

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



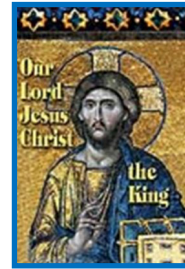
FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20
GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43
REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Lk 23:39-43

Reflection: Reflect upon/share about how you have suffered for something you did wrong. If Jesus were here (and he is) what would you say to him? What do you think he is saying to you?

Alternate reflection: Reflect upon/share about how this Gospel speaks to you personally. What is the Lord saying to you by his willingness, in his innocence to undergo suffering and death? What is your response to the Lord?

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 20, 2016



I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

-- Psalm 122:1

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.

Communion Service

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Masses

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:



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
Jane Alfano
Mark Balmert
Amy Cannon
Bob Guarnotta
Linda Jacobson
Anita Leak
Sam Lupo
Don Mercurio
Dcn. Emeritus:
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Rick Roberts
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Karen Sapper
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Dcn. Jerry Stenovec
Dcn. Allan Williams

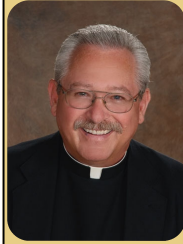
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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,

I don't actually like talking about politics to anyone but my closest, most trusted friends; there is too much emotion and too many impassioned feelings involved in people's positions. But, I received a "Dear Father Ron" letter on November 9 asking "What am I supposed to tell my daughters...?" So, at least some people are looking to me for guidance.

First, we need to recognize that we live in a very divided society in a very divided world. We've either created it, allowed it to be created or it has always been that way. The division seems to include anger, even hatred, towards the other. We need to change that if this is every going to be a safe place to live and raise our children. The division was apparent during the election and was accompanied with violence, sometimes only verbal but at other times physical too.

Christianity isn't about division like this in spite of what some people may think Matthew 10: 34-36 means; "I've come not to bring peace but a sword." The sword Jesus brought was the sword of love and he showed us how to yield it. It is a love that embraces others, not one which divides. We even somehow have to embrace those with whom we disagree. But how?

I was amazed at some of the things president elect Trump said during the campaign as were many people. I think it was his son that said something like he is just saying what people want to hear. I think there is a cue in that. Trump, throughout his campaign, was using a different language register than the formal register normally used in politics. He used a lot of emotionally charged words with few descriptive details and little logical development. Political language has traditionally been different, more formal, more crafted to develop a thought.

I think that is why those of us who don't often use this less formal register are considered to be out of touch. It is almost as if we live in different cultures with the incumbent language barriers and all. Those who commonly use a casual language register don't understand those who use the formal register either. We are out of touch with each other. That's the problem, I think.

Given what has happened, and surprised so many people, we need to ask ourselves how do we learn from this? How can we help our children grow up embracing the sword of love rather than the sword of destruction? How can we embrace each other and get beyond the distrust, anger and hatred?

We need to learn to understand each other, care about each other's fears, hopes and dreams; and, demonstrate that caring with programs that address the fears, hopes and dreams of each. We can only accomplish this by talking with rather than at. We need to learn to understand each other's culture and language so we can really communicate and we need to be open to allowing that communication to change ourselves.

I think we need to tell our children that this is an opportunity for us to learn to be one country, a country without winners and losers, a country with only winners. Then... we need to take advantage of the opportunity... at a personal level and at a societal level.

In His service,

Fr. Ron



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jacob Seilheimer, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Worcholik, Eddie Turner, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Harriet, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, Mario Chavez, Jason Zdunich, Kimberly Abell, Frances Machado, Karen Bennett, Connie Elba, Blanche Duncan, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Dave Johnson, Mina Scannicchio, Jan Lindgren, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, 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, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Vie Liddell, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Matthew Chu, Bob Weisham, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Siragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, 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, 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, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, 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, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer 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. *Also please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification & your cooperation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Tom & Nia Olinger	36-years
Greg & Sallie Saltzman	26-years
Dave & e dean Condit	30-years
Mike & Marie Hickey	5-years

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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 11/13/16

Plate:	\$ 702.00
Envelope:	\$ 7,713.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$ 8,415.00

Online Giving October 2016: \$ 19,279.78 (110 users)

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 information please call the parish office at 442-1697.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Margaret/Gary Bubis RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Deceased Knights of Columbus
 11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke
Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Mollie Thalhiemer RIP
Thursday: 9:00am Ed & Frances Ledwith RIP
Friday: 7:30am No Mass Office Closed
Saturday: 5:00pm Dominic Mazzone RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke
 11:30am Sister Jacinta Dooley, RSM RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thirty-fourth/Last Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Cecilia
Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
Thursday: St. Andrew Dung-Luc and Companions; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Saturday: First Sunday of Advent
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading -- The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel -- The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy

KINGSHIP

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Among the Catholics seeking religious freedom in America were the Carrolls of Maryland, who arrived in 1649 from Ireland via England. Charles Carroll, born in Annapolis in 1737, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was the longest-surviving signer. As was the custom for English Catholics, he attended English schools in Belgium and later university in France. By the time he signed the Declaration, he was the richest man in America, and his decision to sign would hardly go unnoticed by the king.

