

Saint Luke Catholic Church

1111 BEACH PARK BOULEVARD • FOSTER CITY • CALIFORNIA 94404
(650) 345-6660 • FAX (650) 345-8167 www.saintlukefc.org

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Jonathan G. Paala

Special Associate

Rev. Kieran McCormick

Rev. William Quinn

Deacons

Deacon Paul Lucia

Deacon Mar Tano

Parish Manager

Deacon Paul Lucia

Office Manager

Sr. Ma. Nora Regaspi, RVM

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry

Nancy Becerra

Schedule of Sacraments

Eucharistic Celebrations

Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Anticipated Mass

Sundays - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism (Infants)

Baptismal Preparation Class - every 2nd Saturday 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism - every 4th Saturday after the
10:30 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday - 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six (6) months before
the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office at (650) 345-6660

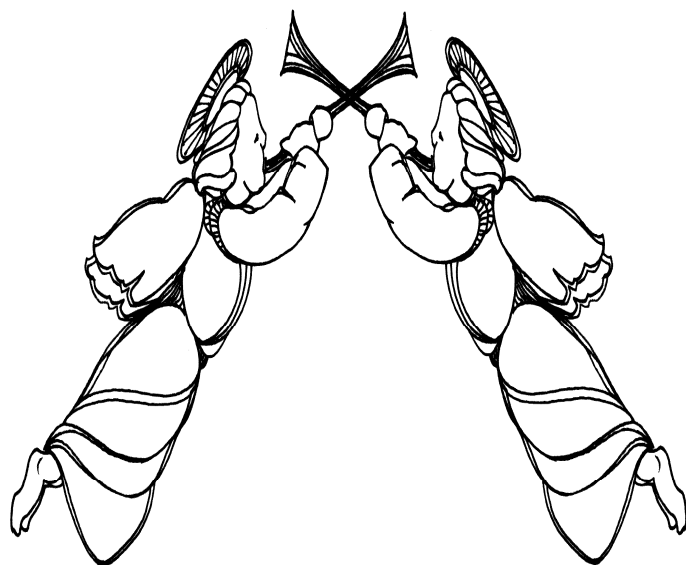
Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00a.m. - 12 noon

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 9:00 a.m.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Luke's Catholic Faith Community is to provide the environment where the community joins together to fulfill the spiritual and social needs of all by living and sharing the message of Christ.

Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our faith Community here at St. Luke Parish. Whether you are a long time resident or newly arrived in the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered, please stop by, or call the parish office.

December 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year C-2

Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Rejoice in the Lord always (2)! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior (1,Ps). It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit (3).

REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co..

St. John of the Cross (c. 1542 - 1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul, through The Ascent of Mount Carmel, to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Celebrants



Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Mario & Co.

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
 9:00 am Fr. Bill Joyful Noise
 10:30 am Fr. Bill Emmaus
 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Kevin's Flock

Mass Intentions for Dec. 14-20

Date	Time	Intention	Pray for your Priests
MON 14	8:30 a.m.	SI Naty Palanca	Pope Benedict XVI
TUE 15	8:30 a.m.	SI Ronaldo & Corazon Palma	William Cardinal Levada, Vatican City
WED 16	8:30 a.m.	† Concepcion Evans	Archbishop George Niederauer, Arch. Of S.F.
THU 17	8:30 a.m.	SI Mary Stark	Bishop William Justice, Arch. of S.F.
FRI 18	8:30 a.m.	† Jerome & Jerry Martin Kozloski	Archbishop John Quinn, Retired, Arch of S.F.
SAT 19	8:30 a.m.	† Rosalie Grassman	Rev. Ray Zohlen Serra clergy House, San Mateo
	5:00 p.m.	SI Mary Peattie	
SUN 20	7:30 a.m.	For the People of St. Luke	Rev. Jonathan Paala St. Luke Catholic Church Foster City
	9:00	† Jesus Guial	
	10:30a.m.	† Rosario & Adiel Rallos	
	5:00 p.m.	† Ruth & Liza Sambold † Lily Vicuna Sancho	

Legend: † - deceased, SI- Special Intention, BD- Birthday

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

Doris Sullivan	Virginia Petraglia
Mina Teves	Elizabeth Adorable
Brian Walsh	Dolores Maga
Raymond Acero	Rudy Rucker
Jenny Slove	Catalina Nokom
Kay Ketcham	Ronald Reidenbach
Antonia Canoy	Hal & Rose Tanforan
Faith Gillis	Phil & Beverly Kaufer
Randy Robin	Kim Cassidy- Carpenter
Keith Fitzpatrick	

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

Leo Kahn

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. John of the Cross

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation group is ongoing every Tuesday at 7:00pm here at the Church (if a particular class is cancelled it will be announced during the Sunday Masses). All are invited to attend. Contact Kevin Lucia, 349-3090 for further information. Also, our **RCIA formation class began on October 1st**. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you know anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church please contact Deacon Paul Lucia at the Parish Office at 650-345-6660.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 17

Participate in the

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day

beginning immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Spend some quiet time in the presence of the

Lord. The chapel is open the entire day.

Benediction is at 6:45 p.m.



