

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2020



***“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.”
— Sirach 28:2***

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a Roman Catholic Community dedicated to carrying out the Gospel message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission is to - welcome, evangelize and educate; provide spiritual nourishment; promote Christian values; foster peace and justice; encourage service to others.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
(Currently closed to the public.)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Virtual Sunday Mass

www.stluketemplecity.org

*Indoor (in-person) Masses are
suspended until further notice.*

Content Submission Deadline

Sept. 20 Bulletin:

Due Monday, Sept. 14

Please deliver submissions to the Pastoral Office
or send to bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org.

Please submit information by the
Monday before the publication date;
printed as space allows.

COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING UPDATES

Per state guidance, the following is currently in effect:

- In-person Masses are suspended until further notice.
- Sunday Virtual Mass will continue to be available online.

'Drive-thru' Communion Reception Line

A "drive thru" communion line is offered each Sunday from 10:00-10:45 am. Please line up going south on Cloverly Avenue by car and turn into the church parking lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK.

We will stand and distribute communion to people in the car in the hand. Please wear a mask as we approach your car. Drive off safely through exit on Broadway.

'Drive-thru' Confessions

'Drive-thru' Confessions are offered at 1:00 pm on Saturdays. Please wear a mask and drive through the church parking lot where you will be directed through the back alley to approach one of the priests who will hear your brief confession from outside the passenger side of the car.

If there are multiple people in the car, the passenger/s may exit and stand at a safe distance and we will come to them after hearing the driver's confession. This is not a prolonged counseling moment: we want anybody who wants a brief confession following these months of lockdown to have the opportunity, so please be prepared and expedient. Please drive out safely the rear gate onto Live Oak Avenue.

Pastoral Office Hours

The Pastoral Office is now closed to the public until further notice; however, the office will continue to be staffed to receive phone calls, e-mails, and conduct parish business Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

- Items can left in office mailbox; it's checked regularly.
- Please be reminded that the Chapel is still closed and no parish-related meetings, events or activities are being conducted on or off property at this time (Room reservations for activities are not being accepted at this time as well.).
- Parish buildings and grounds are closed to the public (staff and vendors excluded).
- There are no other sacraments that are being scheduled or performed at this time.
- Eucharistic Ministers should not visit the sick.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.
Remember, while the *doors* of the church may be closed, **our Church is never closed.**

Visit Us Online at www.stluketemplecity.org for the Latest Reopening News.

Pick Up Missalettes for Home Use - at Parish Office

Missalettes are available for parishioners to pick up for use at home in the Pastoral Office while supplies last. Please ring office doorbell. Donations gratefully accepted.

Father Mark's Corner

Our Scriptures today remind us to share the wealth. Jesus tells the parable of the servant forgiven of his large debt who then refuses to forgive a small debt owed him. Today, be reminded of what God has done for you. Forgiven you. Blessed you.

Now, go and do the same. The journey continues...



Let us remember the first responders who heroically sacrificed their lives to save others and all the souls lost.

God bless us with a sense of humility and gratitude for the freedoms we have.
God Bless America.

May God continue to protect the firefighters and all first responders who are on the front lines battling fires throughout California.



Religious Education NEWS and NOTES

2020-2021 Program Registration

Registration for our 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. Our programs include Preschool, Family Catechesis, Home Church, and Youth and Adult Confirmation.

This year's classes will take place online through Zoom/Google Classroom due to COVID-19. Classes begin in early fall. The 2020-2021 Program Packet is available at www.stluketemplecity.org (under the Faith Formation tab). See pgs. 8-9 for more information.

Registration forms and the deposit can be dropped off or mailed to the Pastoral Office. A member of the Religious Education Office will contact you once the registration materials and deposit are received. God bless you and your family.

Questions? Please contact:

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STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Continuing Your Weekly Offering

As we navigate through these unprecedented times we appreciate your continued support with your weekly offering for our parish operations. Please know your contribution is vital to our mission as a church. We have a small budget and need to continue paying our bills.

Contributions can be mailed to the Pastoral Office, dropped in the office mailbox, or contributed through our online giving program. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org for details.

You can call Vanco at 1-800-675-7430 Monday-Friday between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm to make your contribution as well (Our parish client ID is ES11182).

Please help spread the word to fellow parishioners who don't have Internet access about the options of mailing/dropping off contributions to the office or calling Vanco. Thank you for your generous support!

WATCH MASS FROM HOME

Sunday Mass from St. Luke

Visit www.stluketemplecity.org

Masses from the Cathedral

www.lacatholics.org/emergency
(Check in advance to confirm times.)

