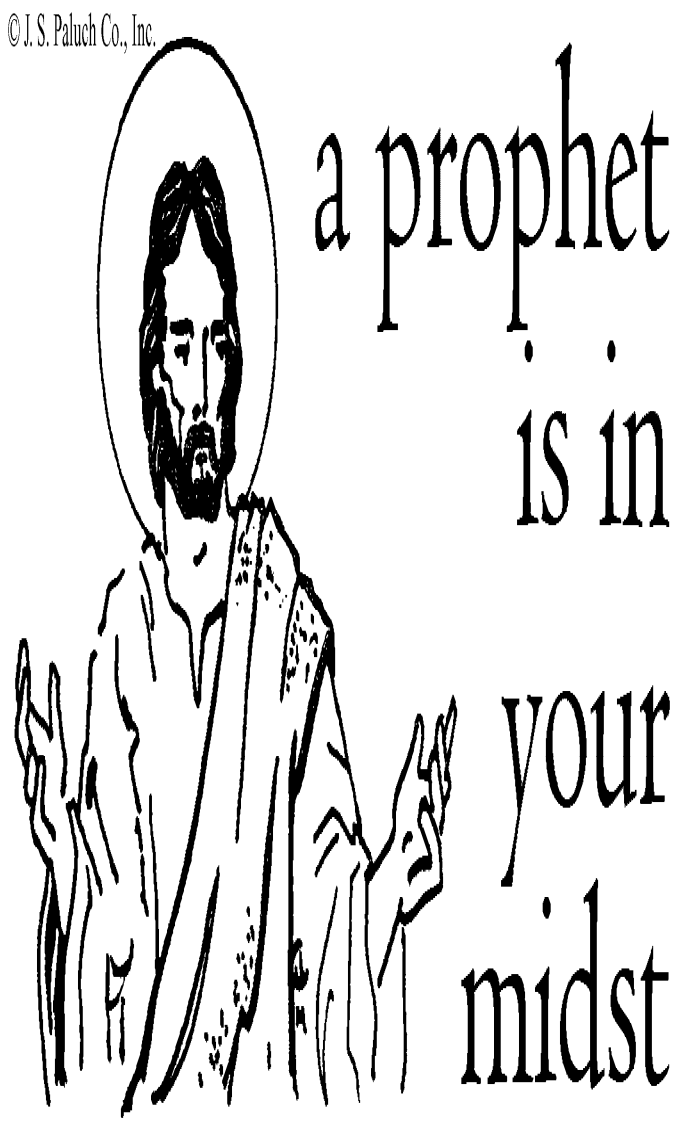

REFLECTION

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "hard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We, too, sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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Mass Celebrants

Saturday, July 11		
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Michelle
Sunday, July 12		
7:30 am	Fr. Jonathan	
9:00 am	Fr. Bill	Joyful Noise
10:30 am	Fr. Bill	Burning Bush
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Kevin's Flock

Mass Intentions

July 6-12, 2009

Monday	+ Clemente & Filomena Chiari
Tuesday	+ Hercules Iriarte
Wednesday	+ Felicidad Laygo
Friday	+ Jerome & Jerry M. Kozloski
Saturday	
8:30	Virginia Sabellano
5:00	+ Lucia Diep & + Family
	+ Carmen Huanan
Sunday	
7:30 am	For the People of St. Luke
9:00	+ Lucy Kuehn
10:30	+ Miljun Valencerina
5:00	+ Marge Grodt

Scripture Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

♥ *Heart Warmers*

Waiting

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant. —St. Peter Julian Eymard

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

Eileen Fernan	Ben Baro
Muriel Campbell	Judith Gonzales
Aida Albano	Kelly Eagleton
Bonifacio Tiu	Helen Borrone
Gerada Cerdan	Bozidar Mihelcic
Vernetta Steele	Juanita Roxas
Scott Mather	Sue Rampa
Victoria Reidenbach	Jon & Shirley Miller
Hal & Rose Tanforan	Ana Yu Giuseppe
John Schueler	Consuelo Neves

<u>For our recently deceased</u> parishioners, relatives, & friends, especially;

Larry L. Chan & Jeffrey Wright

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.

