

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples



FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14
SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7
GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. Mt 1:18b-20a

Reflection: Share about/Reflect upon an important choice, or decision, you've had to make in your life. What were the pros and cons? How did you finally make the decision? Did you rely on logic, chance, feelings, prayer... or what? How can you open yourself more to God's guidance in your decision-making process?

Alternative reflection: Reflect upon/Share about a decision you've made which affected another person or other people. How did you weigh the effect it would have on them? What role did God play in making your decision? How can you give God a larger role?

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016



They shall name him
Emmanuel, which means
"God is with us."
-- Matthew 1:23

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
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Bob Guarnotta
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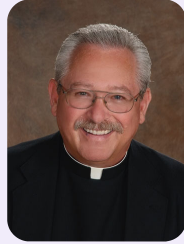
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

Parish Finance Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
James Chitkowski
Jim Crockett
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From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,
Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 13, I'm preaching, in Tijuana, on Mt 21:28-32. Since I can't think of anything else to write about for the bulletin, I'll share my thoughts on this Gospel with you. That will also help me prepare to preach. It is the story of the father who had two sons and asked them both to go into the vineyard and work. One son said yes and the other said no. The one who said no, later changed his mind and went to work in the vineyard anyway. The one who said yes, never went. Here are my notes from my reflection on that Gospel.

The vineyard is a symbol of the world. Working in the vineyard is doing evangelization. Anyone who is baptized is committed to living the life of discipleship which includes evangelization (evangelization of self, others and society/institutions).

This Gospel asks us to do more than go to Mass, receive the sacraments, do our devotions, etc. It asks us to go out into the vineyard and evangelize, that we take the Gospel into the world, that we be Eucharist for others, that we bring our Lord's loving presence to the normal situations of our day-to-day lives... that we let him heal the sick, bind up the wounded, give sight to the blind, etc.

If we say we are Christian but we don't evangelize, we are like that son that told his father he would go into the vineyard but didn't.

I notice that I use the phrase "to bring our Lord's loving presence to the normal situations of our day-to-day lives" all the time. I'm not confident that I am getting through to people though. The reason I'm not confident is that I'm not sure that I'm getting through to myself even. I'm not usually aware of trying to bring the Lord's presence into my life but I think that awareness is important.

I think it is important for us to purposefully and consciously be about the Lord's work in everything that we do. I think it is important because, if we are consciously trying to do the Lord's will, it will keep us from just doing whatever comes to mind. It will help keep us from responding inappropriately because of our emotions or our disordered desires. It will train us to eventually do the right thing out of habit without having to think about it.

The question for me is how to be aware of doing whatever I do, whenever I do anything, for the Lord. I only have one suggestion and I find following through on this suggestion quite difficult and I have been trying to implement it for quite a long time. My suggestion is to try to live every moment of our day in an awareness of the presence of the Lord.

If we are aware of the Lord's presence, and we are intentional disciples, it seems to me that we will do the Lord's will, he will help us grow, we will consciously experience his love and we will be the experience of his love for others. That's what I think working in the vineyard is all about.

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

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Marty & Lil Collins 49-years
John & Christine Weisickle 43-years
Martin & Adriana Holguin 15-years
Joe & Pauline Doran 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 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Tom Borgerding RIP
 11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke
Tuesday: 5:00pm Communion Service
Wednesday: 7:30am Mary Alice Balmert RIP
Thursday: 7:30am Steven Contreras RIP
Friday: 7:30am Jim Carver RIP
Saturday: 4:00pm Parishioners of St. Luke
 7:00pm Dominic Mazzeno RIP
 10:00pm Harvey Marshall RIP
Sunday: 9:00am Joe & Mary Orrantia RIP

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: Weekday
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

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 12/11/16

Plate:	\$ 728.00
Envelope:	\$ 8,413.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$ 9,141.00

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 -- You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm -- Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading -- God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel -- The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24). 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.

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French carula, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night! --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

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Order forms & Gift Cards are available at the Scrip Table after each Mass thru 12/ 17/18.

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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.

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



at

December 18th from 10:00-1:00

a New Location

Lexington Elementary School

1145 Redwood Ave. El Cajon CA 92019



“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans”

Blessings, Letty Reece

Save the Date February 4th, 2017

3rd Annual

*Taste of Saint Luke
International Cuisine*



TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 7TH
After all the Masses

Adults \$20.00
Children under 12—\$5.00

Remember we sold out before the dinner
the last two years.

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. 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!

Thank You Bulletin Ad Sponsors! Help Still Needed!

Kjirsten Finnegan was with us this past week securing advertisers for our new Bulletin. We would like to thank you all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year. We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact

Kjirsten at [\(402\) 312-9955](tel:4023129955) or KFinnegan@4LPi.com.

Thank you!

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www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com

☞ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ☞
Month of December
(Calendar Events are subject to change)

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
4:00 pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
5:00 pm Middle School Faith Formation

Tue
20th

5:00pm Communion Service

Wed
21st

7:30am Mass
8:00am Church Decoration for Christmas
4:00pm NO Catechesis of Good Shepherd II
7:00pm RCIA Inquiry

Thur
22nd

7:30am Mass
8:30am Centering Prayer
4:00pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II

Fri
23rd

7:30am Mass

Sat
24th

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas
4:00pm Children's Choir Mass
7:00pm Mass
10:00pm Mass

Sun
25th

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas
9:00am Mass
10:30am No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II

Mon
26th

Office Closed
4:00pm No Catechesis of Good Shepherd I/II
5:00pm No Middle School Faith Formation

☞ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ☞

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Mike Wasyliv
St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

ADs



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.

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 17th.
3:30-4:30PM.

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

Advent Penance Services

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Monday
Guardian Angels Tuesday

12/19 9 am & 7 pm
12/20 7 pm



Mark your calendar!

Come help decorate the church for Christmas on Wednesday December 21nd 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:

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



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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**

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**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://>

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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.