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REFLECTION

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God? We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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♥ **Heart Warmers**

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

—Anonymous

Mass Celebrants



Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Michelle

Sunday, August 9

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan

9:00 am Fr. Bill Joyful Noise

10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Burning Bush

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Kevin's Flock

Mass Intentions

August 3-9, 2009

Monday

+ Clemente & Filomena Chiari
Virginia Ramirez

Tuesday

Kevin Moran

Wednesday

Jennifer Spence

Thursday

+ Rosalie Grassman

Friday

+ Jerome & Jerry M. Kozloski

Saturday

8:30

5:00

+ Pich-Ha-Ding

Sunday

7:30 am

For the People of St. Luke

9:00

Virginia Ramirez

5:00

+ Ana Yu Giuseppe

Scripture Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalms — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a,
34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

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

Eileen Fernan	Kelly Eagleton
Muriel Campbell	Helen Borrone
Aida Albano	Bozidar Mihelcic
Bonifacio Tiu	Rana Yaminie
Gerada Cerdan	Elli Guardino
Jerry Vega	Cathy Kost
Juanita Roxas	Scott Mather
Sue Rampa	Victoria Reidenbach
Jon & Shirley Miller	Hal & Rose Tanforan
Laura Javier	Ramon Javier

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

Rita Alejandro Calanoc Becky Virgel De Dios
Cathy Tankeh Tacky Francisco

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.

August 3	Archbishop George Niederauer San Francisco
August 4	Rev. Albert Grosskopf St. Ignatius Parish, San Francisco
August 5	Rev. V. Mark Reburiano St. Mathew, San Mateo
August 6	Rev. Robert Cipriano St. Francis of Assisi, San Francisco
August 7	Rev. Edward Murray St. Stephen, San Francisco
August 8	Rev. Agnel De Heredia All Souls, So. San Francisco
August 9	Rev. Floyd Lotito St. Boniface, San Francisco

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Mary Vianney
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
Thursday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday:	St. Sixtus II and his companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Dominic

**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 we prepare for the school year 2009-2010 our 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.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULES

The Religious Education registration for school year 2009-2010 will be on August 15 & 16 after all the Masses.

Backpack Giveaway

The annual Backpack giveaway is still on! 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 a 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, August 6 and First Friday, August 7

*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

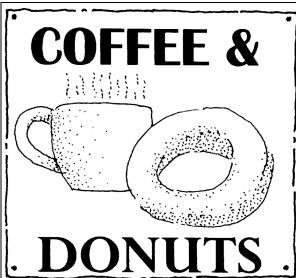
TRANSFIGURATION

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for his direction. Good advice for us, too!

COLLECTION UPDATE

SUNDAY COLLECTION \$ 4,989.50

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

CREDIT CARD DONATION

If you want an easy and hassle-free way of contributing to the Church, you may want to consider donating by credit card. Just fill out the credit card donation form which you will find on the table at the back of the Church and drop it off at the office or mail it to us. We only run credit cards every third week of the month.

We accept Master and Visa Card.

ROSARY MAKING

Would you like to learn to make a Rosary? We will have a Rosary Makers class at St. Luke on Saturday, August 22nd from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. 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." To sign up for the class contact Beth Noronha at 576-2667.

LOST AND FOUND

Personal items such as Rosaries, missals, children toys, wallets, and sunglasses are often left behind after Mass and they are later turned in to the office staff. If you Get home and later realized that you left something at the Church, please call or come by the Parish Office to see if it might be there.

**St. Luke Catholic Church
Celebrates**

HEALING MASS

with

Fr. Robert Faricy, S.J.

Fr. Faricy is a Jesuit Priest and theologian who lives at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an author of numerous books and he frequently ministers in Italy, United States, Mexico, and other countries, speaking at conferences and giving talks and retreats.

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

7:30 pm: Teaching

8:00 pm: Healing Mass

Monday, November 9, 2009

7:00 pm: Teaching

7:30 pm: Healing Mass

Monday, January 4, 2010

7:00 pm: Teaching

7:30 pm: Healing Mass



Cheryl Nguyen

Cheryl is a consecrated person with three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She has been a research and development engineer working in the media industry. She began working with Fr. Faricy in 2002 giving retreats, speaking at Marian and Charismatic conferences, and praying for healing at healing Masses in the United States, Canada, and Philippines. Cheryl does counseling and gives spiritual direction. She lives in Northern California

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Church (650) 345-6660
Visit: www.robertfaricy.org

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation is ongoing every Tuesday, at 7:00pm here at the Church. All are invited to attend. Also, our RCIA Formation class will begin 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 t the Parish Office, 345-6660.

Help Wanted

St. Luke's volunteer grounds maintenance committee needs help with ideas for some work that needs to be done with a concrete project. Please contact Bosco Ho at 650 759-7050 if you can assist with this project.

BE ENRICHED ...

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *SPE SALVI...*

33. Saint Augustine, in a homily on the *First Letter of John*, describes very beautifully the intimate relationship between prayer and hope. He defines prayer as an exercise of desire. Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched. “By delaying [his gift], God strengthens our desire; through desire he enlarges our soul and by expanding it he increases its capacity [for receiving him]”. Augustine refers to Saint Paul, who speaks of himself as straining forward to the things that are to come (cf. *Phil* 3:13). He then uses a very beautiful image to describe this process of enlargement and preparation of the human heart. “Suppose that God wishes to fill you with honey [a symbol of God’s tenderness and goodness]; but if you are full of vinegar, where will you put the honey?” The vessel, that is your heart, must first be enlarged and then cleansed, freed from the vinegar and its taste. This requires hard work and is painful, but in this way alone do we become suited to that for which we are destined[26]. Even if Augustine speaks directly only of our capacity for God, it is nevertheless clear that through this effort by which we are freed from vinegar and the taste of vinegar, not only are we made free for God, but we also become open to others. It is only by becoming children of God, that we can be with our common Father. To pray is not to step outside history and withdraw to our own private corner of happiness. When we pray properly we undergo a process of inner purification which opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well. In prayer we must learn what we can truly ask of God—what is worthy of God. We must learn that we cannot pray against others. We must learn that we cannot ask for the superficial and comfortable things that we desire at this moment—that meagre, misplaced hope that leads us away from God. We must learn to purify our desires and our hopes. We must free ourselves from the hidden lies with which we deceive ourselves. God sees through them, and when we come before God, we too are forced to recognize them. “But who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden faults” prays the Psalmist (*Ps* 19:12 [18:13]). Failure to recognize my guilt, the illusion of my innocence, does not justify me and does not save me, because I am culpable for the numbness of my conscience and my incapacity to recognize the evil in me for what it is. If God does not exist, perhaps I have to seek refuge in these lies, because there is no one who can forgive me; no one who is the true criterion. Yet my encounter with God awakens my conscience in such a way that it no longer aims at self-justification, and is no longer a mere reflection of me and those of my contemporaries who shape my thinking, but it becomes a capacity for listening to the Good itself.

To be continued...

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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 Conference: 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: _____

■ City: _____ Zip: _____

■ Telephone No. _____