

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2008



The
Child
Grew in
Size and
Strength

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Reflection on the Word

On Christmas, we celebrate God becoming human, when the face of creation was changed. We ponder that great mystery of the Incarnation: Jesus is true God and truly human. The divine has entered into communion with the human in the body and soul of Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is not a single day, however, but an entire season. Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we ponder the Holy Family. What difference does this mystery of the Incarnation make for families? Jesus came to bring together the children of Israel into a new family, a family united not by blood but by faith in him. So in today's Gospel we see some of the first members of that family.

Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of Jesus as the compassion of God, the Gospel of prayer, the Gospel of the Holy Spirit; we can also think of it as the Gospel of family. He first introduces us to Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, parents of John the Baptist. Then we meet Mary and Joseph.

Today we meet two other family members, Simeon and Anna, not related by blood, but only by faith in the promises of the God of Israel. Each sees in the child Jesus the glory of Israel and the light for the Gentiles.

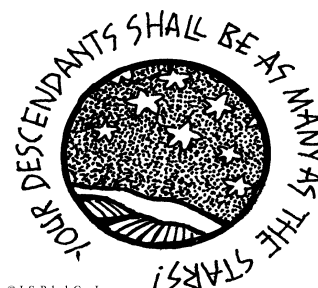
Christmas reminds us that by baptism into Christ we are now part of God's family. As God's family, "God's chosen ones," as Paul reminded the Colossians (3:62), we are to put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

For Consideration & Discussion

- ✠ What does it mean to be "family"?
- ✠ Do you see yourself as part of God's family?
- ✠ Is there a way that you can help someone feel what it means to be part of God's family?

Responding to the Word

Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family and for giving us at baptism and at confirmation the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together, for Christ came as a Savior for all men and women.



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Youth Ministry ~ SLY

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

First Friday ~ January 2, 2009

Participate in the
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
throughout the day
beginning immediately after the 8:30 am Mass.
Spend some quiet time in the presence of the
Lord. The chapel is open the entire day.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January

7 Wed. 5:30-6:30 pm Grades 1-4
7:30-8:30 pm Grades 5-8
10 Sat. 2:00-4:00 Reconciliation Retreat
- First Communicants
11 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K

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.

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

January

11 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am
25 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am

Volunteers Needed!

Last year the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** served over 76,000 meals to the hungry and homeless in San Mateo County. Volunteers are needed to help serve at our Homeless Help Centers in South San Francisco and San Mateo. Learn more at the SVdP Volunteer Orientation On **Tuesday, January 6, 1:30pm** at the San Mateo District Office. Volunteers are also needed to answer helpline calls and for computer data entry. Call Lisa at (650) 373-0623 to reserve a spot at the volunteer orientation.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

January

8 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
22 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
25 Sun. 2:00 pm

* Talk at the St. Luke's Main Church for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors (2nd Choice)

Help us feed the hungry!

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Save a baby! Help a Mom!

Next **Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009**, is the **1st Saturday of the month & year!** Join us at 9 AM in praying the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo, to end abortion.

Let's stop abortion this year!!!

For more info, call San Mateo Pro Life at 572-1468.

♥ **Heart Warmers**

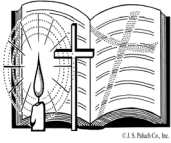
Dear Parents,

**I implore you
to imitate the
Holy Family of Nazareth.**

— St. John Vianney



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Scripture Readings

December 28, 2008 to January 4, 2009

Sunday:	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40
Monday:	I John 2:3-11; Psalm 96; Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday:	I John 2:12-17; Psalm 96; Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday:	I John 2:18-21; Psalm 96; John 1:1-18
Thursday:	Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67;; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Friday:	I John 2:22-28; Psalm 98; John 1:19-28
Saturday:	I John 2:29-3-6; Psalm 98; John 1:29-34
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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 Librado Ramirez, Antonia Canoy, Faith Gillis, Randy Robin, Keith Fitzpatrick, Virginia Petraglia, Elizabeth Adorable, Cherie Beals, Doris Sullivan, Mina Teves, Brian Walsh, Raymond Acero, Jenny Slove, Kay Ketcham, Dolores Maga, Rudy Rucker, Catalina Nokom, Gerda White, Ronald Reidenbach, Hal & Rose Tanforan.
- ✠ **For our recently deceased** parishioners, relatives and friends, especially Yvonne Brath, Ben Andreoli, Angelita Redor, Rhodora Golez, and Binh Trinh, 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

Mass Intentions

December 29, 2008 to January 4, 2009



Monday	+Binh Trinh
Tuesday	+Binh Trinh
Wednesday	For a Blessed Year of 2009
Thursday	+Binh Trinh
Friday	+Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski
Saturday	
8:30 am	+Binh Trinh
5:00 pm	+Annunciata & Paolo
Sunday	
7:30 am	For the People of St. Luke
9:00 am	+Josefa Jimenez
10:30 am	+Theresa Bassey
5:00 pm	+Binh Trinh

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

Stewardship... Last Sunday's collection: December 21 our parish received **\$5,451.00**. This figure includes a portion of the once a month credit card donations.

2008 Archbishop Annual Appeal ... This year, St. Luke has been assessed **\$69,500.00**. We now stand at **99.88%** at **\$69,400.00** pledged from **175 donors**.

If everyone pays off their pledges we will surely meet our goal this year.

Thank you so much for your generous contribution.

Christian Giving

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Mass Schedule for

January 3 & 4, 2009

Saturday		
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Grivas Family
Sunday		
7:30 am	Fr. Jonathan	
9:00 am	Fr. Bill	Choir: Joyful Noise
10:30 am	Fr. Bill	Choir: Emmaus
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Couples for Christ

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.escrip.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: 4th 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.
 Kathi Byrd: (650) 345-6660
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
 – Elysabeth Allen: Tel. No. (650) 573-6858
 Youth Choir - Elysabeth 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, December 30**
 7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation
- Wednesday, December 31**
 * Parish Offices will be closed after 12 noon.
- Thursday, January 1**
 * No All Day Adoration.
 * Parish Offices will be closed.
- First Friday, January 2**
 All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:15 pm ~ Benediction
- Saturday, January 3**
 9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary
 10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary



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Divorce Recovery Course offered by the Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area provides a chance to understand the emotional journey begun with the loss of a relationship. It will be held for seven Sunday evenings beginning January 11 and will meet at St. Stephens Church, O’Reilly Parish Center, 451 Eucalyptus, San Francisco from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of \$45 covers book and materials. To register or for more information, call Vonnie at 650/873-4236 or Susan at 415/752-1308.

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER MENLO PARK

December 31, 2008—January 1, 2009

New Year’s Eve Retreat

Speaker: Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.

Join us for our annual New Year’s Eve retreat. For more information, please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at www.vallombrosa.org

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: _____