

JESUS CHRIST THE KING
November 23, 2008

*Whatever you did for
one of these
least ones,
you did
for
me*



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Reflection on the Word

Tom is allergic to cats, even when they're not around but once were. His eyes turn red, and he starts to wheeze so that he has to excuse himself and leave. Oddly enough, he has lately befriended a neighborhood stray at his back door. He doesn't touch it, and he won't allow it into his house, but he feeds it regularly and even misses it when it doesn't show up on his stoop. Something moves us to care for the lost among us. It is often instinctive, and at times even contrary to our own best interests, as with Tom and his allergy to cats.

Is such sympathy for the underdog written on the back of our psyches? Are lost souls really long-lost kin? Is it guilt that moves us to contribute to food pantries and bread lines or is it genuine compassion? If we are to believe in the Incarnation, that God has taken form in human flesh, then those instincts to visit shut-ins imprisoned in their own homes and to free those who still find themselves locked into poverty are Godly instincts. It is holiness bred in our bones incapable of being held in.

Because someone is hungry, we find ourselves giving to a food pantry or volunteering at a soup kitchen. Because someone is a stranger, we welcome them into our neighborhood and seek ways to comfort the immigrant. Because someone is imprisoned by illness or old age, we visit them and check in on them. And because our own individual efforts often seem so meager in the face of so many needs, we seek ways to institutionalize our care through government policy and funding. It is all a Godly instinct.

For Consideration & Discussion

- ‡ How does the Godly instinct to care for the weakest among us show itself in your life?
- ‡ Have you ever been on the receiving end of such compassion? What was that like? What did you learn? Did it have a Godly feel?

Responding to the Word

To say that Christ is king, that he reigns over our lives, is to admit to a world bigger than our own. In Christ's Realm, each is cared for simply because each is a part of the kingdom.

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. Ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week's scriptures —

- ♥ In your relationship with God
- ♥ With family and friends,
- ♥ At work, school, or church,
- ♥ In the broader community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO COUNSELING SERVICES

Creating change through empathic listening, thoughtful dialogue. Many times our perception of a life event is one of the biggest challenges we face. Some experience a feeling of "stuckness" in life: a sense of not being able to move forward, due to a constant retreat to familiar behaviors and disabling emotions. Others seek our behavioral healthcare services to heal addictions or take the next step in their recovery process. Many of our older clients suffer from grief as a result of losing a partner. Some clients seek counseling for help in dealing with traumatic events in their lives. We welcome all and offer a sliding scale. Services are available in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call us:

- * San Francisco 415-564-7882
- * Marin 415-507-4262
- * San Mateo 650-295-2160 Ext. 210

♥ *Heart Warmers*

**Never pass a day
without thanking Jesus Christ
for all he has done for you during your life.**

— St. John Vianney



Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Pre-K through High School
Nancy Becerra: (650) 574-9191

THANKSGIVING



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NOVEMBER 27, 2008
9:00 am Mass (Main Church)
There will be
 blessing of the bread and wine
to be used at your
Thanksgiving Dinner!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November

23 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K

December

3 Wed. 5:30-6:30 pm Grades 1-4
7:30-8:30 pm Grades 5-8
7 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)  
FOR CHILDREN**

December

7 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am  
14 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am  
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CONFIRMATION CLASS

December

4 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
18 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
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## Youth Ministry ~ SLY

The Saint Luke Youth Mission Statement  
✦ Serving God  
✦ Serving the Community  
✦ Serving the Youth

Our Youth Ministry would like to thank each and everyone who supported their Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Samaritan House. It surely was a productive project to have made the Thanksgiving Dinner complete for some low-income families of San Mateo County.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**JUNNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL**  
451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo; 650-345-8207  
Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 pm

**WOODSIDE PRIORY SCHOOL**  
302 Portola Road, Portola Valley  
Saturday, December 6  
For reservations, please call 650-851-8221

## RCIA FOR ADULTS

The Adult Faith Formation is ongoing every Thursday, here at the Church. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or just learning more about the Church, please ask them to contact **Deacon Paul Lucia** at the Parish Office, 650-345-6660.



