

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Mt 11:2-5

Reflection: Share about/Reflect upon where you have looked for healing in your life? What other "messiahs" have you turned to? How can you open yourself more to our Lord's healing love?

Alternative Reflection: Think about a time when you were really down or lonely or afraid to do something which you knew you had to do. How did you get beyond what was holding you back? Who was helpful to you? How do you see the Lord's presence in that situation? How can you open yourself more to this type of help from the Lord?

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016



Those whom the LORD has
ransomed will return and
enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting
joy. -- Isaiah 35:10a

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

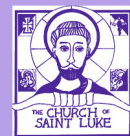
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

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:

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,

We are now entering into the third week of Advent and this year's round of parish Reconciliation Services has begun. By the time you read this, I will have already helped out at three of them. Ours is this Tuesday, the 13th at 7:00 pm. Even though there are so many penance services, I like to point out that Advent is not a penitential season. Deacon Dennie likes to inform us that the Ordo, the little book that gives instructions about liturgical celebrations, says that Advent is a semi-penitential season.

One of the problems is that we keep hearing Scriptures wherein John the Baptist is saying things like "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." And that word "repent" sure sounds so much like a call to do penance. But, the Greek word is *metanoia*. It implies making a change. It is more future-oriented than the concept of doing penance.

John is telling us that the Kingdom of God is close and we should stop focusing in the things which distract us, our sins, and change our focus to the coming Kingdom. If we don't, we are liable to miss it. That seems, to me, like the concept of watchful waiting that we've heard in so many readings lately. The admonition to "stay awake" is an admonition to stay focused, focused on the coming Kingdom of God.

In this last Sunday's Gospel, John tells the Pharisees and the Saducees to produce good fruit as evidence of their repentance. He is telling them that, if they are really making the change that *metanoia* means, it will be evident in the fruitfulness of the way they live their lives. Notice that he doesn't tell them to wear sackcloth and ashes to show their repentance.

Advent, by its very nature is future oriented. It is a time for us to look back at the distractions which have kept us from living as true disciples. It is a time for us to make a decision to let go of those distractions, the things which keep us from right relationship with God and his people, our sins. And it is a time to focus on living more completely in the Kingdom that our lives might be changed and we become more fruitful, more life giving.

The more we make this change of focus, the more we experience the Lord's presence in our lives. He is there in every fruitful act we do. So as we prepare for the celebration of His first coming, let us open ourselves to his coming more fully into our day-to-day lives now, that we might be better prepared for his second coming.

Our parish Reconciliation Service, our *Metanoia* Service, is this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. We will have nine priests hearing confessions so the service should go quickly. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a change in your life and open yourself to God's grace to help you live that change.

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:

Tom & Nia Olinger	36-years
Greg & Sallie Saltzman	26-years
Dave & Edean 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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday: 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
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Michaelangelo Casarrubia RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke
 11:30am Owenita Sanderlen RIP
Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Steven Contreras RIP
Thursday: 7:30 am Steven Contreras RIP
Friday: 7:30am Steven Contreras RIP
Saturday:5:00pm Bruno and Margaret Bubis RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Tom Borgerding RIP
 11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Thursday: Weekday
Friday: Las Posadas begins
Saturday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday: fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH FINANCES

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program. The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

LAST WEEK: Totals for 12/4/16

Plate:	\$ 749.00
Envelope:	\$ 10,151.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$ 10,900.00

Online Giving November 2016: \$ 19,024.78 111 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm -- Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel -- Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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 Baptistery .

We need all available hands

Monday, December 19 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

For more information please
call Peggy Nelson

*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

Father Joe's Villages

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

We are scheduled to serve dinner on **December 23 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. Thank you.

**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

**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!!



Mark your calendar!

