

Welcome to

# The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Is 11:1-10;  
SECOND READING: Rom 15:4-9;  
GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

*In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea (and) saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" Mt 3:1-3*

**Reflection:** Reflect upon/Share about the things in life which keep the Kingdom of Heaven from being at hand for you. What can you do to turn your focus more closely to God (to repent), toward His kingdom?

**Alternative reflection:** Of all the things you are doing to prepare for Christmas, this year, which of them will 'prepare the way of the Lord'? Which keep you from focusing on the Lord coming to you this year? What can you do to be better prepared?

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2016



The earth shall be filled  
with knowledge of the  
LORD, as water covers the  
sea. -- Isaiah 11:9

## 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  
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Dennie Nickell  
Rick Roberts  
Dave Sapper  
Karen Sapper  
Tom Selfani  
Bryan Shull  
Dcn. Jerry Stenovac  
Dcn. Allan Williams

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

### Parish Finance Council Members:

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James Chitkowski  
Jim Crockett  
George Heidenreich  
Jeanne Houghtby  
John Krueger  
Cathy March  
Dave Sapper  
Jim Stepovich  
Richard Venancio

## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,  
As I pray the Mass, the most striking words for me are “Do this in remembrance of me.” I’ve read a lot about this and have often reflected upon these words. It seems important to me to understand what he meant by “do this” and what the “remembrance” thing is all about. I wonder what the first hearers, the apostles, heard and how the Church’s understanding of these words developed over time.

It seems to me that, if the Last Supper was set within the context of the Passover Seder meal, the Apostles would have experienced the whole thing as a remembrance (a not-forgetting) of the saving works of God during the exodus of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. My understanding, from what I have been taught, is that the Seder is a making-present, to current generations, of the suffering of the Hebrew people in slavery and the saving act of God which brought them out of that.

When the Apostles heard him say to do the Seder in remembrance of Him, they must have recognized, from their experience of Him, that He is the saving act of God even though they had not experienced His saving death and resurrection yet. I doubt if they could have possibly known fully to what He was referring. Even though Scripture seems to indicate that Jesus knew about His impending death, the Apostles seemed to not have gotten it yet.

Jesus would have probably broken the bread at the time the vegetables, bitter herbs and lamb were served as was the practice in His time. In current day Judaism, there is no lamb served at this time because without the temple, there is no paschal lamb sacrificed. Instead, the middle matzah is broken and a piece hidden until the end of the meal to represent the messiah who is not considered present at this time. I think this is significant since the bread, to us, becomes the lamb who was slain, Jesus the messiah.

It seems obvious to me that the synoptic Gospels portray the Last Supper as a progression from making the saving acts of God at the Exodus present to making the saving acts of God in Jesus present to our day and time. I don’t know why the early Church started celebrating Eucharist every week but it seems obvious from Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2 that they did. The story of the Martyrs of Abitina gives a practical explanation as to why, “We cannot exist without the Mass. The Mass is made by Christians and the Mass makes us Christian.”

The Mass makes us Christian, the Mass makes us the Body of Christ. The attestation of this which I like best comes from St. Augustine of Hippo’s sermon 272 wherein he tells us to be a member of the body of Christ, in our daily living, to verify the “amen” we make when we receive the Eucharist. I see this as the same as Paul’s admonition, in Romans 12, to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God as our true and proper worship.

When Jesus said “do this in remembrance of me”, He meant so much more than simply attending Mass every Sunday. He must have meant to offer ourselves as He was making an offering of himself. The early Church seemed to know this theologically but there is evidence that they struggled to help the attendees enter fully into it as we do today. I even struggle myself, at times, but I am always touched by those words, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

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, 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, Audianna 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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

<b>Tom &amp; Nia Olinger</b>	<b>36-years</b>
<b>Greg &amp; Sallie Saltzman</b>	<b>26-years</b>
<b>Dave &amp; edean Condit</b>	<b>30-years</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Marie Hickey</b>	<b>5-years</b>

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### 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 11/27/16**

<b>Plate:</b>	\$ 811.00
<b>Envelope:</b>	\$ 6,041.00
<b>Total Collection Basket:</b>	\$ 6,852.00

**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 Frances Ledwith RIP  
**Sunday:** 9:00am Harvey Marshall RIP  
 11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke  
**Tuesday:** 5:00pm Communion Service  
**Wednesday:** 7:30am Catherine Toy RIP  
**Thursday:** 7:30 am Kenny Hine RIP  
 6:00pm Harvey Marshall RIP  
**Friday:** 7:30am Joe Orrantia RIP  
**Saturday:** 5:00pm Michaelangelo Casarrubia RIP  
**Sunday:** 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke  
 11:30am Owenita Sanderlen

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**TODAY:** Seond Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** Weekday  
**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas  
**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Juan Diego  
**Saturday:** International Human Rights Day  
**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent



## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm -- Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -- Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel -- Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).  
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## PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

### **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.



### *Las Madrinhas*

**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***

*Holy Day of Obligation  
Immaculate Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary*



**Thursday December 8th  
7:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
CHOIR 2016**

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



All 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Young People

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

No preregistration.