**Religious Education Program/
 Youth Ministry**

Preschool- 8th Grade

Nancy Becerra

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wed: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tel. No. (650) 574-9191

Religious Education Schedule

December

13	9:00 a.m.	Pre K/K
16	5:30-6:30	Grades 1 Thru 4
	7:30-8:30	Grades 5 thru 8
20	9:00 a.m.	Pre K/K

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

December Schedules

13 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

December

19-Youth Meeting -Parish from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF THE FIRST EUCHARIST

Fr. Ed will speak to us about the Eucharist. For your convenience, this talk will also be given two different times and places, **but you need only**

attend one:

Sunday, January 10th, 200: pm

St. Luke Church,

1111 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404

Or

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Angels Church

1721 Hillside Dr., Burlingame

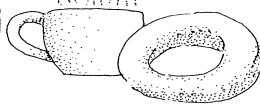
The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on

Saturday & Sunday May 1st and 2nd 2010 St. Luke

Church.

Please make sure to sign in when attending the meetings there will be a sign in sheet in sheet for each Parish.

COFFEE &



DONUTS

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

Strength and Courage

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

~ Anonymous



This weekend we start to celebrate the spirit of giving by welcoming into our midst the "Giving Tree." it graces the Community Center of St. Luke. You are invited to share your blessings with those who are not so fortunate. Simply take an ornament (or more if you are able) to help grant a wish for a needy person. When you have purchased your gift, please return it with the ornament firmly attached. **DO NOT WRAP**

THE GIFT. We make this request because the organizations we work with try to enable needy families to take part in choosing their children's gifts and letting them wrap the gifts themselves. We realize some of the joy in giving is wrapping the gift but we ask that you sacrifice this pleasure and perhaps donate the wrapping paper with the gift!

Please bring donations back before December 19th. If you choose to give gift certificates, drop them off at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked GIVING TREE. We really appreciate your generosity of the past and look forward to your giving ways once again this Christmas season. Thank you!

"A pessimist sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty."

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Our annual Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2009 beginning at 7:30pm. There will be three priests available for private confession on that evening. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament that night will begin at 7:15pm.

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.

Did you enjoy the Crab Feed last year, if so we need your HELP this year?



Saint Luke's needs your support to make our Annual Crab Feed a success, which will hopefully take place in March of 2010 if we have sufficient volunteers. We are having an organizational meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Even if you do not want to be part of the committee, but you would be willing to help at the Crab Feed, please attend this meeting, so that you can give us your input and we will know who we can count on for helping.

Bulletin Advertisers Needed!

Our bulletin company, J.S. Paluch, is, like most of us, undergoing difficult economic times. They print most of the bulletins in the United States and they do it for no charge to the parishes. Their representative, Bill Applegate, came to us last week and told us about their situation where in they have already closed one plant in the Eastern U.S. and they might have to create cut-backs on parish bulletins such as less pages, less copies, etc. They are asking all the parishes to inform parishioners that a remedy for this problem would be to have more advertisements on the back page of the bulletins. If you know anyone whose business could benefit from an ad in our bulletin, please tell them about the situation and ask them to call J.S. Paluch Co. at 1-800-675-5051. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help in the parishioners helping parishioners program. Volunteers will be trained to become part of the core team of resources to help the unemployed in our community. We need people to fill the following roles in the core team :

- A. Job Search Coaches - will be assigned 3 candidates. The coach will be the person who will direct the candidates to the proper resource and make sure they are moving along in their job search
- B. Interviewers - People in business or have experience in interviewing people at their job or for their organizations
- C. Writers/Editors - People who enjoy writing or good at it. They will help candidates write or correct their intro statement and resume.

Contacts:

Tom Consunji - tconsunji@yahoo.com
 Tim Dixon - timdixon@dixonconsultinginc.com
 Pattie Huang - pahuang888@yahoo.com

PAINLESS GIVING

Yes, that is correct. You can give cash to support St. Luke's Church. **E-Scrip** is the vehicle that allows you to contribute to your church without costing you a dime. How does it work? Just sign up your various credit cards via the mail or on the website (www.escrip.com). St. Luke's group **ID number is 137683615.** Call **John Bernat** at (650) 341-4045 if you have any questions or if you need help registering.

COLLECTION UPDATE DEC. 6, 2009

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 5,240.00
BUILDING FUND	6,055.00

Christian Giving

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Thank you! Your generous donations help to make our ministries possible.



Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
 we pray that the Blessed Mother
 wrap her mantle around your priests
 and through her intercession
 strengthen them for their ministry.
 We pray that Mary will guide your priests
 to follow her own words,
 "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
 May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
 Mary's most chaste spouse.
 May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
 inspire them to embrace
 all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
 May your priests be holy,
 filled with the fire of your love
 seeking nothing but your greater glory
 and the salvation of souls.
 Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

A Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament for the Increase of Priestly & Religious Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father, Son of the Virgin Mary, we thank you for offering your life in sacrifice on the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice in every Mass celebrated throughout the world. In the power of the Holy Spirit we adore you and proclaim your living presence in the Eucharist. We desire to imitate the love you show us in your death and resurrection, by loving and serving one another. We ask you to call many young people to religious life, and to provide the holy and generous priests that are so needed in your Church today. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer Amen.

Justin Cardinal Rigali

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 10 and will meet at St. Bartholomew Church, Spirituality Center, 600 Columbia Dr, San Mateo from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of \$45 covers book and materials. To register or for more information, call Joanne at 650/347-0701 or Susan at 415/752-1308.

Catholic Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

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

Welcome in Jesus' Name!!

If you wish to join the parish, or if you want to update your information, please fill out this form and either return it to the parish office, or drop 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. _____