

REFLECTION

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments (not the movie, the book). The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.



Mass Celebrants

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Mario & Co.

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
 9:00 am Fr. Jonathan Joyful Noise
 10:30 am Fr. Bill Burning Bush
 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Kavin's Flock

Mass Intentions

March 16-22, 2009



- Monday** + Anthony Sepe
- Tuesday** + Sarah Becker
- Wednesday** +Albert, Primitiva, & Vertilia Camacho
- Thursday** For all husbands and Fathers
- Friday** + Jerome & Jerry M. Kozloski
- Saturday**
 - 8:30 am Nenette Murata
 - 5:00 pm Marc, Maria Jones & Family
- Sunday**
 - 7:30 am For the People of St. Luke
 - 9:00 am Nora Regaspi
 - 10:30 am + Jesus Guial
 - 5:00 pm Alex Wesan
 + Alfonso & Maria Montes

Scripture Readings



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 - Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
 - Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 - Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 - Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 - Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 - Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
- Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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

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| Elisha Acero | Frank Tucci |
| Ruth Tabnick | Fionulla Mullarney |
| Tom Bortak, | Michelle Burtcher |
| Suzanne Clark | Julie Allen |
| Lolita Lopez | Anna Gonzalo |
| Hal & Rose Tanforan | John Gemenez |
| Pam Frisella | Pauline Iliff |
| Sara & Paul Han, Jr. | Charlie Nielsen |
| Marisa Jose | Shane Smith |
| Edong Pascua | Cardinal John Foley |
| Johnnie Baker | Rose Tracy |
| Bernard Roberts | |

For our recently deceased parishioners, Relatives, & friends especially;

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| Marty Taylor | Sarah Becker |
| Betty Nugent | |
| Michael Keegan | |

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



March 19, 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

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick



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”.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

MARCH			
	15	9:00	PRE K/K
	18	5:30	GRADES 1-4
		7:30	GRADES 5-8
	29	9:00	PRE K/K

CONFIRMATION CLASS

MARCH **19 Confirmation Class is cancelled**

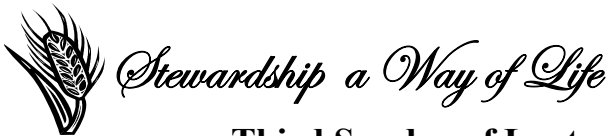
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

MARCH 29 SUN 10:15– 11:30 AM

Our 2009 Confirmation Candidates need your prayers...

Below are the names of the 45 candidates in the Confirmation Program who are slated to receive the Sacrament of confirmation in the spring of 2009. As they prepare for this special event in their lives we ask you to pray that they may open their minds, hearts, and souls in the promptings of the Holy Spirit and perceive clearly the presence of God in their everyday life and grow deeper in their faith.

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| Akhavein, Kimia | Garcia, Nicholas | Nikovits, Matthew |
| Afanador, Juan | Goell, Jacob | Padayhag, Nico |
| Araujo, Calvyn | Gruber, Kevin | Ramirez, Sharmayne |
| Bautista, Alyssa | Hammer, Marisa | Richman, Benjamin |
| Brady, Brittany | Jurado, Matthew | Roberts, Travis |
| Chua, Jacques | Kelly, Conner | Roman, Enrique |
| Cretcher, Clinton | Kelly, Justin | Runco, Nick |
| Croft, Alexandria | Killgrew, Rachel | Schembri, Tyler |
| Del Pozo, Rolando | Killgrew, Nicole | Sturla, Brittany |
| Donati, Paulo | Lutz, Marissa | Taylor, Conner |
| Doan, Vinh | Martin, Ariana | Ticson, Jennifer |
| Ecker, Christopher | Masarova, Lucia | Wischer, Shannon |
| Fadden, Jamie | Mendez, Monica | Yeung, Catherine |
| Fitzgerald, Erin | Moraros, Chris | Young, Christopher |
| Foster, Shannon | McKown, Tommy | Zurcher, Sean |



March 15, 2009

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Third Sunday of Lent

“You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Collection Update

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 5,976.50
SKIP-A-MEAL	1,652.00

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2009

This week marks the beginning of the *Archbishop’s Annual Appeal 2009 (AAA)*. The assessment for St. Luke’s is \$68,400. All dollars donated in excess of this assessment will be returned to the parish to meet our needs. Some ways we might use those funds are to augment our expenses for RCIA, for faith formation and for the various social justice causes that our parish is engaged in.