**Registration and orientation December 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
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!!

**Retirement Fund  
for Religious  
Collection**

**December 10th & 11th**



*Share in the Care*

*Please give to those  
who have given a lifetime.*

Ninety-three percent of every donation to  
the National Religious Retirement Office  
aids senior religious.

[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

*Saint Luke Advent*

**Reconciliation Service**

*Are You the One*

*Who is to Come*

**Tuesday-December 13th**

**7pm**

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☞  
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**Joanie Maitilasso and Carole Morales**  
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**THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS**  
**MONDAY AT 12 NOON.**  
*secretary@thechurchofstluke.org*

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

☞ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ☞

**Month of December**  
*(Calendar Events are subject to change)*

- Sat 3rd** Second Sunday of Advent  
 3:30pm Reconciliation  
 5:00pm Mass
- Sun 4th** Second Sunday of Advent  
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
 9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word  
**10:15 am Feast of Saint Nicholas and Las Madrinan Bake Sale**  
 10:15 am No Confirmation Prep  
 10:30am No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II  
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
- Mon 5th** 3:45pm NO Middle School Faith Formation  
 4:00 pm NO Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
- Tue 6th** 5:00pm Communion Service
- Wed 7th** 7:30am Mass  
 4:00pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd II  
**5:30pm Emmaus**  
 7:00pm No RCIA Inquiry
- Thur 8th** **Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**  
 7:30am Mass  
 8:30am Centering Prayer  
 4:00pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II  
**6:00pm Mass**  
 6:45pm Young Adult Small Group
- Fri 9th** 7:30am Mass  
 9:00 am Gift Wrapping in Church Hall
- Sat 10th** Third Sunday of Advent  
 9:00 am Gift Wrapping in Church Hall  
 2:30pm Children's Christmas Choir Practice  
 3:30pm Reconciliation  
 5:00pm Mass
- Sun 11th** Third Sunday of Advent  
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary  
 9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word  
 9:00 am Gift Wrapping in Church Hall  
 10:15 am Confirmation Prep  
 10:30am Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II  
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word and  
 Baptism: Grace, Gia & Gavin Stellbrink
- Mon 12th** 4:00 pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II  
 5:00 pm Middle School Faith Formation  
 5:00 pm High School Youth Group  
 6:00pm M.S. & H.S. Christmas Caroling at  
 Good Samaritan

☞ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ☞

**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Cochran (619) 442-1697  
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**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Jacobson  
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**Lectors:** Susan Smothers  
**Ushers:** George Heidenrieck

**FAITH FORMATION**

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**Coordinator of Middle and High School Faith  
 Formation & Youth a/Young Adult Ministry:**  
 Evelyn Beale (619) 442-2515 x 106  
 Youthreled@thechurchofstluke.org

**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:**

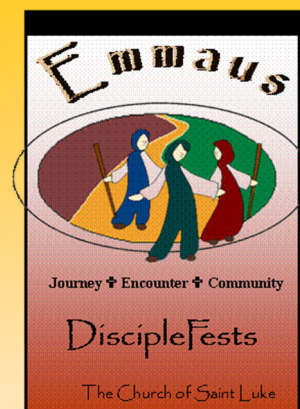
Dcn. Jerry Stenovec  
**Outreach Ministry:** Ken Stempien  
**Prayer Chain:** Nancy Adema  
**Respect Life:** Don Mercurio  
**Scrip:** Tom Stone  
**Small Church Communities:**  
 Jane Cruz Alfano, (619) 442-1697 x 103

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**  
 Mike Wasyliv  
**St. Luke Business Network:** Cathy March

# ADs

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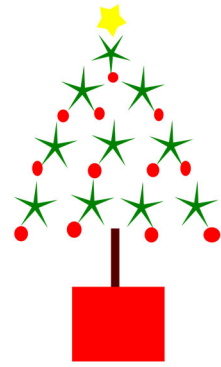
**We also invite you to celebrate with us at our future EMMAUS gatherings in 2017:**

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 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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



## NEW-Saint Luke Mobile App

Announcing the new St. Luke Mobile Parish App. Yes! this means you can access St. Luke information and interact with St. Luke staff and parishioners right from your smartphone.

