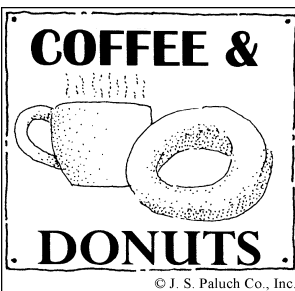


Crab! Crab! Crab!



The CRAB FEED is just around the corner on March 14, three weeks from now. Tickets are on sale after all the Masses. You may also buy tickets in the office during regular office hours. We have ordered lots of CRAB and have a great kitchen crew lined up for this all-you-can-eat feast. Then, you can dance off your calories to lively music. Tickets are still only \$40 and, this year, they include two drinks. Be sure to gather your friends and buy early so you can choose your table.



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

LECTORS & CAPTAINS

March/April Lector/Captain Schedules – Peggy Simkins will be preparing the Lector and Captain schedules for the next two months. If you know of dates that you will be unable to read or captain in March/April, please call Peggy or the Parish Office by Monday, February 23. You may reach Peggy at 573-5370. Leave a message if you are not able to speak to Peggy directly. The schedule is always available on our website—www.saintlukefc.org

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, (FEBRUARY 25TH). MASSES ARE AT: 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM AND 7:00 PM. EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT WE WILL HAVE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE MAIN CHURCH BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

MINISTRY FAIRE

There will be a **MINISTRY FAIRE** on the weekend of March 28th and 29th. All Parish Ministry groups are encouraged to participate. We want to assure that everyone of you in the Parish is informed about the various ministries here and we encourage that you inquire as to how you might become involved.

We Invite You!

We invite you to learn more about the beliefs we hold as Catholic Christians and the great joy we have in Jesus Christ our Savior. One of the best ways to explore an interest in Catholicism is by joining our **RCIA** group where you will be joined with others like yourself in learning what it means to be Catholic -- what we believe, how we worship and pray and how we try to live our lives.

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. here at St. Luke Catholic Church. For further information, please call Deacon Paul Lucia at the Parish Office, (650)345-6660.

We invite all members of our community to pray for **Pedram Hajarian & Michael Lu** who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, & First Eucharist and **Jeanette Guillory** who is preparing for Confirmation which they will receive this year at Easter Vigil.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout San Mateo are invited to take part in the national 40 days for life effort this Lent from February 25 through April 5. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo, for one or more hours during our vigil there from 7 am throughout the 40 days, and ask a friend or two to join you. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jessica 650 572 1468 or e-mail fortydaysforlife@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

Bishop William Justice Invites you to Breakfast:

Political Crisis in Mexico and its effects on Immigration in the United States

Featuring Speaker Father Camilo Perez, Vicar for the Diocese of Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Former Secretary General of the Conference of Mexican Bishops for Justice Peace and Delegate to the Latin American Bishops Conference in Aparecida, Brazil with Pope Benedict XVI

Friday, February 27th, 8:30-10 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, CA 94109

Please RSVP to Patricia Ribeiro at 415 614 5572 or ribeiro@sfarchdiocese.org

Transforming Grief is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Saturday, March 7th at St. Gabriel's from 9:30-2:30. Please call Barbara to register: 451 614 5506

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5. We must add a further point of view. The *First Letter to the Corinthians* (1:18-31) tells us that many of the early Christians belonged to the lower social strata, and precisely for this reason were open to the experience of new hope, as we saw in the example of Bakhita. Yet from the beginning there were also conversions in the aristocratic and cultured circles, since they too were living “without hope and without God in the world”. Myth had lost its credibility; the Roman State religion had become fossilized into simple ceremony which was scrupulously carried out, but by then it was merely “political religion”. Philosophical rationalism had confined the gods within the realm of unreality. The Divine was seen in various ways in cosmic forces, but a God to whom one could pray did not exist. Paul illustrates the essential problem of the religion of that time quite accurately when he contrasts life “according to Christ” with life under the dominion of the “elemental spirits of the universe” (*Col 2:8*). In this regard a text by Saint Gregory Nazianzen is enlightening. He says that at the very moment when the Magi, guided by the star, adored Christ the new king, astrology came to an end, because the stars were now moving in the orbit determined by Christ[2]. This scene, in fact, overturns the world-view of that time, which in a different way has become fashionable once again today. It is not the elemental spirits of the universe, the laws of matter, which ultimately govern the world and mankind, but a personal God governs the stars, that is, the universe; it is not the laws of matter and of evolution that have the final say, but reason, will, love—a Person. And if we know this Person and he knows us, then truly the inexorable power of material elements no longer has the last word; we are not slaves of the universe and of its laws, we are free. In ancient times, honest enquiring minds were aware of this. Heaven is not empty. Life is not a simple product of laws and the randomness of matter, but within everything and at the same time above everything, there is a personal will, there is a Spirit who in Jesus has revealed himself as Love[3].

To be continued...

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: Tom Consunji: (650) 345-1441

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

KEEPING IN CONTACT...

If you would like to register, or if you need to update your information, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

Register

Name:(First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____

Update Member Information

Name:(First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____