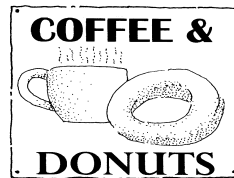
HIP Housing

## San Mateo County Housing Resources

HIP Housing, a 35 year non-profit organization in San Mateo, offers 4 housing programs: **Home sharing** links people who have housing to share with those seeking a place to live; **Home Equity Conversion Counseling** provides objective information about Reverse Mortgages to senior homeowners; **Self-Sufficiency** offers 1-3 years of housing and case-management for families with children who are working toward educational & career goals; and **Property Development** allows HIP Housing to provide subsidized and below-market rent in 190 units. San Mateo County has many persons in need of housing and many renters and homeowners who could use some help with their housing costs.

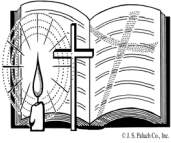
For more information contact: Laura Fanucchi (650) 348-6660 ext. no.303 [lfanucchi@hiphousing.org](mailto:lfanucchi@hiphousing.org)

**Immaculate Heart Radio's December On-Air Pledge Drive** will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2nd through Thursday, Dec. 4th from 6 am to 6 pm each day at Mater Dolorosa School in South San Francisco. We need your help to answer phone calls, run errands, or help with hospitality. If you can help for an hour or a couple of hours any day, please call Deborah Heinrichs at 916-535-0500 ext. 221 or email her at [dheinrichs@ihradio.org](mailto:dheinrichs@ihradio.org).



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*Everyone is invited  
for a Fellowship after the  
9:00 and 10:30 am Mass  
every Sunday!*



## Scripture Readings

November 23, 2008

- Sunday:** Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23;  
I Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46
- Monday:** Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5;  
Psalm 24; Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Revelation 14:14-19;  
Psalm 96; Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Revelation 15:1-4;  
Psalm 98; Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3,9a;  
Psalm 100; Luke 21:20-28
- Friday:** Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2;  
Psalm 84; Luke 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Revelation 22:1-7;  
Psalm 95; Luke 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80;  
I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

## Mass Intentions

For the week of November 24, 2008



- Monday** +Arthur Thiessen
- Tuesday** +Albert Primitiva
- Wednesday** Private Intention
- Thursday** +Alfred Stanto
- Friday** +Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski
- Saturday**  
8:30 am All Souls  
5:00 pm +Lori Turek
- Sunday**  
7:30 am For the People of St. Luke  
9:00 am +Arthur Thiessen  
10:30 am +Thomas Russel Akin  
5:00 pm +Jim Haplin, Josephine McVey, and  
Ann Newell



## Mass Schedule for

November 29 and 30, 2008

- Saturday**  
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Angels
- Sunday**  
7:30 am Fr. Jonathan  
9:00 am Fr. Bill Choir: Joyful Noise  
10:30 am Fr. Bill Choir: Burning Bush  
5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Kevin's Flock

If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Luke Parish to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 345-6660. Please take some time this week to remember the following people and intentions in your prayers:



- ✠ **For all those who are ailing** especially Josefa Garcia, Roman Viray, Ellen Bona, Ron Cox, Ana Vazquez, Beatrice de Leon, Rhodora Golez, Elisha Acero, Ruth Tabnick, Tom Bortak, Suzanne Clark, Peggy Ankerband, Lolita Lopez, Frank Tucci, Fionulla Mullarney, Michelle Burtcher, Julie Allen, Anna Gonzalo, John Gemenez, Pam Frisella, Sara & Paul Han Jr., Marisa Jose, Edong Pascua, Johnnie Baker, Binh Trinh and Hal Tanforan
- ✠ **For our recently deceased** parishioners, relatives and friends, especially Corazon Benitez and Lori Turek we pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

## Weekly Collections

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

**Stewardship...** Last Sunday's collection: November 16, our parish received **\$5,800**. This figure includes a portion of the once a month credit card donations.