You'll find the official church calendar, mass times, daily readings, staff contact information, Catholic news, and Catholic prayer, read the latest bulletin, and make contributions through our WeShare online giving site.

The messaging utility gives ministries, religious education, and other groups the ability to send out instant messages to fellow app users. This new tool will greatly improve inner-parish communications! All parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to sign up.

Here's how to get started:

From the text/message application on your smartphone—

- for apple devices Text stluke1 to 555888
- for android devices Text stluke2 to 555888

(no spaces between letters or number)

You will receive a message instructing you to download our app, just tap on the link and a new app icon will appear on your home screen bearing the face of St. Luke as you know him from our parish logo. It's easy!

## *Advent Penance Services*

St. John of The Cross	Monday	12/5	7 pm
Our Lady of Grace	Tuesday	12/06	7 pm
St. Pius X	Friday	12/09	7 pm
St. Martin of Tours	Monday	12/12	6 pm
St. Luke	Tuesday	12/13	7 pm
Santa Sophia	Wednesday	12/14	7 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Wednesday	12/14	7:30 pm
Holy Trinity	Thursday	12/15	7 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday	12/19	9 am & 7 pm
Guardian Angels	Tuesday	12/20	7 pm



## 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 are available at the Scrip Table after each Mass thru 12/ 17/18.**

**Email your order to Tom Stone  
at: [TNCStone@cox.net](mailto:TNCStone@cox.net)**



## Mark your calendar!

**Come help decorate the church for  
Christmas on Wednesday  
December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8 am.**

With many hands we will be done about noon We need men and women no experience necessary.

We need help decorating the Angel tree, hanging and fluffing wreaths, Setting up trees and generally making the Church ready for Christmas!

**Lunch will be provided.  
if you can help:  
Email Vicky Cate at**

## Poinsettia Memoriams

Poinsettias beautifully decorate our church on Christmas and are a special way to remember loved ones, both living and deceased.

Donation for small poinsettias are \$25.00, medium \$50.00 and large \$150.00.

**Envelopes are available in the pews or on the side tables in the Baptistery.**

For more info call the parish office at 442-1697.



**St. LUKE OUTREACH MINISTRY  
NEWS for July 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
\$300.00	Needy People in Community
\$ 61.68	Feeding San Diego
\$120.00	Bishop Flores Scholarship Fund
<u>\$60.19</u>	Snacks for San Diego Stand Down
<b>\$991.87</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Donations (RECEIVED):

\$609.88	Weekend Mass
<u>\$120.00</u>	Online Giving
<b>\$729.88</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

(Thank you for your support.)

### St. Luke Assistance Programs:

Delivered 4,357 lbs. of food to EJE and Anza Elementary Schools.

Thank You Letters/Notes (RECEIVED): None



## Save the Date February 4th, 2017

### 3rd Annual *Taste of Saint Luke International Cuisine*



## LOOKIN for VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers with many talents are needed to make this fund raiser a success.**

Share: food, fun and Friendship. Something delicious to taste for everyone!

If you are interested in volunteering, hosting a table or want to help with this fun event please call: Pat Riggs

**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 Baptistry in a box for Don or Vicky to collect.

**If you have questions please call**

**Vicky Cate**

**or Don Mercurio**

**Contact Don or Vicky for Large book donations.**



**East County Christmas for Kids:  
It's the most wonderful time of the year!!  
Volunteers needed**



**We will be wrapping gifts for over 3,000 registered children.**

***Friday, December 9th— Sunday, December 11th  
at 9am—9pm to wrap the toys in the hall.***

**Questions call *Michelle Curl***

We have had wonderful volunteers over the past years looking forward to another wonderful



**East County Christmas for Kids  
(an outreach program for the Church of Saint Luke)**



***Dear Parish of Saint Luke:***

Children in your community need your help now more than ever as the economy continues to make putting a meal on the table or a Christmas gift under the tree even more difficult for local families. The "East County Christmas for Kids" is a non-profit outreach project sponsored by the Church of Saint Luke to provide Christmas gifts and non-perishable food to the families of 14 of the 20 schools in the Cajon Valley School District.

**December 18th from 10:00-1:00  
at a New Location  
Lexington Elementary School  
1145 Redwood Ave. El Cajon CA 92019**

***We have 1432 families registered and 3048 children. If anyone is interested in making a monetary donation, donating a gift especially for ages 6-9 or purchasing gift wrap and tape from Costco please let me know.***

***"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans"***

***Blessings, Letty Reece***



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- Complimentary 24-hour room service from a select menu

**Come to an information night**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

**6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.**