

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016



He saved us through the
bath of rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit.
— *Titus 3:5*



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.

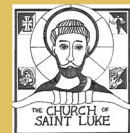
Masses

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



FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Lk 3:21-22

Reflection: Reflect upon/share about a time when you felt that some authority in your life was well pleased with you. How did you feel about them being pleased? How pleased do you think God is with you? How can you live a life more pleasing to God?

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

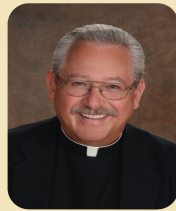
Cathy March

Dave Sapper

Jim Stepovich

Richard Venancio

FROM: THE PASTOR



Dear parishioners,

Last week when I was volunteering at the Desayunador (the breakfast hall) there was a man who stayed at his table after his table mates had left. He just sat there crying.

I went over to talk to him and he told me that he was missing his wife and six children in Los Angeles. When he realized that I don't really speak Spanish, he switched over to English and I was surprised that his English is every bit as good as mine. I later found out that he was brought to the U.S. by his parents when he was eleven. He said he doesn't even know anything about Mexico. Like many, he simply stayed and built a life with an American wife and children who are citizens because of their place of birth.

He had gotten deported from the U.S. I didn't ask him why. I assumed that he was under the ten-year bar from re-applying for entry but he seemed to think he would never be able to return. He looked to me to be in his early fifties. I put my hands on his shoulders and we prayed together for a while. Then I went back to work.

One of the ladies who helps run the place came over to me and remarked that I have a big heart. That's when I started to cry. I know that some will think of me as just a bleeding heart liberal but I can't help see the human faces imbedded in these situations. I don't mind being a bleeding heart liberal and I don't mind trying to be the face of God's love for people who are suffering, no matter why they are suffering, no matter what they did, no matter how legal or illegal they are. I agree with Pope Francis; we need to be the face of God's mercy for His people.

Later that afternoon I was talking with a dual citizen Mexican-American lady who is retired and lives down there most of the time. I told her about the man and her response was "why don't they just become citizens". After all, that's what she did somehow and that's what she knows.

Many people have tried that; to do it the right way. They came back to Mexico after living undocumented in the U.S. to apply for a Visa, as is required, and begin the process of acquiring citizenship. Then they find out about the automatic bar from re-entry, three years if they have been in the U.S. illegally for six months and less than a year, ten years if more than a year. These punitive measures were passed into law in the U.S. in 1996. It was thought that they would make people think twice before coming here illegally. What it did in the case of the gentleman with whom I was talking, and with many more, was to create a single-parent, female headed household with several kids. Statistics indicate that this will increase costs to our society.

Our understanding of immigration from Mexico as a problem and discussion of appropriate ways to handle it is hugely complex and confusing. We seem to have a general attitude that they are responsible for many of our problems and therefor simply don't want them here. And, the Obama administration has done a lot about that. They have deported at a higher rate than any other time in our history. The San Diego County Department of Agriculture states, on National Public Radio, that we have so few field workers now that farm owners are choosing not to plant labor intensive crops; they say we will become more and more dependent upon imported produce because of the prevailing attitude toward immigration.

I don't know the solution but I know there are human faces embedded in the problem. I've heard the story I'm relating today, face-to-face, many, many times. That's why I volunteer at Desayunador; someone needs to let people know that we see them as God's children too and we are capable of caring about them.

