

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015



God has commanded that every
lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7



FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

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. Mat 3:1-3

Reflection: Think about some obstacle you have experienced in a relationship with someone? What kinds of obstacles exist, in your life, which make having a deeper relationship with the Lord difficult? What action can you take to begin to remove those obstacles?

Alternative: What is your favorite board game? What kinds of things make winning the game difficult? What do you have to do to deal with the difficulties? What kinds of things do you think make it difficult to know Jesus? What one thing can you do to help deal with those difficulties?

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
Bob Guarnotta
Linda Jacobson
Anita Leak
Sam Lupo
Don Mercurio
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Dennie Nickell
Rick Roberts
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Dcn. Jerry Stenovoc
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,

Our Advent Community Reconciliation service is this week, on Thursday the 10th. My theory on the difference between Advent and Lenten reconciliation services is that the Lenten ones should have a penitential feel and the Advent ones should not. The Advent ones, maybe, should be more future oriented, like... this is what I am going to do to live a more holy life rather than this is what I'm sorry for that I did. In reality, they both have part of both aspects.

This Advent, as we did several years ago, we are taking the theme "Prepare the way". And, for our Reconciliation service, we are suggesting that we all do a spiritual house cleaning as a way of preparing for the Lord. Many of us do our holiday house cleaning as part of our preparation for Christmas; we clean, we decorate, we get everything feeling warm and cozy so that we can welcome our family and friends and experience the best the season has to offer.

So this year, I suggest we ask ourselves "What is the trash and rubble which gets in the way of my being present to the Lord and to His people?" "How can I sweep that out of the way?" I'm sure that we will find that it is the same old sins, faults and failings that we have confessed before; at least that is my experience. Either way, here is a short examination of conscience based on our theme.

- What resentments or grievances are tarnishing my life? How can I begin to let go of them and bring the sparkle back to my life?
- What unhealthy habits do I need to dispose of so that I can put healthier habits in place and reduce the chaos that inhibits my experiencing the fullness of the life I have been given?
- What gifts, skills or talents need to be dusted off and put back into the service of the Kingdom?
- What worldly clutter needs to be set aside to make room for the Lord's presence in my life?
- What do I need to rearrange in my life so that I can show God's love more clearly?

What have I swept under the carpet, in my life, which truly needs to be cleaned out to allow for an authentic celebration of the coming of the baby Jesus?

I pray that this Advent we can more and more see these four weeks as a time of preparation to experience the Lord's presence in our lives more deeply, not just on Christmas day but throughout the rest of our lives. If we can experience the Lord more deeply, we can more readily bring His loving presence to others in our day-to-day activities.

In His service,

Fr. Ron

FORGIVENESS : God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness. —Henry Ward Beecher



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

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 11/29/2015

Plate: \$ 772
Envelope: \$ 9,621
Total Collection Basket: \$ 10,393
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.

For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE SOUL OF: Emilio Morfin

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: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Michelangelo Casarrubia RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Luke
11:30am Karolyn Gallagher RIP

Tuesday: 7:30 am Catherine Toy RIP
6:00 pm Presider's intention

Wednesday: 7:30am Joe Orrantia RIP

Thursday: 7:30am Presider's intention

Friday: 7:30am Presider's intention

Saturday: 5:00pm Michelangelo Casarrubia RIP

Sunday: 9:00am Maria Theresa Bruno RIP
11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Thursday: Advent weekday

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, international Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Blanket Drive



It is time again for the blanket drive for the less fortunate people in Tijuana.

There are recent difficulties crossing donations to Mexico. Due to this recent obstacle, the decision was made that it would be more efficient to receive monetary donations and purchase the blankets in Tijuana.

A donation of **\$8.00** can buy a warm new blanket! Cash donations and checks made out to **Friends of the Poor** may be placed in a marked envelope and put in the collection plate. You may also bring or send your donation to the parish office at: 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. For more information please call Martha Evans.



Friends of the Poor

SOCK DRIVE

Friends of the Poor is collecting **new socks** for the less fortunate people in Tijuana.

Socks are needed for

All Ages and All Sizes!

Place socks in bin in baptistery.

