

Welcome to

# The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11  
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn 20:21-22*

Reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a period in your life which seems to have had the most "purpose"? Could you have been sent by God to fulfill that purpose? How can you open yourself to God's Spirit fulfilling His purpose in you now?

Alternative: What do you spend most of your time and energy doing? Would you say that this is the purpose of your life right now? Is it what others want you to spend your time on? How do you think this might fit into God's plan for you?

Pentecost Sunday  
May 15, 2016



[I]n one Spirit we were all  
baptized into one body.  
— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

## 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





*Our Newly Confirmed*  
May 13, 2016

**Christopher D. Brown**  
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**Travus Thornton**  
**Jacqueline T. Welch**  
**Emily M. Wilson**

*You are invited to come and pray*  
*a Rosary for Peace*  
*at the Church of St. Luke*  
*Saturday, May 14th, 2016*  
*at 4:00 PM*

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

**May Procession & Rosary**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM**



Gather some fragrant flowers, join us in the courtyard with your rosary to process to the Rosary Garden to pray the Rosary in celebration of the Glorious Mysteries to honor Mary, our Mother.

*Bring fresh flowers each week, during the month of May, to the Mary table in the Baptistry.*



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frances Machado, Karen Bennett, Maria Ester Cesena, Connie Elba, Blanche Duncan, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Mina Scannicchio, Margaret Ann Behan, Dave Johnson, Jan Lindgren, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, Tom Borgerding, Anthony Potito, Kaylee Mikulsky, Arnie Mueller, Jackie, Jeff Rogers, Michelle Tello, Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, 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, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, 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, Andrew Mearm, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Rosemary Lowe, The Hill Family, Connie Bowen, 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. *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.).

**LAST WEEK:** Totals for 05/08/16

<b>Plate:</b>	\$ 1,062.00
<b>Envelope:</b>	\$ 7,006.00
<b>Total Collection Basket:</b>	\$ 8,068.00

**Online Giving March 2016:** \$16,499.45

**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. For more

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mario Ingargiola RIP, Tom Borgerding RIP

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

**Romeo and Silvana Marcon .....56-Years**  
**Bob and Penny Guarnotta.....48-Years**  
**Steve and Linda Reynolds.....43-Years**  
**John and Colleen Garbaczewski.....38-Years**  
**Tony and Reta Aguilera.....26-Years**  
**Dan & Sherri Kleeberg .....26 -years**  
**Randy and Maridee Ochmann.....24-Years**  
**Thomas and Erin Gajdalo..... 9-Years**

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**Monday** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday:** 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke

11:30am Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday:** 5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday:** 7:30am Mother's Day Novena

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

**Friday:** 7:30 am Penny Cover RIP

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP

**Sunday:** 9:00am Emilio & Carmina Morfin RIP

11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**TODAY:** Pentecost Sunday

**Monday:** Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** Weekday

**Wednesday:** St. John I

**Thursday:** Weekday

**Friday:** St. Bernardine of Siena

**Saturday:** St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary; Armed Forces Day

**Sunday:** Most Holy Trinity

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalms** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans 8:8-17*.

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) 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.

## THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You'll find no race of people left out; you'll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the "birthday of the church." In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today's Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today's second reading that "all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit." When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don't. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Order" and "presbyter" are not everyday words in our vocabulary, since we think of order as a quality of life rather than a collective noun, and "priest" usually does just fine in everyday conversation. Yet each word has deep roots in our tradition. At an ordination we select men for service to the community. *Ordo* is a Latin word drawn not from pagan religious life but from Imperial Rome. It meant a distinct body standing apart from the people, such as a body of people responsible for civil governance, senators for example. Think of the selectmen or board of governors in your civic home, and you will get the idea. The church borrowed the term to describe the place of certain people within the people of God, thus the "order of deacons," "the order of presbyters," and even "the order of virgins, catechumens, widows, neophytes, penitents," and so on, as distinct groups within the church.