Because Carroll was so wealthy and because he was a Catholic, he had more to lose than the others. Those who signed became traitors to the Crown and risked losing everything. It is said that someone grumbled that there were many men in the world named Charles Carroll, and he could dodge responsibility if he had to. For that reason, he added a flair to his signature, "of Carrollton," making it clear that he put everything at risk. His cousin John, also an ardent supporter of the American Revolution, was ordained a Jesuit priest and returned to Maryland at the outbreak of hostilities. Upheavals in Europe forced the Jesuit order to dissolve, leaving Carroll a secular priest. Ultimately, it was John Carroll who was asked to organize the Catholic Church in the new nation. No one was better positioned for this task, a cultured man from an esteemed family, a cherished friend of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and a man so thoroughly attuned to an undercurrent of anti-Catholicism in the colonies that he could charm powerful people to a new point of view. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (C) J. S. Paluch Co.



Start Your Holiday Shopping Now

PRE-ORDER your gift cards now.

This will ensure that you get the cards that you want for your Christmas shopping. You'll have them in your wallet when you're ready to shop.

Order forms & Gift Cards will be available at the Scrip Table after each Mass beginning 11/26/27 thru 12/17/18.



It is time for The Monthly Church Cleaning and we need your help!

"The Church Cleaning Crew" Needs your help to clean the Church Sanctuary and Baptistry .

We need all available hands

Monday, November 28 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

For more information please
call Peggy Nelson

National Needs Collection November 19/20, 2016

This weekend has been designated for the 2016 Collection for National Needs. Special envelopes will be available for the collection which support the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America.

***Thank You for Your
Support & Generosity***



**OUTREACH MINISTRY
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS
97.3FM & 92.1FM KSON
RADIOTHON FOR ST. JUDE'S
CHILDREN**

Thursday, December 1, 2016-1:30pm-7pm
KSON Studios 1615 Murray Canyon Road, Suite 710
San Diego CA 92108

This year, KSON will be hosting their 29th annual KSON Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon and we are very excited! We would love for you to come and volunteer if you are available.

We are in need of **nine volunteers** to answer the telephones from 1:30pm-7pm. There will be a short training period from 1:30pm-2pm. A light dinner and refreshments will be served during the shift.

If you would like to carpool, please meet at the St. Luke parking lot at 12:50pm.

Please RSVP by November 19 to Patti or Carlos Cuellar:



IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

We are scheduled to serve dinner on **November 25 from 4-7 p.m.** at Father Joe's Village and need your help. We need **14 volunteers** every month.

If you can help let Dan Goulding know. He can be reached by at **(619) 244-4546** or by email **dgoulding@qualityloan.com**.

We would like to have our volunteers show up at Fr. Joe's Village by 3:45p.m. If desired a carpool will be leaving St. Luke parking lot around 3:15pm for anyone interested. **Your help is truly appreciated.**

The Feast of Saint Nicholas

will be celebrated

Sunday-December 4th

After the 9am and 11:30 Mass.



The Knights of Columbus presents **Jolly Saint Nick** who will have a gift for all children. Children of all ages are invited to sit or stand by Santa and ask for a Special Christmas Wish and for a picture with him. A Tree Ornament will be given and plenty of Christmas Cookies.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CHOIR 2016**

It's time to lift our voices in song to celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

All 1st through 8th grade Young People

**Rehearsal: Saturdays December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.
3:30-4:30PM.**

No preregistration.

**Registration and orientation
December 3rd, 3-3:30PM**

**The Children's Choir will sing
Saturday, December 24, at the 4PM Liturgy.**

Come and be part of the fun! See you soon!!

**It is time to begin collecting books
for East county Christmas for Kids!**



**We are collecting Children's books
for *Babies to Middle School*.**

Please leave your donations in the Baptistery (we will have a box) for Don or Vicky to collect.

**If you have questions please call
Vicky Cate or call Don Mercurio**

Contact Don or Vicky for Large book donations.



Las Madrinimas

**Christmas Bake and Craft Sale
December 4th, 2016**

after the 9:00 am Mass
in the church hall.