Call Martha Evans for more information

Saint Luke Advent

Reconciliation Service

**Do Your Spiritual
Housecleaning.
Everyone is Invited To
Come To Our
Parish Community
Reconciliation Service
on**

December 10, 2015

7pm



Start Your Holiday Shopping Now

**The stores have already started...
why can't we?**

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.

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 Baptistry.**

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

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary



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

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☞
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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
5th

Second Sunday of Advent
10:00am Funeral Mass: Emilio Morfin
3:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sun
6th

Second Sunday of Advent
8:25 am Pro Life Rosary
9:00 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word
and Rite of Acceptance RCIA

10:15 am Saint Nicholas Visit & Las Madrinas Bake Sale
10:15 am HS Confirmation Prep
10:15 am Scripture Club 4-5
10:30 am Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level I & II
11:30 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon
7th

11:00 am ECC for Kids (unloading of toys)

Tue
8th

7:30 am Mass - Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)
1:00 pm ECC for Kids (wrapping)
6:00 pm Mass- Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wed
9th

7:30 am Mass
8:30am Centering Prayer
1:00 pm ECC for Kids (wrapping)
4:00 pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd 2
7:00 pm K of C General Meeting

7:00pm RCIA

Thur
10th

7:30am Mass
1:00 pm ECC for Kids (wrapping)
4:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level 1 & 2

7:00 pm Advent Community Reconciliation Service

Fri
11th

7:30 am Mass
1:00 pm ECC for Kids (wrapping)
3:45 pm Middle School Session

Sat
12th

Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 am ECC for Kids (load gifts for transport)
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Rosary for Peace

5:00 pm Mass

Sun
13th

Third Sunday of Advent
8:25 am Pro Life Rosary
9:00 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 am HS Volunteers ECC for Kids

10:15 am HS Confirmation Prep
10:15 am Scripture Club 4-5
10:30 am Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level I & II
11:30 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

☞ PARISH DIRECTORY ☞

Pastor: Rev. Ron Cochran (619) 442-1697
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Organist: Susan Paul
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Greeters: Maria Oliver
Ushers: George Heidenrieck

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Youthreled@thechurchofstluke.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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Centering Prayer: Carole Morales
Church Cleaning Crew: Peggy Nelson
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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 (619) 447-8914
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mike Wasyliw

The Giving Tree

Once Again, the faith community of St. Luke will be assisting families and orphans in need.

This youth ministry service project runs from Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, December 13, 2015.



You will find gift tags marked with specific items, such as, toys or clothing. These items were selected from the families' and children's Christmas wish lists.

Please take a tag, wrap the item, attach the gift tag, and return it by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015.

We are also accepting gift cards valued at \$10 or more from the following retailers:
Albertsons * CVS Pharmacy * Marshalls * Payless Shoes Ralph's/Food 4 Less *Rite Aide
* Ross Dress for Less * Smart and Final * Target Stores * Vons * Walgreens * Walmart

(You may buy and/or order your gift cards from the STL Scrip Team)

These retailers were selected because they are reasonably accessible for the families and some gift cards are used throughout the year to assist families in crisis.

You may place your pre-wrapped gifts under "The Giving Tree" located in the Baptistery. For security purposes, your gift donations will then be removed from under the tree and stored in a safe place. As an additional security measure, we ask that you place all gift cards, checks or cash designated for "The Giving Tree" in the regular weekend Mass collection baskets.

You may also drop off your pre-wrapped gifts, gift cards & other donations at our parish office. Monday through Friday (9:30am - 4:30pm) **no later than Monday, December 14, 2015** as all gifts will be delivered to the families early that week.

We sincerely thank you and appreciate your support! May you be blessed abundantly as you bless others through your generosity.
St. Luke's High School Youth Group

Las Madrinas

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale



This Sunday-December 6th

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 and The Giving Tree

The Feast of Saint Nicholas

will be celebrated

This Sunday-December 6th

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.

**East County Christmas 4 Kids
Children's Book Drive.**



We need your gently used or new children's books for the kids this Christmas. We know that reading is the path to success. Developing an early love of reading requires books you want to read. At last year's event, children gathered around the book tables and adults helped them choose a book they got to keep, that fit their level of reading ability. It was wonderful to watch. For some Children this was the first book they have ever chosen and gotten to keep. Sadly, we ran out of books. We are planning for an increase in the number of children this year and I believe we will need about 3000 books. We are collecting books for children from toddler to middle school, first books to "chapter books".