Prayer for Priests

Let us say at least one prayer for the Priest of the day.

July 6 Fr. Domingo Orimaco
Our Lady of Pilar, Half Moon Bay
July 7 Fr. Paul Scanlon, OP
St. Dominic, San Francisco
July 8 Fr. William McCain
Our Lady of Loretto, Novato
July 9 Fr. Aquiono Padilla
Our Lady of Perpatual Help, Daly City
July 10 Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan
St. Cecilia Lagunitas
July 11 Fr. Robert Haberman, OP
Dominican University, San Rafael
July 12 Fr. Richard Bain
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mill Valley

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Maria Goretti
Thursday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions
Saturday:	St. Benedict

Religious Education Program/ Youth Ministry

Preschool– 8th Grade

Nancy Becerra
Office Hours:
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm; 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Tel. No. (650) 574-9191

As this school year has ended, we are already planning for the school year 2009-2010. The hope is always to improve the Religious Education Program in such a way that the children feel excited about coming to class . The classes must be filled with learning in a safe and caring environment. The hope is to teach about the love of God and how that love touches family, friend and the world around us.

In the new school year, Wednesdays will still be the night for classes. The exception to this is for the Pre-K through K classes, they will continue to be on Sunday mornings. Please continue to check the Sunday bulletin for UPDATES and REGISTRATION SCHEDULES.

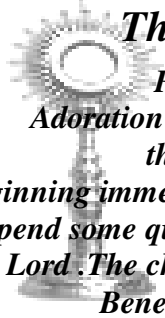
Backpack Giveaway

Preparations are underway for the annual Back-pack giveaway! Please help the children of our neighboring communities by purchasing back to school supplies and backpacks. We are collecting: Backpacks for all ages, notebooks, 3 ring binders, binder paper, markers, pens, pencils, staplers, scissors, and glue sticks. If shopping is not your "thing," Target gift cards are great way to support the children and it allows them to make their own purchases.

Please bring the supplies to St. Luke by August 10th during office hours or on Sundays when coming to Mass. We will deliver your gifts to the families in our area and to the Catholic Workers House for distribution. If you have any questions, Please call Nancy at 574-9191.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, July 9

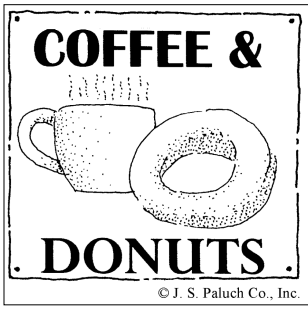


Participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day beginning immediately after the 8:30 am Mass. Spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord .The chapel is open the entire day. Benediction is at 7:30 pm

Stewardship a Way of Life

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend as we celebrate the independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.



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

To All St. Luke Lectors/ Eucharistic Captains:

Lectors/Eucharistic Captains Assignments can now be downloaded from our website. Peggy Simkins is responsible for preparing the assignments and provides updates, so current information is readily available. Thank you!

July 11, 7:30 p.m.: "A midsummer Interlude" at Mater Dolorosa Church in South San Francisco. Cellist Wilfredo C. Pasamba and the Mater Dolorosa Hallelujah Chorale are the evening's featured performers. Pasamba is a graduate of Julliard and also studied at Moscow State University. He has performed at venues including Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and plays with the Des Moines and Omaha Symphony Orchestras. The choir under the direction of Angelita C. Pasamba is the "core of music ministry" at Mater Dolorosa Parish. The evening's program includes selections from the classics as well as modern and Philippine repertoire. Tickets are $10.00 in advance and $15.00 at the door. Call (650) 583-4131 or email MDConcert09@yahoo.com

Saturdays, beginning June 6th-August 22nd, 2:00-3:00 P.M.—Pauline Books & Media invites you and your children to their first ever Kid's Film Festival! Looking for something fun and educational for your children to do this summer? Come each Saturday to the Pauline Kid's Film Festival. Admission is free, refreshments will be provided. For more information call Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 (650) 369-4230

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Luke Church will meet on Wednesday, July 8 & 22 at 7:00pm. The SVdP holds its meeting here at the church and encourages all interested parishioners to attend.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (RCIA)

The RCIA Formation class has ended. We will begin a new class in October, 2009. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic or in knowing more about the Church, please contact Deacon Paul Lucia at the Parish Office, 345-6660.

