

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**This is My
Beloved Son**



REFLECTION

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.



Mass Celebrants

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Mario & Co.

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan

9:00 am Fr. Kieran Choir: Emmaus

10:30 am Fr. Kieran Choir: Burning Bush

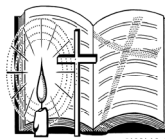
5:00 pm Fr. Ramon Choir: Youth

Mass Intentions

January 12-18, 2009



- Monday** Letty Tse
- Tuesday** + Juan Hermosillo
- Wednesday** Catherine Costanza
- Thursday** + Ricardo Consunji
- Friday** + Jerome & Jerry M. Kozloski
- Saturday**
 - 8:30 am Nonong & Lita Babaran
 - 5:00 pm Frank Kastl, John Schueler & Steve Lucia
- Sunday**
 - 7:30 am For the People of St. Luke
 - 9:00 am +Naomi Regan (Mother of Bill Regan)
 - 10:30 am +Rhodora Arcilla Golez
 - 5:00 pm +Nevenka Dimitrijevic



Scripture Readings

January 11-18, 2009

- Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11
- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Let us pray for the sick members & friends of our Parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially;

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| Marilyn Grattan | Alan Paolucci | Cathy Costanza |
| Elena Santiago | Stephan Sabellano | Katie McNamara |
| Naty Ramirez | Roy Fong | Rose Tracy |
| Riane Acero | Ron Galasi | Jerry Vega |
| Sonia Cicerone | Nancy Kellerman | Rana Yaminie |
| Joseph Touchstone | Karen Wickham | Elli Guardino |
| Lydia Xavier | Jane Schmidt | Cathy Kost |
| Hal & Rose Tanforan | Mike Keegan | Jon & Shirley Miller |

For our recently deceased parishioners especially;

- ✠ Anacleta Alvarado
- ✠ Relatives and friends.

We pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

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 (650) 345-6660.



January 15, Thursday

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

♥ Heart Warmers

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1

Stewardship...

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it ~ especially themselves ~ to the Lord of all."

KNEELER UPDATE!

Our kneelers are almost ready to be installed. The manufacturer informed us that they should be completed during the week of January 19th. The reason we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer is because Jesus, (God) has come onto our altar and is present with us. In last week's Gospel about the Epiphany, it said about the Magi, "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

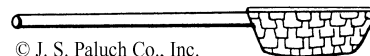
Collection Update

SUNDAY COLLECTION

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$	5,804.75
BUILDING FUND DONATION		1,809.00
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TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	7,613.75
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Christian Giving



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Religious Education Program

Preschool- 8th Grade

Mission Statement

As parents and members of St. Luke Catholic Church, we are called to share our faith, joy, and love with our children and with each other. Faith formation is intended to inform, form, and ever transform the children and their parents in living their Christian faith.

- ✠ *Inform—to nurture people’s minds and hearts in the wisdom of the Christian faith so that who they are and how they live is deeply influenced by what they “Know”.*
- ✠ *Form—to nurture people’s identity and lifestyle in Christian discipleship.*
- ✠ *Transform—to promote personal and social transformation; to “change the world”.*

Up Coming Events!

January

11 Sun.	9:00 am	Pre K/K
14 Thur	5:30 pm	Grades 1-4
	7:30 pm	Grades 5-8
21 Thur	5:30 pm	Grades 1-4
	7:30 pm	Grades 5-8

CONFIRMATION CLASS

January

22 Thur.	7:15-8:45 pm	
25 Sun.	2:00 pm	Talk at St. Luke’s Main Church for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors (2nd Choice)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

January

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Adult Faith Formation is ongoing every Thursday, here at St. Luke Catholic Church. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a catholic or just want to learn the Catholic faith, please ask them to contact Deacon Paul Lucia at the Parish Office, (650) 345-6660.

This Week in Our Parish

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

**MONDAY,
JAN. 12, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

**ST. LUKE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



Youth Ministry ~ SLY

The Saint Luke Youth Ministry Mission Statement

- ✠ Serving God
- ✠ Serving the Community
- ✠ Serving the Youth

**Come and
Join!**

What :

New Altar Servers Training

When :

Saturday January 17, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Where: Main Church



Don't Miss the Fun!

To all Altar Servers our winter Party will be this coming Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 12 noon to 4: 0'clock in the afternoon at it will be held at St. Luke Community Center

See you!



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 & Ministers of Holy Eucharist 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's Choir, The Joyful Noise & Kevin's Flock
– Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

✠ The Burning Bush, Emmaus Choir, & Youth Choir
– Elysabeth Allen: Tel. No. (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

Peninsula Catholic Professionals & Business Club

The Catholic Professional and Business Clubs CP&BC), which has 12 chapters nationally, seeks to have a chapter on the Peninsula. The primary purpose of the CP&BC is to help Catholics live their faith in the workplace and at home. Existing chapters hold monthly meetings where persons from all walks of life come to network with each other socially and professionally and learn of important issues. Meetings are highlighted by a presentation from a speaker relating business and faith. Persons interested in joining the chapter should contact Tim Dixon at 650 581 1293 or at timdixon@dixonconsultinginc.com. For more information about CP&Bc, see www.cpbclubs.org.

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 Vonnice at 650/873-4236 or Susan at 415/752-1308.

Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) invites you to come to the Annual Wine and Cheese with Silent Auction. The event is Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm in the auditorium of ICA located at the corner of 24th Street and Guerrero. Admission is \$25.00 per guest and includes complimentary ICA wine glass. Guests must be 21 years or older. For more information call (415) 824-2052 ext. 32 or visit www.icacademy.org.

Evolving Resume

On Tuesday, January 13th from 7pm to 8:30pm. Kathleen Devine will present "Evolving Resume or Resume in Progress" Look at your skills in a new or different way! Expand your network with Catholic Networking. Hiring Managers are invited, too! St. Dominic's, 2390 Bush Street (SF) in the modular classroom. Attendance is free; reservations are requested, daura@ccwear.com or 415-664-0164

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: _____