!

Our next journey occurs on January 6, 2016

Living Faithfully

5:30 - 8 PM

(Kitchen closes at 6 PM)



We begin with a shared meal and then break out into smaller learning groups. Learning groups include pre-school through kindergarten, first-fifth grades, middle school, high school and adult sessions.

Additional EMMAUS Dates:

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, March 2, 2016 5:30-8 PM

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, May 4, 2016 5:30-8 PM

Save the dates!

January 22 and 23, 2016

Parish Discipleship Retreat

"Come Follow Me"



Friday: 6:00-9:00 pm.

Begins with dinner in the parish hall.

Saturday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm.

Breakfast, Lunch, 5:00 Mass, followed by wine & cheese.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

For additional information contact Carol Stone at
(619) 442-1697 ext. 104 or email Adultreled@thechurchofstluke.org