In His service,

Fr. Ron



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Liddell, Jeff Rogers , 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, 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, 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:

Dcn. Dennie & Judy Nickell: 55-Years
 Jack & Linda Keilman: 42-Years
 Sean & Maxine O'Leary: 27-Years
 Steve & Monique Zasueta: 24-Years
 Bryan & Megan Shull: 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 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
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk :14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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 01/03/16

Plate: \$ 1,231.00
Envelope: \$ 8,869.00
Total Collection Basket: \$ 10,100.00
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 Mary Pinta, RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Mary Orrantia RIP
 11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke
Tuesday: 5:00 pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Presiders Intention
Thursday: 7:30:00 am Presiders Intention
Friday: 7:30 am Presiders Intention
Saturday: 5:00 pm Terri Souza Spec. Int.
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Luke
 11:30am Vince Ursini RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: The Baptism of the lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: weekday
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Thursday: weekday
Friday: weekday
Saturday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Everyone is Invited to : A Yummy Parish Breakfast Sunday-January 17th

Served from 9:30am to 11:00am

Old Fashioned Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, and Ham
Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea or Water

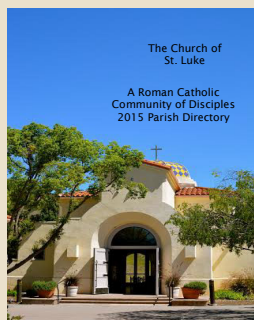
Your Price : Adults: \$7

Sponsored by: The Knight of Columbus



It's Here!

**2015 Parish Directory
30th Anniversary
Church of Saint Luke**



For those who have their pictures in the Directory please 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.

Volunteers Needed !

Come help remove the Christmas decorations in the Church on Monday - January 11th at 8am.

With many hands
we will be done before noon.

We especially need help wrapping the angels on the Angel tree,

Please Help

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

BUY YOUR TICKETS AFTER MASS

JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF SAINT LUKE INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

February 6, 2016,
Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M

Adults \$20.00 Children under 3 - 12 \$5.00:
Cash or Check Only

All Proceeds to go to Saint Luke Outreach Ministry

For information please contact Pat Riggs or if you are able to help sell tickets after Sat. 5:00 pm Mass or Sunday 9 am Mass or 11:30 am Mass

REMEMBER TICKETS SOLD OUT LAST YEAR BEFORE THE EVENT!

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☜

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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

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☜

Month of December

Sat
9th

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

Sun
10th

The Baptism of the Lord
8:15am Pro Life Rosary
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:15am High School Confirmation Session
10:15am 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

6:00pm Development Council Meeting
6:00pm K of C 1st Degree Training

Tue
12th

4pm Deanery Meeting
5:00 pm Communion Service

Wed
13th

7:30 Mass
8:30am Centering Prayer
10:00am Funeral Mass of Eugene Cuomo
4:00pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd 2
7:00pm K of C General Meeting
7:00pm RCIA

Thur
14th

7:30 am Mass
4:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level 1 & 2
6:00pm Meeting for 1st Communion Parents

Fri
15th

7:30am Mass
3:45pm Middle School

Sat
16th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sun
17th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am Pro Life Rosary
9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30am Kof C Pancake Breakfast
NO High School Confirmation Session
NO Scripture Club
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd level 1&2
11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:00pm Group Baptism: Andrew, Stephen, Joseph Allos

Mon
18th

Martin Luther King Birthday
Office Closed

☞ PARISH DIRECTORY ☜

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

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Deacon: Jerry Stenovec

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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

Centering Prayer: Carole Morales

Church Cleaning Crew:

Cub/Boy Scout Religious Emblems: Shannon Vint

Eucharistic Adoration: Cindy Christmas & Mike Wasyliw

Friends of the Poor: Martha Evans

Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio, G.K.

Ministry to Sick & Homebound: Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien

Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema

Respect Life: Don Mercurio

Scrip: Kerri Holzer

Small Church Communities: Carol Stone (619) 442-2515

St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mike Wasyliw

ADs

Register Now!
Parish Discipleship Retreat



“Come Follow Me”

January 22 and 23, 2016

at The Church of Saint Luke

Friday: 6:00-9:00 pm. Beginning with dinner in the parish hall.

Saturday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Breakfast, Lunch , 5:00 Mass, Wine and Cheese

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Space is limited. Register by January 19th

For additional information contact

Carol Stone at (619) 442-1697 ext. 104

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email Address: _____

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

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