Just as ancient Rome had various uniforms for the ranks and stations in civil life, so too did certain garments give clues to membership in an "order" in the church. So, our tradition favors the idea of an ordination liturgy not as receiving something so much as being received. This is clearly expressed in the liturgy. The "kiss of peace" is given only by the ordaining bishop and priests to the newly "ordained," not by the faithful, the deacons, or the concelebrating bishops who are present. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### St. LUKE OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS for January, 2016

#### Donations (SENT):

\$200.00 Noah Homes  
\$100.00 Holy Trinity Food Pantry  
\$50.00 Friends of the Poor  
\$50.00 Nativity Prep Academy  
\$50.00 East County Pregnancy Care Clinic  
153.57 Feeding America  
\$309.26 Needy Person in Community  
**\$853.57 TOTAL**

#### Donations (RECEIVED):

\$ 105.00 Online Giving  
\$2,685.00 Taste of St. Luke Fundraiser  
**\$2,790.00 TOTAL**  
(Thank you for your support.)

#### St. Luke Assistance Programs:

Delivered 6,544 lbs. of food to Bostonia, EJE and Anza Elementary.

Thank You Letters/Notes (RECEIVED): None

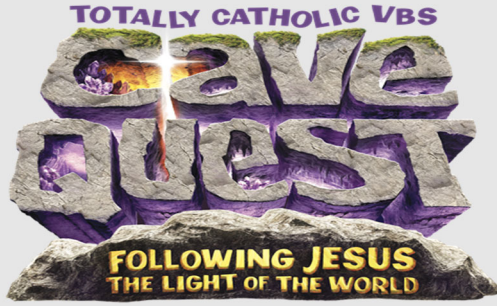
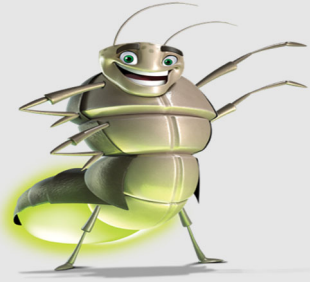
## FR. JOE'S VILLAGE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

"Fr. Joe's Village is in need of **14 Volunteers** to help serve dinner to the residents and non-residents of Fr. Joe's Village on **May 27 (Friday)**. Dinner will be served between **4pm-7pm**, we would like to have our volunteers show up at 3:45pm. It's best that we carpool, since there are a limited number of parking places. If possible we should meet in our St. Luke parking lot around 3:15pm and leave from there. There are a few forms that must be filled out prior to arriving at Fr. Joe's. If interested please contact me."

Thank you, **Carlos Cuellar**, Outreach Ministry

## *Our First Communicants 2015/16*

Caleb Allen	Alexa Heidenreich	Madden McBride
George Crimmins	Brooke Heidenreich	Isabella Messina
Andrew Dias	Nevaeh Homan	Weston Perry
Adrianna Elsass	Andrew Jackson	Allison Ruiz
Nathan Fuzak	Reilly Kopy	Marcus Stokely
Makenna Gochenour	Roselina Lalicata	Jaeden Thompson
Marin Gonzales	Jamie Lemons	Avery Voth
Camryn Grygiel	Jeb Lemons	
Sienna Hall	Giacomo Lupo	



## SAVE THE DATE, VBS

IS COMING TO ST. LUKE

JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>-JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
9:00AM-12:00PM

**REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AFTER MASS**

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE PARISH OFFICE

[WWW.THECHURCHOFSTLUKE.ORG](http://WWW.THECHURCHOFSTLUKE.ORG) (Go to Faith Formation Vacation Bible School)

Contact Debbie Stenovec ([k-5reled@thechurchofstluke.org](mailto:k-5reled@thechurchofstluke.org)) (619) 442-2515 x 105



### Will You Help Us?

The Church of St. Luke is a sponsor of the El Nido Program of the Interfaith Shelter Network through our Parish Outreach Committee.

The program shelters & supports abused women and their children.

***We have a new family - a mother and her 4 sons  
- moving into our unit in mid-late May.***

***We need to completely furnish their 2-bedroom apartment!***

You may help by donating things on the list below or by making a monetary donation. Please call Mary to arrange for pickup or bring donations to the church office as soon as possible...