**Bake your favorite Christmas
Cookies-Pies-Cakes**

**Make Your favorite Craft Item
for this special event**

**For More Info Call:
Ann Murray @**

**All Proceeds to benefit Noah Homes
& The Giving Tree**

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☞
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 Joanie Maitilasso and Carole Morales
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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 November

Sat
19th

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 2:00pm Baptism: Mia Wright &
 Marriage Blessing: John & Roxanne Speer
 3:30pm Reconciliation
 5:00pm Mass w Baptism: Enzo Dowgaluk

Sun
20th

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary
 9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
 10:15 am No Confirmation Prep
 10:30am No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
 1:00pm Group Baptism: Alejandro Perez

Mon
21st

3:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
 4:00 pm NO Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II

Tue
22nd

5:00pm Communion Service
 6:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting

Wed
23rd

7:30am Mass
 4:00PM No Catechesis of Good Shepherd II
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry

Thur
24th

Thanksgiving Day
 9:00am Mass
 8:30am No Centering Prayer
 4:00pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II

Fri
25th

Office Closed
 7:30am No Mass

Sat
26th

First Sunday of Advent
 2:00pm Quinceanera Mass: Alicia Diaz-Conti
 3:30pm Reconciliation
 5:00pm Mass (*Scrip Speaker*)

Sun
27th

First Sunday of Advent (*Scrip Speaker*)
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary
 9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
 10:15 am Confirmation Prep
 10:30am Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word

Mon
28th

9:00 Church Cleaning
 3:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
 4:00 pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II

☞ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ☞

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Greeters: Maria Oliver

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Ushers: George Heidenriech

FAITH FORMATION

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Debbie Stenovec (619) 442-2515 x 105

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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 (619) 442-1697

Ministry to Sick and Homebound:

Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien

Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema

Respect Life: Don Mercurio

Scrip: Tom Stone

Small Church Communities:

Jane Cruz Alfano, (619) 442-1697 x 103

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Mike Wasyliv

St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

ADs

Thanksgiving Day Mass



November 24th, 2016

9:00 am

Bring the bread and wine that you will serve for your Thanksgiving Dinner to the 9:00 am Mass & have it blessed for your family meal.

The collection proceeds on this day will benefit Holy Trinity's Food Bank

Please Note: The Parish office is closed Friday, November 24th and there will be No 7:30 am Morning Mass.



Thanksgiving Food Drive for **Mama's Pantry**

Life-saving nutrition for critically ill San Diegans

Mama's Pantry, a program of Mama's Kitchen, provides Home Delivered Meal Service, Aids Nutrition Program, Cancer Nutrition Program, Children's Nutritional Health Program, Pantry Service and Emergency Food Assistance. You can help by purchasing one or more items from our wish list and return them to the baptistery by Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

sm. pkg. of pancake mix * instant oatmeal packets * sm. box of dry milk * box of cereal
* baking/cake mixes * icing * 16 oz jar of jelly * lb bag of rice * boxes of pasta *
* 24 oz bottle cooking oil * canned diced tomato * fruit juices * canned diced tomato *
* 1 lb pkg. of dried beans * packets of pasta dinners * spaghetti sauce *
* 16 oz jar of peanut butter * macaroni & cheese * tuna fish * 14-20 oz box
of cereal * *canned goods-fruits, soups, vegetables chili, beans & pasta *

Grocery gift cards would be appreciated.

Mama's Kitchen offers many opportunities for volunteer help.

Call 619-233-6262 to volunteer.

THANK-YOU!

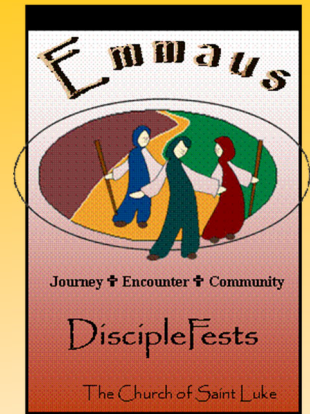
This project is sponsored by the Saint Luke Outreach Committee

Mark Your Calendar!

Our journey continues on Wednesday,
December 7, 2016 from **5:30 - 8 PM**

"Praying Through Advent and Christmas"

(Kitchen closes at 6 PM)



We always begin with a shared meal and then break out into smaller learning sessions by age groups: Pre-school through Kindergarten, 1st through 5th Grades, Middle School, High School, and Adults.

***During this EMMAUS Whole Community Assembly on
"Praying Through Advent and Christmas"***

We will learn more about what it means to:

- * Focus on the Lord's presence in our relationships with others**
- * Prepare for our celebration of the first coming of Christ**
- * Reflect on the meaning of the second coming of Christ**

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Join us as we feast on Italian sausage sandwiches, sautéed onions and bell peppers, Caesar salad, and a delicious dessert.