**Come help decorate the church for
Christmas on Wednesday
December 21st 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**

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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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
(Calendar Events are subject to change)

- Sat 10th** Third Sunday of Advent
 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
 10:30am 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
- Tue 13th** 5:00pm Communion Service
 7:00pm **Advent Penance Service**
 7:45pm Penance and Pizza H.S. /Young Adult
- Wed 14th** 7:30am Mass
 4:00pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd II
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry
 7:00pm K of C General Mtg.
- Thur 15th** 7:30am Mass
 8:30am Centering Prayer
 4:00pm Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
 5:00pm No Pastoral council Mtg.
- Fri 16th** 7:30am Mass
- Sat 17th** Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2:30pm Children's Christmas Choir Practice
 3:30pm Reconciliation
 5:00pm Mass
- Sun 18th** Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am Confirmation Prep Service at ECC4K
 8:15am Pro Life Rosary
 9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
 10:30am No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
 11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy Word
 1:00pm Group Baptism
- Mon 19th** 9:00am Church Cleaning
 4:00pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
 5:00pm Middle School Faith Formation

☞ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ☞

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

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Eucharistic Adoration: Cindy Christmas & Mike Wasyliv
Friends of the Poor: Martha Evans
Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio, G.K.
Marriage Preparation: Joanie Maitilasso
Ministry to Sick and Homebound:

Dcn. Jerry Stenovec
Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien
Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema
Respect Life: Don Mercurio

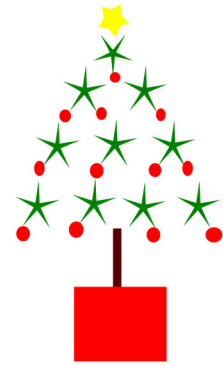
Scrip: Tom Stone (619)
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 Jane Cruz Alfano, (619) 442-1697 x 103
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Mike Wasyliv
St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

ADs

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





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.

Advent Penance Services

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm

There will be no Reconciliation on this day.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am



Save the Date February 4th, 2017

3rd Annual *Taste of Saint Luke International Cuisine*



LOOKIN for VOLUNTEERS

Host a table, gather a few of your friends and make your favorite ethnic dinner. Sell dinner tickets, help serve, setup and take down, and many more opportunities.

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

St. Louis to Louisville

Bluegrass Grandeur, October 13-20, 2017

French America Line celebrates the cultural and epicurean influences of *la belle France* mixed with warm Southern hospitality and refined, unobtrusive service, as we sail from St. Louis to Louisville, Kentucky, on an American premium river cruise.



DAY 1 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Arrive in St. Louis and check in to your deluxe hotel, which is adjacent to the city's attractions. Wonder at the St. Louis Arch, an unequalled architectural statement that defines this storied town, then continue your architectural tour at the imposing Cathedral of St. Louis. Indulge a less lofty American pastime at the Anheuser-Busch brewery, an American classic.

DAY 2 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Your fare includes breakfast this morning at your hotel as well as a transfer to the *Louisiane* and all portorage. Settle into your stateroom or suite, head to The Veranda for a light snack and then bid St. Louis farewell. *Bon voyage!*

DAY 3 - CHESTER, ILLINOIS Get tickled by the Popeye Museum and the beloved sailor's statue, found here in the hometown of his creator, E. C. Segar. Journey to Ste. Genevieve and admire the preserved French Colonial architecture.

DAY 4 - CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI Engage with history at this battle site where Union and Confederate soldiers clashed in a fierce barrage of artillery. Study the illuminating murals peppering the town, and visit the lovingly restored Glenn House, a reminder of a more genteel time.

DAY 5 - PADUCAH, KENTUCKY Picture 42,000 Union soldiers boarding 185 ships on their way upriver, and you'll get a sense of the rich local history that is captured at the Floodwall Murals. See the Wacinton Sculpture honoring the Chickasaw Indians and tour the enchanting National Quilt Museum.

DAY 6 - HENDERSON, KENTUCKY Seek inspiration in Henderson, as did both the unequalled naturalist John James Audubon and blues legend W. C. Handy. Visit the John James Audubon Museum, which displays the world's largest collection of Audubon art and artifacts.