Couch/Loveseat	Coffee table	Artwork	Area rug	Dining table/chairs
Dishes (6 settings)	Flatware	Cooking utensils	Knife Set	Can Opener
Toaster	Blender	Tupperware	Glasses/Cups	Microwave
Dish drainer	Twin sheet sets	Full Sheet Set	Pillows (standard)	Blankets - twin/full
Full comforter	Clothing dressers	End tables	Lamps	Television
TV stand	DVD player	Mixing bowls	Mop/Bucket	Cleaning supplies
Pots and Pans	Mixing bowls	Tupperware	Glasses	Night stands
Shower Curtain	Liner/hang rings	Bath towels	hand towels	Broom/dustpan
Bathroom rug	Vacuum			

**No Donation Too Small... Thank You and God Bless You!**

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☞  
**Office Phone: (619) 442-1697 Fax (619) 442-2293**  
**Joanie Maitilasso and Carole Morales**  
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**THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS**  
**MONDAY AT 12 NOON.**  
*secretary@thechurchofstluke.org*

☞ VISIT OUR WEBSITE ☞  
 For additional calendar and event information.  
[www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com](http://www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com)

☞ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ☞

**Month of May**

- Sat 14th** Olivewood Sale Table  
 Pentecost  
 1:00pm Mercy Awakens Youth Day (off site)  
 3:30pm Reconciliation  
 4:00pm Rosary for Peace  
 4:45pm Speaker before Mass FF  
 5:00pm Mass
- Sun 15th** Olivewood Sale Table  
 Pentecost  
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
 8:45am Speaker before Mass FF  
 9:00 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:15am Rosary Procession  
 10:15am No High School Confirmation  
 10:15am Scripture Club  
 10:30am Catechesis Good Shepherd Level 1&2  
 11:15am Speaker before Mass FF  
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of Word  
 1:00 pm Group Baptism: Sofia Roman
- Mon 16th** No Meetings
- Tue 17h** 5:00pm Mass  
 6:30pm History of Spirituality 1st- 8th Century
- Wed 18th** 7:30am Mass  
 8:30am Centering Prayer
- Thur 19th** 7:30am Communion Service  
 11:00am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Fri 20th** 7:30am Communion Service  
 11:00 am Funeral Tom Borgerding  
 3:45 pm Middle School Faith Formation
- Sat 21st** Most Holy Trinity  
 3:30pm Reconciliation  
 4:45pm Speaker before Mass FF  
 5:00pm Mass
- Sun 22nd** Most Holy Trinity  
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
 8:45am Speaker before Mass FF  
 9:00 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:15am Core Team Information Gathering  
 11:15am Speaker before Mass FF  
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of Word
- Mon 9th** 9:am Church Cleaning

☞ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ☞

**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Cochran (619) 442-1697  
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**Greeters:** Maria Oliver  
**Lectors:** Julie Carlin  
**Ushers:** George Heidenrieck

**FAITH FORMATION**

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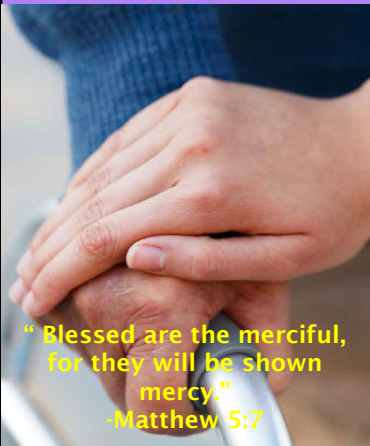
**MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Baptism Class:** Joanie Maitilasso (619)442-1697  
**Centering Prayer:** Rosemarie Murphy  
**Church Cleaning Crew:** Peggy Nelson  
**Cub/Boy Scout Religious Emblems:**  
 Shannon Vint  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Cindy Christmas & Mike Wasyliv  
**Friends of the Poor:** Martha Evans  
**Knights of Columbus:** Don Mercurio, G.K.  
**Marriage Preparation:** Joanie Maitilasso  
**Ministry to Sick and Homebound:**