Please leave the books in the baptistry.

If you are interested in volunteering to help give out books at the event on Sunday, December 13, please contact Vicky Cate for more information.



*You are invited
to come and pray a
Rosary for Peace
at the Church of St. Luke
Saturday, December 12, 2015
at 4:00 PM*

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

**Retirement Fund
for Religious
Collection**

Dec 12 & 13, 2015



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

*Altar Flower
Intentions*



**Donate a Altar Flower
Arrangement
in celebration of or
in remembrance
of a loved one.**

*To schedule a donation, call the church office at
least two weeks in advance of your chosen
Sunday. Intentions will be posted in the bulletin.*

*The cost of an
arrangement is \$116.00.
For more information call the
office at 442-1697.*

Ministry to the Sick and 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

Taste of Saint Luke International Cuisine

February 6, 2016.



Lookin for Volunteers

Chairman for the dessert table.

International food will include delicious; Italian, Polish, Chaldean, Korean and, American

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

If you are interested in volunteering please call **Pat Riggs**



Mark your calendar!

**Come help decorate the church for
Christmas on Monday - December 21nd
starting at 8am.**

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:
contact Vicky Cate**

**Save the Date
February 6th, 2016**

2nd Annual

*Taste of Saint Luke
International Cuisine*



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

Advent Penance Services

St. John of The Cross	Wednesday	12/9	7 pm
St. Luke	Thursday	12/10	7 pm
St. Pius X	Thursday	12/10	7 pm
St. Martin of Tours	Monday	12/14	6 pm
Our Lady of Grace	Tuesday	12/15	7 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Tuesday	12/15	7 pm
Santa Sophia	Wednesday	12/16	7 pm
Holy Trinity	Thursday	12/17	7 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday	12/21	9 am & 7 pm
Guardian Angels	Tuesday	12/22	7 pm

THANK YOU! For Your Donation

On behalf of the students from the Zarqa South School in Amman, Jordan and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; I would like to sincerely thank Father Ron and the parishioners of the Church of St. Luke. Your generous donation allowed us to buy an additional 90 winter jackets for the Christian students in the Holy Land. The joy and spirit of giving is very apparent within our parish community. Thank you!

Carlos Cuellar
Knight of the Grand Office
Justice and Peace Committee
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
of Jerusalem
Western Lieutenancy, USA



".....YOUR SPARE CHANGE AND COINS APPRECIATED! Did you know that your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters & all coins in our church Mass collections directly benefit our Church of St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society---in helping the hungry, the poor and the needy in our parish, El Cajon Community and East County area. One of the compelling messages of Pope Francis is to "Go, meet the poor"...today, imagine, all the children who don't have something to eat is not news. This is serious. We cannot stay calm! We cannot become starch-pressed Christians, those Christians who...speak of theological issues over tea, calmly. No! We must become courageous Christians and go out in search of those who are the flesh of Christ...This is our poverty: the poverty of the flesh of Christ..."

Thank You & God Bless,
Mike Wasyliv
SVdPaul Society Church of St. Luke



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



We will be wrapping gifts for 3,500 registered children.

*Monday, December 7th at 11am to unload the toys at the hall.
Tuesday—Friday (December 8-11) at 1pm to 9 pm to wrap gifts in the hall.
Saturday, December 12th 8:00 am to load gifts for transport to site,
unload and set up at site.*

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

Questions call or text Michele Curl.



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 13th from 10:00-1:00 at Cajon Valley Middle School.

Cash Donations are needed to augment the donated toys, purchase wrapping supplies, additional books and stocking stuffers. Contact: Letty Reece

To volunteer to help contact:

Gift Wrapping - 12/7-12/12 Michele Curl -

Admissions-Letty Reece

Toy Give Away at Party -Michele Curl

**Set up -12/12 8AM to 3 or so - At Cajon Valley Middle School
Bob Guarnotta**

**Take Down - 12/13 3PM to finish
Bob Guarnotta**