DAY 7 - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Discover captivating Louisville, named after King Louis XVI of France, as you sip a mint julep and stroll the waterfront. Be sure to head to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Churchill Downs or learn about a boxing legend at the Muhammad Ali Center.

DAY 8 - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (DISEMBARKATION) Bid *adieu* to the *Louisiane* and begin your journey home**

****Optional extension to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail**

Complimentary custom-crafted shore excursions in every port of call; Complimentary free-flowing hand-selected spirits, wines, and beers throughout your voyage; Open seating at breakfast, lunch and dinner; Onboard history experts interpret the world around you; Unparalleled onboard entertainment; Complimentary bicycles, helmets and local maps; iPads® in each suite and stateroom; Complimentary 24-hour room service from a select menu

**Information night,
Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30 PM
in the Parish Hall**



The Church of Saint Luke GOES GREEN

The Parish Finance Council and I have considered the possibility of installing solar panels for the Church of St. Luke. We've consulted with the Diocese and several parishes that have already installed solar panels and have received preliminary proposals from two contractors.



Online Giving Link:

[http://](http://thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com/)

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Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar. For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697.

It appears that we have two options. One is to lease the solar equipment from a provider and the other is outright ownership of the equipment. The leasing option would save us somewhere in the vicinity of 10% of our energy bills, about \$4,700 annually. The ownership option would save us in the vicinity of 90%. The dollar amount would be between \$35,000 and \$40,000 annually.

We have decided that we prefer the ownership option and, from preliminary bids, expect that it will cost us around \$320,000 to complete the project.

We wish to begin fundraising for the project sometime in 2017 but know that some of you need donation opportunities for this current tax year. For this reason we have established the Solar Project Fund to allow for donations this year. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity you can speak to James Crockett at our office or click the "On Line Giving" button on our website.

Note: Phase III of The Church of St. Luke, also known as the Chapel Project, is still in planning, and funds are still "in the bank". These funds *will not* be used for the solar project.

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!

NEW BULLETIN COMING!! Bulletin Advertisers Needed

Do you own a business? Would you like to remember a loved one with a weekly memorial? Are you looking to reach out to your fellow parishioners every week? Would you like to help The Church of St. Luke in a unique way? If so, why not advertise in the St. Luke weekly bulletin? St. Luke is changing bulletin publishers, and the new bulletin will go into effect January 15, 2017. Our bulletin needs ads! The ads and sponsorships on the bulletin will allow for us to receive our weekly bulletin at no cost to the church. Kjirsten Finnegan and Jessi Sallenbach from our new bulletin publishing partner, Liturgical Publications, will be in the parish office the week of December 5 calling current advertisers and seeking new advertisers for the bulletin. For more information OR to make an appointment, please contact:

**Kjirsten at (402) 312-9955 or KFinnegan@4LPi.com
 or Jessi at (402) 850-4950 or JSallenbach@4LPi.com.
 Thank you!**

CHURCH ASSISTIVE HEARING FM SYSTEM

Our Church has a FM assistive hearing system. All Church amplified audio is simultaneously transmitted over a FM system. Individual FM "receivers" are available for our use. The Church FM receivers have a single-ear earpiece that plugs into the FM receiver on one end, and into one ear on the other. Better reception is possible by using your own personal "ear buds" (allowing audio to both ears). The best reception will be obtained by t-coil equipped hearing aid users when they use an induction loop. FM receivers are available before mass, and must be returned to an usher or to the sacristy after mass. If you're having difficulty hearing in Church; ask about using this very effective assistive hearing system.

St. LUKE OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS for August 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
\$759.00	Needy People in Community
\$216.73	Feeding San Diego
<u>\$200.00</u>	Friends of the Poor
\$1,625.73	TOTAL



Donations (RECEIVED):

\$330.00	Weekend Mass
<u>\$955.00</u>	Online Giving
\$1,285.00	TOTAL (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