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We also invite you to celebrate with us at our future EMMAUS gatherings in 2017:

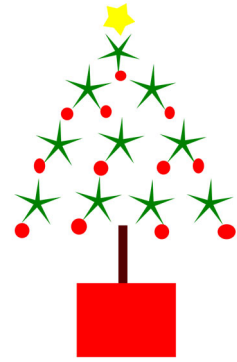
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, February 1, 2017 5:30-8 PM

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:30-8 PM

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 5:30-8 PM

The Giving Tree

One of our parish traditions in preparing for Christmas is our community of disciples helping to bring comfort and joy to our brothers and sisters in need. Our annual Giving Tree effort primarily serves families in our local community as well as families across the border in Tijuana.



As many of you know, The Church St. Luke also sponsors the East County Christmas for Kids outreach effort that serves thousands of children attending Cajon Valley schools. This endeavor has grown over the past few years and continues to be a much needed source of joy to the families we serve. We are blessed to have many St. Luke disciples commit themselves to ensuring the fruitfulness of this labor and we look forward to spreading joy



Administering the Giving Tree project over the past twenty-five plus years has proven to be fruitful as well, but becomes more challenging in that our volunteer resources and the time demands placed on our parish families can be overwhelming. We seem to struggle more each year in getting the gifts purchased, wrapped, and delivered into the hands of the families by Christmas Day. To discontinue this particular effort is not something we would even consider because we know there is a tremendous need, not just at Christmastime, but throughout the year.

So here is our new plan:

We will continue to provide designated schools, organizations with the assistance they need. This year we are partnering with a select number of Cajon Valley schools, Crisis House, EJE Academies, El Nido (a project of the Interfaith Shelter Network) and Friends of the Poor.

In the baptistery, you will find gift tags with labels identifying the following specific needs:

- \$25 gift cards - **Anywhere** (variety of Marshalls, Payless Shoe Source, Ross Dress for Less, and TJ Maxx). These are the preferred retailers, but are not limited to these stores.
- \$25 gift cards - **Target Stores**
- \$25 gift cards - **Walmart**
- \$25 gift cards - **Grocery Stores** (variety of Albertsons, Smart & Final, and Vons). These are the preferred retailers, but are not limited to these stores.
- **Knit gloves/hats/scarves** (DO NOT WRAP). These gifts are for the "Friends of the Poor" ministry.

Our Giving Tree will be displayed in the baptistery from the weekends of November 19th-20th through December 10th-11th. Please be sure to take a gift tag. As a timesaver, just stop at our scrip table after Mass to purchase your gift card. **Please return the requested items by December 11th will ensure deliveries to the recipients in time for Christmas.**

...Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver... 2 Cor 9:7



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NEW ORLEANS TO MEMPHIS

October 22 – 29, 2017

9-DAY VOYAGE

DISCOVER THE ROMANTIC ATMOSPHERE OF THE ANTEBELLUM ERA AT EACH STOP ALONG THIS CAPTIVATING JOURNEY. ENCOUNTER AUTHENTIC SOUTHERN CULTURE AS YOU JOURNEY THROUGH LIVING HISTORY AND SOAK IN THE ESSENCE OF THE OLD SOUTH.

Day 1: New Orleans, LA
Your journey begins with a boutique hotel stay in New Orleans. The evening is yours to get acquainted with this culturally diverse city.

Day 2: New Orleans, LA
Depart 5:00 p.m.
Explore New Orleans at your leisure or consider a Pre-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion with afternoon transfer to the *American Duchess*.

Day 3: Nottoway, LA
Tour Nottoway Plantation, the South's largest, most glorious remaining Antebellum mansion with a rich history dating back to 1859.

Day 4: St. Francisville, LA
Tour iconic locations such as Old Market Hall and Royal Street or experience life inside Angola Prison on our award-winning Premium Shore Excursion: Redemption & Rehabilitation at Angola Penitentiary.

Day 5: Natchez, MS
First inhabited by Natchez Indians and French explorers, this oldest city on the Mississippi will captivate you with tours of lovingly restored mansions such as Rosalie, Magnolia Hall and Stanton Hall.

Day 6: Vicksburg, MS
Described as the "Key to the South" by Abraham Lincoln,

this Southern gem delivers a rich history unlike any other Civil War city.

Day 7: Greenville, MS
Discover the town's interesting history at the William Alexander Percy Memorial Library featuring an exhibit of books and manuscripts which honor the literary heritage of Greenville's renowned authors.

Day 8: River Cruising
Gain insight into our nation's history and cultural heritage through the stories, facts and fables conveyed by our onboard Riverlorian.

Day 9: Memphis, TN
Disembark 8:00 a.m.
Enjoy Memphis at your leisure or consider a Post-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion with airport transfer.

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3-day/2-night post-cruise package available in Memphis. Call for details.

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