In the past, only a relatively small percentage of our parishioners would contribute to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. This year, it is our goal to involve all of our parishioners. Through the Appeal, we join with other parishes and the Archbishop in ministering to youth, seniors, families, the sick and the disadvantaged. We help train priests and deacons and we care for our retired priests. The Annual Appeal also helps the Archbishop provide seminary tuition assistance, hospital chaplains and Archdiocesan services and ministries that benefit every parish and mission. By being a part of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, we join the larger Catholic Community in performing these needed ministries.

This week, all parishioners will receive a letter from our Pastor, Fr. Jonathan. With the letter is a brochure that explains the programs and services funded by the Annual Appeal. Next Sunday, during mass, we will give each and every one of you an opportunity to complete these forms. Let us go through the Annual Appeal process as a whole community united in Christ.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
9:30 AM-2:00 PM

To Calvary & Beyond: Sinners to Sanctity

Come join your fellow parishioners of Saint Luke Catholic Church in a Lenten Retreat reflecting on knowing the ways of how we can become holy.
**A Retreat with
Father Jopel Padit**

Lenten Regulations 2009

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and *Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Council Meetings...

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The meeting is held here at the church and they encourage all interested parishioners to attend.

BE ENRICHED ...

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *SPE SALVI*...

8. This explanation is further strengthened and related to daily life if we consider verse 34 of the tenth chapter of the *Letter to the Hebrews*, which is linked by vocabulary and content to this definition of hope-filled faith and prepares the way for it. Here the author speaks to believers who have undergone the experience of persecution and he says to them: “you had compassion on the prisoners, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property (*hyparchonton*—Vg. *bonorum*), since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession (*hyparxin*—Vg. *substantiam*) and an abiding one.” *Hyparchonta* refers to property, to what in earthly life constitutes the means of support, indeed the basis, the “substance” for life, what we depend upon. This “substance”, life's normal source of security, has been taken away from Christians in the course of persecution. They have stood firm, though, because they considered this material substance to be of little account. They could abandon it because they had found a better “basis” for their existence—a basis that abides, that no one can take away. We must not overlook the link between these two types of “substance”, between means of support or material basis and the word of faith as the “basis”, the “substance” that endures. Faith gives life a new basis, a new foundation on which we can stand, one which relativizes the habitual foundation, the reliability of material income. A new freedom is created with regard to this habitual foundation of life, which only *appears* to be capable of providing support, although this is obviously not to deny its normal meaning. This new freedom, the awareness of the new “substance” which we have been given, is revealed not only in martyrdom, in which people resist the overbearing power of ideology and its political organs and, by their death, renew the world. Above all, it is seen in the great acts of renunciation, from the monks of ancient times to Saint Francis of Assisi and those of our contemporaries who enter modern religious Institutes and movements and leave everything for love of Christ, so as to bring to men and women the faith and love of Christ, and to help those who are suffering in body and spirit. In their case, the new “substance” has proved to be a genuine “substance”; from the hope of these people who have been touched by Christ, hope has arisen for others who were living in darkness and without hope. In their case, it has been demonstrated that this new life truly possesses and is “substance” that calls forth life for others. For us who contemplate these figures, their way of acting and living is *de facto* a “proof” that the things to come, the promise of Christ, are not only a reality that we await, but a real presence: he is truly the “philosopher” and the “shepherd” who shows us what life is and where it is to be found.

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
– Elysa 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. _____