**2008 Archbishop Annual Appeal ...** This year, St. Luke has been assessed **\$69,500**. So far, the number of families who have pledged is **125** (out of almost 900). We now stand at **80%** at **\$56,360** pledged, but we still need **\$13,140** to meet our goal. . We need the help of the rest of the parish, as members of the St. Luke Community, and as such, bear a responsibility for supporting this need.

**Please pledge to help us!**

Christian Giving

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Now, you can give cash to support St. Luke's Catholic Church through **E-Scrip ...** the vehicle that allows you to contribute to your church without costing you a dime. How does it work? Just sign up your various credit cards via the mail or on the website **www.escrrip.com**. St. Luke's group **ID number is 137683615**. Please call **John Bernat** at (650) 341-4045 for more info or if you need help registering.

# Contact People

**Altar Linens:** Mary True: (650) 571-8783

**Altar Servers:** Perry Durant: (650) 571-5051

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you know of any parishioners who are sick or hospitalized or are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, please call the office.

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator:**

Barbara Elordi, Marriage and Family Therapist, for persons who have suffered sexual abuse from members of the Catholic clergy. Call (415) 614-5506 (direct & secured phone line of Ms. Elordi)

**Baptism:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.

**Christian Burial:** Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.

**Cursillo:** Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345

**Divorced and Separated Catholics:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, San Mateo. Call Gail Castro: (650) 591-8452

**Finance Council:** John Bernat: (650) 341-4045

**Knights of Columbus:** Marvin A. Crockett: (650)341-4058

**Legion of Mary:** Saturdays at 9:00 am.

Georgiana Unson: (650) 345-2613

**Lectors & Eucharistic Captains:**

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

**Liturgy Coordinators:** Watch bulletin for meeting times

**Marriages:** Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.

**Music Groups:** Children: Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Joyful Noise & Kevin's Flock

– Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Burning Bush & Emmaus Choir

– Elysaabeth Allen: Tel. No. (650) 573-6858

Youth Choir - Elysaabeth Allen: (650) 573-6858

**Pastoral Council:** John Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

**Right to Life:** Donna Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

**Sandwiches on Sunday:** Peg Culver: (650) 349-1408

**St. Vincent De Paul Conference:**

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

# This Week in Our Parish

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation

**Thursday, November 27**

All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm ~ Benediction

7:45 pm-9:15 pm ~ RCIA for Adults

**Saturday, November 29**

9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary

10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**\*\*Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose**

November 22 & 23, Sat. & Sun., 10 am to 4 pm

43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont

For more info, please call 510-657-2648, Ext. 6310

Proceeds will benefit the on-going ministries of the Dominican Sisters.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us as we celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Mass for the **Divorced and Separated of the Archdiocese of San Francisco**. It will be concelebrated on **Saturday, November 29 at 5:30 P.M. at St. John of God Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Irving Street** in San Francisco.

A potluck reception will follow, with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. For info contact Father Al Grosskopf, S.J., 415-422-6698, Susan Fox, 415-752-1308, or Gail Castro 650-591-8452.

## HEALING RETREAT

Theme: **Deliver Us From Evil**

Speakers: Fr. Michael Barry, SS CC and

Fr. Chris Crotty, CPM

**November 29-30, 2008 9am-5pm**

South San Francisco Conference Center

Information and Registration, call 800-456-4197

[www.sraphael.com](http://www.sraphael.com) or [www.straphaelministries.org](http://www.straphaelministries.org)

E-Mail: [srm.inc@juno.com](mailto:srm.inc@juno.com)

## KEEPING IN CONTACT... *St. Luke Parish Community*

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian friendship to you, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, or have moved, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We will send new parishioners a census form.

■ New Parishioner

■ Have moved, here's the new address.

■ I have changed my phone number.

■ I am moving, please remove my name from list.

■ I am a shut-in and would like someone to visit.

■ I am going to be in the hospital, please call me.

■ I'd like information about \_\_\_\_\_

■ I'd like to volunteer as \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_