

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016



Rise up in splendor,
Jerusalem! Your light has
come, the glory of the Lord
shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*



FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6
SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Mt 2:1-3

(Remember, if you are in a small group, not to comment on someone else's sharing. Just listen. Don't get in the way of the Holy Spirit speaking to them or to you.)

Reflection: Reflect upon/share about a time when you were troubled by the promise of political change. Were you afraid of losing some benefit because of the change? Who would have benefited from the change? Would the change have been good news to the poor and the outcast? From your knowledge of the Gospels, would Jesus have supported the change? Why, or why not? (Use the Gospels to support your position.)

Alternative: Share about a time when you were upset or worried about the arrival of a new person whom you felt would change things in your life. What were you afraid of losing? How did things work out in the end? If you let Jesus really be King in your life, what would you lose or gain?

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
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

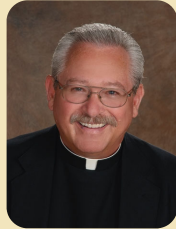
The Parish Finance Council meets every other 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Finance Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
James Chitkowski
Jim Crockett
George Heidenreich
Jeanne Houghtby
John Krueger
Cathy March
Dave Sapper
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FROM: THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



Because of publishing deadlines, I writing this on December 18 to be published in the January 3rd bulletin. I've been crazy busy, this Advent, helping at Reconciliation services visiting the sick, presiding at funerals along with the normal day-to-day things. I know you all have been crazy busy too. It's all part of this time of year as we prepare for Christmas and attend all the parties and school programs that go along with it. Oh, yes, and shopping.

I'm anxious for the new year and for things to slow down. In fact, I'm taking several days off after Christmas just to be by myself and re-energize. Saying that, I'm also thinking about how the busyness is energizing too. It's filled with life and people and future planning and dreaming and... you know.

Those are all good feelings and I'm happy to have them but I can't seem to get the backdrop of all the bad things which are going on in the world out of my mind. How can we celebrate and find joy in the midst of all the suffering in the world? Is it just a reprieve and then back to the misery? Is it a sign of hope that will take us beyond the misery?

I'm going to hang on to it as a sign of hope and, maybe, that is what my preaching will be about this Christmas; our God came to be close to us at a time when it seemed the worldly powers were taking over. Divinity inserted itself into humanity at a time when prophecy and other communications from God seem to have been silenced for centuries. God's chosen ones were subjugated to another power unsure of their future.

God chose that time to touch humanity in a special way but only those who were open to Him being God on His terms were able to believe and find hope in His coming. As we enter upon this new year, having just celebrated His first coming, can we put our faith in Him and let Him take away our fears?

My prayer is that we can... that we can set aside our human judgements and follow His way of love that our Lord lived out from His birth, through His cross, to His resurrection. It is a pretty tall order in the face of the evils we see visited upon the world in our time. A tall order yes, but maybe the only way to keep us from succumbing to the evils and becoming evil ourselves.

We might all try to be instruments of peace in our day-to-day lives this year. We might try to curb our tongues, in the social media too, when we are tempted to add to the fear, distrust, hatred and prejudice so rampant in our world right now.

If we can keep ourselves from adding to it then, maybe, we can begin to counteract it by bringing God's love to the situation. So many times, when God was going to act in human history, He said "Do not be afraid". I've always taken that as a message to not be afraid of God. Now I take it as a message that we can let go of our fears, God is going to act. This year, let's all try to let Him act through us.

Happy New Year,

Fr. Ron

LITTLE MINUTES Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; so the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity. —Julia A. Fletcher Carney



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:

The Soul of Eugene Cuomo.

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: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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 12/27/15
 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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Dominic Mazzone RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Luke
 11:30am Anita Duncan RIP
Tuesday: 5:00 pm Presiders Intention
Wednesday: 7:30am Presiders Intention
Thursday: 7:30:00 am Presiders Intention
Friday: 7:30 am Presiders Intention
Saturday: 5:00 pm Mary Dinta, RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Mary Orrantia RIP
 11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas
Friday: Christmas weekday
Saturday: The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Epiphany House Blessing

You will need a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water.

Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
Legend gives these names to the magi:
Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
With chalk, their initials sign this doorway, along with four crosses, and the numerals of the new year.

20 + C + M + B + 16

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat*,
"May Christ bless this house!"

ALL: Amen!

Leader: (or other Reader):

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.
We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth
God has promised; a dwelling place of righteousness.
The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Where two or three are gathered, you are there. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

You give us our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

Prepare us for the feast of heaven. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us, Lord, when night is here. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Keep us pure in your sight. Bless this room., O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father...

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF SAINT LUKE INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

February 6, 2016
Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

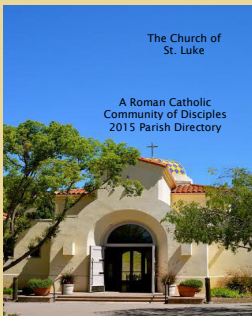


NO HOST BEER & WINE
DESSERTS
Adults: \$20
Children 12 & Under: \$5
Cash or Check Only

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO St. LUKE OUTREACH
FOOD AND DESSERTS PREPARED BY PARISHIONERS
Contact Pat Riggs (619) 442-4612 for Information



You are invited to come and pray a Rosary for Peace at the Church of St. Luke
Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM
We will pray the Rosary on the second Saturday of each month



It's Here!
30th Anniversary
Church of Saint Luke
2015 Parish Directory

Pick up your reserved copy
in the Baptistry!

Available after each weekend Mass during January
or at the Church Office during office hours.

A limited number of Directories are
Available to purchase for \$10 each.

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

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Joanie Maitilasso, Editor

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

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞
Month of December

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 High School Confirmation Session
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 & 2
No Scripture club
11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon 4th Office Closed

Tue 5th 5:00 pm Mass

Wed 6h 7:30 Mass
8:30am Centering Prayer
No Catechesis of Good Shepherd 2
5:30 pm Emmaus

Thur 7th 7:30 am Mass
11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul meeting
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level 1 & 2

Fri 8th 7:30am Mass
No Middle School

Sat 9th The Baptism of the Lord
3:30pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Rosary for Peace
5:00 pm Mass

Sun 10th The Baptism of the Lord
8:15am Pro Life Rosary
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:15 High School Confirmation Session
10:15 Scripture Club
10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd level 1&2
11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon 11th No meetings scheduled

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☞ PARISH DIRECTORY ☞

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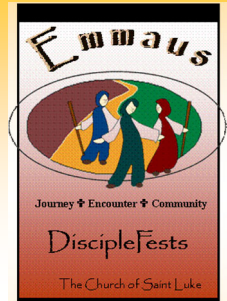
Mark Your Calendar!

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



Register Now!

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

Contact Carol Stone at (619) 442-1697 ext. 104 or
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Name: _____

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Place completed form in collection basket or return it to the parish office.

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