Dcn. Jerry Stenovec  
**Outreach Ministry:** Ken Stempien  
**Prayer Chain:** Nancy Adema  
**Respect Life:** Don Mercurio  
**Scrip:** Tom Stone (619)990-3515  
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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**  
 Mike Wasyliv  
**St. Luke Business Network:** Cathy March

# The Year of Mercy

# 2016 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:

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

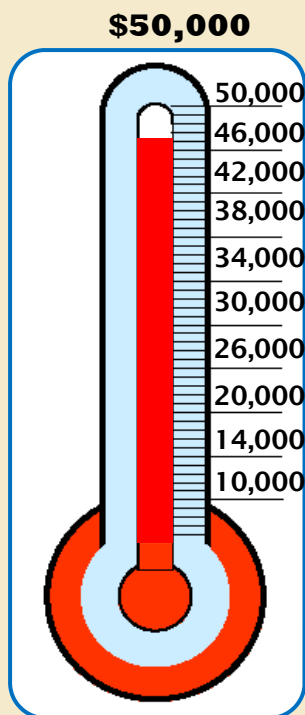
*Note that the Annual Catholic Appeal qualifies for many company matching gift programs.*

**Annual Catholic Appeal Online**  
Giving go to:  
[www.sdcatholic.org/giving/annualcatholicappeal.aspx](http://www.sdcatholic.org/giving/annualcatholicappeal.aspx)

**Annual Parish Appeal Saint Luke**  
Online Giving go to:  
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Click on The Online Giving Link

## We Need Your Help to Meet Our Goal!!!

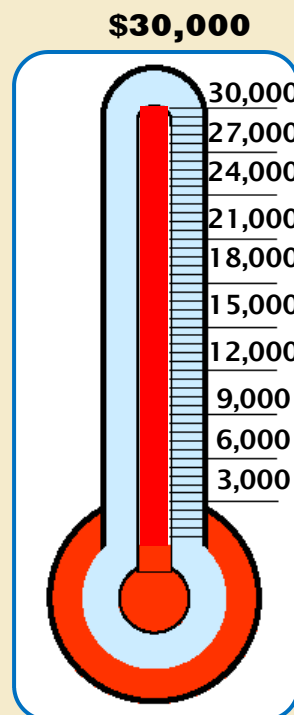
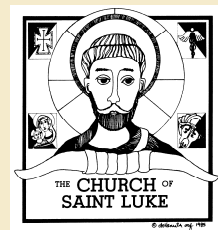
**Annual  
Catholic Appeal  
San Diego Diocese  
Goal for Saint Luke**



**\$ 46,001**

**CURRENT DONATIONS**

**Budgeted  
Parish Appeal  
Goal for Saint Luke**



**36,820**

**CURRENT DONATIONS**



## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week we are looking at our Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade faith formation programs. Early on we decided that we had to make our faith formation programs less classroom-like and more Church-like. That's why we implemented the Emmaus Whole Community Intergenerational Faith Formation program which we will discuss next week.

We also wanted to provide the opportunity for our young people to be here on a weekly basis so we initiated what we called Scripture Club. That is now being replaced by Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) which involves all their senses in learning Scripture and the Eucharistic Liturgy; and, helping them develop a vibrant prayer life. Our staff for this effort has been trained in all phases of CGS and is continuing to recruit and train volunteer teachers and aids.

For First Reconciliation and First Eucharist we have provided several YouTube videos to assist parents in preparing their children. Like Emmaus, this program is designed to help families discuss faith questions at home where the child is most likely to raise such issues. These programs recognize that parents are the first and best teachers of the faith. The videos are designed to help parents feel more adequately prepared to teach their children without requiring their attendance at a series of classes.

### Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Ministries

- a) ***Intergenerational program: Emmaus (continuation)***
  - (1) Goals for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade families:
    - (a) *Help parents grow in faith, live it in their families & share/teach it to their children.*
    - (b) *Provide learning opportunities that are less classroom-like and more Church-like.*
  - (2) Gathers: 8 monthly (Oct – May) sessions normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month
  - (3) 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade ages work at 3 activity stations designed for parent-child interaction
  - (4) A separate activity is offered for Pre-K and K level children  
(See listing under Adult & Family Faith Formation for general description)
- b) ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I (continuation for 3 thru 6 year olds)***
  - (1) Goal = Teach Liturgy, Scripture, Prayer in a Church-like setting utilizing Montessori-based learning method
  - (2) Gathers: Sundays @ 10:30 am-12:15pm or Thursdays @ 4:00-5:45 pm
  - (3) Identify and train 1 or 2 volunteers as lead catechists and others to assist in the program. (training by National Assn. of CGS)
- c) ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II (continuation for 6 thru 9 year olds)***
  - (1) Goal = Teach Liturgy, Scripture, Prayer in a Church-like setting utilizing Montessori-based learning method
  - (2) Gathers: Sundays @ 10:30 am-12:15 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 4:00-5:45 pm
  - (3) Identify and train 1 or 2 volunteers as lead catechists and others to assist in the program. (training by National Assn. of CGS).
- d) ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III (proposed implementation for 9 - 12 year olds)***
  - (1) Goal = Teach Liturgy, Scripture, Prayer in a Church-like setting utilizing Montessori-based learning method
  - (2) Identify and train 1 or 2 volunteers as lead catechists and others to assist in the program. (training by National Assn. of CGS)



- (3) Available space issues need to be solved to implement this level.
- (4) Note -- If space is available, certificated catechist and beginning of year materials are completed, then Level III will be implemented for eligible disciples in our existing 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades in the 2016-2017 program year.
- e) **Scripture Club (continuation for 4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades if CGS cannot be implemented for this age group)**
  - (1) Goal = Insure that this age group knows the most important Scriptural stories of our tradition.
  - (2) Gathers: Monday from 4:00-5:00 pm (this is a schedule change from current Sunday sessions)
  - (3) Method: Weekly sessions covering the Old and New Testament stories (mid Sept – May)
- f) **VBS (continuation)**
  - (1) Goal = Provide a Christian, fun-filled summer camp learning experience
  - (2) Gathers: Last week of June (Mon through Fri) @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - (3) Method: 6 activity centers include bible stories, drama, music, movies, indoor and outdoor hands-on games/activities.
  - (4) Adult and HS volunteers comprise this team of facilitators.
- g) **Children's Liturgy of the Word @9:00 am & 11:30 am Masses (continuation)**
  - (1) Goal = provide an opportunity for children to participate in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word portion of Mass at an age appropriate level.
  - (2) Adult, HS & MS volunteers comprise this team of facilitators/leaders.
- h) **1st Eucharist/1st Reconciliaiton prep (continuation)**
  - (1) Goal = To assist parents in preparing their children for participation in sacramental Reconciliation and full participation in the Eucharist.
  - (2) Gathers: Parents gather for 3 meetings and complete 12 online preparation sessions.
  - (3) Method: Child is prepared by parents according to what they determine works best for their children.
  - (4) Other:
    - (a) *Prior participation in FF programs is a prerequisite for first year*
    - (b) *Concurrent participation in CGS*
    - (c) *Family participation in Emmaus strongly encouraged*
    - (d) *Dialog with each parent and children 2 times/year at beginning and midpoint of the 2nd year in the preparation process to provide assistance where needed in determining child's readiness.*

We've been encouraged by the participation of families with children in this age group because of their participation in the Emmaus program. They seem to enjoy the fact that their children are enjoying learning about our faith and report that they are learning right along with them. Families with children in the CGS program report that their children now know more about the Mass than they do. And, if you read my bulletin columns, you've read about how well they are coming to know Scripture stories. We are very pleased with the results of our Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation ministries and pray that they will continue to bear fruit as these children mature.

In His service,

Fr. Ron