Daily Mass (M-F): 8:00 am

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

9:00 am Sunday Mass

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Sunday Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Sir 27:30 — 28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

Reading 2

Rom 14:7–9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel

Mt 18:21–35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA Classes to Begin Soon

St. Luke Parish welcomes new members into the Catholic Church as well as those who need to complete their Initiation Sacraments. This is done through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several Rites which take place within the context of the Mass.

Gatherings are provided to encourage conversion and an awakening of faith as we study the Gospel in light of Catholic tradition and dogma.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this journey with us to the Easter sacraments, please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 for more information. These classes will begin in the fall, possibly virtually if restrictions are still in place due to the pandemic. Either through electronic means or in person, we look forward to meeting with you and taking this faith walk together.

Food Assistance Available for Parishioners in Need

Our St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference wants our parishioners to know that food is available in our St. Luke Food Pantry if you are in need because of your inability to access food during the Covid-19 crisis.

We are very grateful for the food that our generous parishioners have previously donated and though our Pantry Share Days have been temporarily halted, we can still make the food available for our parish family. All our food is shelf stable and does not include fresh produce or foods that require refrigeration.

Please call (626) 684-2914 and one of our SVdP members will make arrangements to deliver or have you safely pick up the food at the Pantry. We continue to pray for all of our generous parishioners and we look forward to the time when we can reopen our doors for our normal distribution.

In keeping with our Vincentian mission to assist those in need in our local community, our conference continues to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and household items during the Covid-19 crisis.

Mass and Prayer Intention Requests

Sunday Virtual Mass Intention requests can be made by calling the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 or e-mail kerrin@stluketemplecity.org. Offerings greatly appreciated. Names also listed in the bulletin.

If you would like to make a **Sunday Prayer Intention** for someone, you may do so online at www.stluketemplecity.org. These individuals will be remembered during the Virtual Mass and listed in the Parish Bulletin (Names will not be said during the Mass). Requests made by Wednesday of each week will be a part of the upcoming Sunday Virtual Mass, offered during the Prayer of the Faithful.

A card is available at www.stluketemplecity.org for you to send to the person for whom you have requested a Mass or Prayer Intention.

Light a Devotional Prayer Candle Virtually

Parishioners are invited to have a candle lit in our church for someone for whom they would like to pray. The candles will be shown after our Virtual Sunday Mass each week so you may pray and reflect, just as you would do when you come to church. Offerings greatly appreciated. Candle requests by Wednesday will be lit for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org to submit a request.



INTENTIONS

Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday, September 13

Eva Arrighi, Max Tauer, Mary Palmer,
Betty Kovacs, Marty Merendino,
Xuan Nguyen, Mary Wycko-SI

Virtual Mass Offering

Harvey Bryan

Monday, September 14

St. Luke Parishioners

Tuesday, September 15

All Souls in Purgatory
St. Luke Parishioners

Wednesday, September 16

St. Luke Parishioners

Thursday, September 17

Lamberto D. Zuniga
Joseph Tzu Li Ching

Friday, September 18

St. Luke Parishioners

Sunday, September 20

Martha Vasquez
Carlene Mendoza
Nancy Brandon
Xuan Nguyen
David Gotta-SI
George Nicholas-SI

*During the suspension of in-person
Masses, please know that our parish
priests are keeping your intentions
in their daily prayers.*

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Sirach 28:2



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus' response. Peter had asked, "As many as seven times?" Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus' response seems lavish beyond proportion. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus understands the fullness of God's mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to "remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults," to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God's compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God's love is beyond human reason.

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God's enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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Cyberbullying is still a threat with distance learning

This year, with school starting online for many children of all ages, they will be interacting with one another via technology even more than usual. Be on the lookout for signs that bullying is happening via the internet, texting, various apps, or social media – as challenging as it is, monitor both the amount of time your children are "plugged in" and the content of what they are doing when interacting with their peers.

Cyberbullying can include the use of apps, texts, photographs, and images that are intended to hurt, harass, embarrass, or even destroy the reputation of a victim. Unlike at school, you cannot walk away from cyberbullying — it spreads instantly, 24/7. Children who are cyberbullied may avoid going online or talking to their so-called friends. They are likely to be sad or angry and may have low self-esteem. For more information on this topic, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Program Description & Important Dates PRESCHOOL, HOME CHURCH, FAMILY CATECHESIS, ADULT/TEEN CONFIRMATION

Due to COVID-19 All classes will take place through Zoom/ Google classroom

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3, 4, and 5 years old)

Meets during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish School building.

First class: Classes begin in early fall.