ROSARY MAKERS

Would you like to learn to make a Rosary? We will have a Rosary Makers Class at St. Luke on Saturday, July 11th from 2pm to 4pm. It's absolutely free and all the components for the Rosaries will be provided. Not only will you learn to make rosaries but those that are made that day will be sent to Missions throughout the world as well as locally. This is another way to follow Jesus' call to "Go into the whole world and make them my disciples."

Pope Benedict has declared a Year of the Priest beginning June 19th. The following is a Prayer for Priests.

Lord Jesus, you have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and to act in Your name. For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving. We ask You to fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that Your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.

Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of Your dying and rising. In time of weakness send them Your Spirit, and help them to praise Your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit, put Your word on their lips and Your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, Your mother, to the disciple whom You loved, be Your gift to every priest. Grant that she, who formed You in her human image, may form them in Your divine image, by the power of Your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

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27. In this sense it is true that anyone who does not know God, even though he may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without hope, without the great hope that sustains the whole of life (cf. *Eph* 2:12). Man's great, true hope which holds firm in spite of all disappointments can only be God—God who has loved us and who continues to love us "to the end," until all "is accomplished" (cf. *Jn* 13:1 and 19:30). Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life"—the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (*Jn* 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live".

28. Yet now the question arises: are we not in this way falling back once again into an individualistic understanding of salvation, into hope for myself alone, which is not true hope since it forgets and overlooks others? Indeed we are not! Our relationship with God is established through communion with Jesus—we cannot achieve it alone or from our own resources alone. The relationship with Jesus, however, is a relationship with the one who gave himself as a ransom for all (cf. *1 Tim* 2:6). Being in communion with Jesus Christ draws us into his "being for all"; it makes it our own way of being. He commits us to live for others, but only through communion with him does it become possible truly to be there for others, for the whole. In this regard I would like to quote the great Greek Doctor of the Church, Maximus the Confessor († 662), who begins by exhorting us to prefer nothing to the knowledge and love of God, but then quickly moves on to practicalities: "The one who loves God cannot hold on to money but rather gives it out in God's fashion ... in the same manner in accordance with the measure of justice"[19]. Love of God leads to participation in the justice and generosity of God towards others. Loving God requires an interior freedom from all possessions and all material goods: the love of God is revealed in responsibility for others[20]. This same connection between love of God and responsibility for others can be seen in a striking way in the life of Saint Augustine. After his conversion to the Christian faith, he decided, together with some like-minded friends, to lead a life totally dedicated to the word of God and to things eternal. His intention was to practice a Christian version of the ideal of the contemplative life expressed in the great tradition of Greek philosophy, choosing in this way the "better part" (cf. *Lk* 10:42). Things turned out differently, however. While attending the Sunday liturgy at the port city of Hippo, he was called out from the assembly by the Bishop and constrained to receive ordination for the exercise of the priestly ministry in that city. Looking back on that moment, he writes in his *Confessions*: "Terrified by my sins and the weight of my misery, I had resolved in my heart, and meditated flight into the wilderness; but you forbade me and gave me strength, by saying: 'Christ died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died' (cf. *2 Cor* 5:15)"[21]. Christ died for all. To live for him means allowing oneself to be drawn into his *being for others*.

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

Faith Formation: Every Tuesday Night at 7pm. Contact Kevin Lucia 650-349-3090

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 Conférence: Peggy Simkins: (6 5 0) 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: _____
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