*Child must be 3 yrs. old by September 1, 2020

*Child must be able to use restrooms on their own

FAMILY CATECHESIS/HOME CHURCH

Sunday mornings 10:30am – 1:00pm

(Including 10:30 Mass every other Sunday)

First class: Sunday August 30, 2020

ADULT CONFIRMATION See Family Catechesis **CONFIRMATION (Teens))**

YEAR I Sunday afternoons from 3:00pm – 6:30pm
(**includes 5:30 Mass every other Sunday**)

YEAR II Sunday afternoons from 3:00pm- 6:30pm
(**includes 5:30 pm Mass every other Sunday**)

All classes gather in the Parish Hall and surrounding Hall Rooms.

Each class session will conclude after the 5:30 Youth Mass

First class: **YEAR I** Sunday, August 23, 2020

YEAR II Sunday, August 23, 2020

Calendars for the above-mentioned programs will be found on our parish website www.stluketemplecity.org. And in the parent handbooks

All registration forms can be accessed through our website

www.stluketemplecity.org

Religious Education registration forms can be mailed to the Pastoral Office or dropped in the office mailbox. Classes begin in early fall.
Upon receipt of all forms and deposits you will be contacted.

Make checks payable to St. Luke RE or make payments thru our online giving program using Religious Education Tuition Tab.

If there is any questions regarding registration or program fees, please contact the RE office 626 291-5900 Ext 227or Ext 232

or email barbara@stluketemplecity.org
youthstlukeym@gmail.com

Class size is limited

Please note: We have ONE registration form for an entire family.
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*Fees reflect the amount per child the parish pays to run these programs.
(Books, classroom materials, insurance and emergency supplies)*

Family Catechesis/Home Church	\$145.00 per Family
Adult/Teen Confirmation & Preschool	\$ 95.00 per Student

Sacramental Fees

Fees reflect additional supplies necessary for sacrament

1st Communion & YR II Confirmation fee: \$90.00 per student

Confirmation Retreat

Fees reflect necessary supplies for Retreat

(Religious Materials, Meals & Transportation when necessary)

YR I	\$125.00 per student
YR II	\$175.00 per student
Parent/Teen Retreat	\$ 40.00 per parent/teen

\$40.00 Non-Refundable deposit required at time of registration; this deposit will be applied to registration fees. A schedule of remaining payments should be arranged with the RE department before the first day of class.

\$25.00 returned check fee will be charged on any returned check and cash or money orders will be required.

To Register for St. Luke Religious Education Programs:

Complete all registration materials:

- Registration Form
- Emergency Release Form Photo permission, TTS, Emergency contact
- Parish Registration
- A copy of students Baptismal Certificate
- A copy of First Communion Certificate for those registering for Confirmation
- Non-Refundable deposit

For those in Confirmation YR 2/Adult Confirmation the following are also required at time of registration

- Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form
- Parent /Teen Retreat (Unless attended Confirmation Yr. 1)



Online Focus Group Seeks Participants

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) has been commissioned by the Father Peyton Family Institute at Holy Cross Family Ministries (HCFM) to conduct a research study to learn more about Catholic families in the United States who have successfully raised children to be faithful Catholic adults. We are seeking to interview some of these parents and their adult children in regional focus groups online through Zoom.

Would you be willing to lend a helping hand in this important research? We believe it will be valuable to the Church to study and better understand who are successfully passing on their faith and remaining active in the Church.

We are seeking:

- 1) Self-identified adult Catholics
- 2) Married in the Church
- 3) Attends Mass weekly (i.e., with their spouse and any children)
- 4) These adults also need to have at least one adult child who is faithfully Catholic as well (i.e., attends Mass weekly or alone with their family).

If your family has any of these characteristics, we invite you to participate in an online focus group. Participants will receive a financial incentive as a thank you for their time. For more information or to sign up to participate, contact Mark Gray at mmg34@georgetown.edu or (703) 328-5154.

-Mark M. Gray, Ph.D.
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Visit the Parish Website (www.stluketemplecity.org) for information about all parish ministries and organizations.

VIRTUS REMINDER: If you have taken a VIRTUS class, a copy of the certificate needs to be turned in to the Pastoral Office so that your attendance is recorded. Classes are only good for four years. You must take a recertification class before the four years expire. *If you know that you are not current in VIRTUS, the Pastoral Office has a list of classes being held in the area.*



Subscribe: Parish E-bulletin!

Check Your Inbox! The Parish E-bulletin is a communications supplement to the Parish Bulletin and is sent to the e-mail address(s) in parishioners' registration records. To be added or removed from the list or to update your e-mail address on file, contact the Pastoral Office or e-mail bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org.

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