



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Catholic Community
Temple City, CA

September
26
2021



Any who give you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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(Closed Noon-1:00 pm)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass (In person)
5:30 pm

Sunday Mass (In person)
6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

9:00 am (In-person)

CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Saturday (In the Church)
4:00-4:45 pm

Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

October 3 Bulletin:
Due Monday, Sept. 27

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paper Drive Fundraiser

The Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **THIS WEEKEND, Saturday, Sept. 25, and Sunday, Sept. 26** (8:00 am-7:00 pm, daily) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

Senior Citizen Bingo

We are happy to announce that Senior Citizen Bingo afternoons are returning! The first event will be **Monday, Sept. 27**, at Noon in the Parish Hall. Cards are \$3 each or 2 for \$5, and they are good for the afternoon.



Bingo games will follow lunch. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not yet be able to bring potluck dishes. Instead, we invite everyone to bring a sack lunch or fast-food lunch. We will be providing coffee and cupcakes. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. Please invite your friends to join us. All are welcome! To RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Joan Sutton at (626) 824-2105.

Choir Rehearsals Have Begun

Join us! Parishioners with any, all or no musical abilities are welcome. Rehearsals for the St. Luke Singers (8:30 am Mass) are held **Wednesdays**, 4:00-6:00 pm. Rehearsals for the Lightshine Choir (10:30 am Mass) are held **Thursdays**, 7:00-9:00 pm. Both rehearsals are held in the Church.

Both choirs will make their return to Sunday Masses on Sunday, Oct. 17. We have lots of exciting plans for our choirs! For more information, contact Justin Senneff at senneffj@yahoo.com.

Planned Giving Seminar

Save the date! A Planned Giving Seminar will be offered on **Friday, Oct. 22**, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come learn about the process of Catholic Estate Planning. An RSVP is required, as seating is limited. Contact Kerrin at the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 or kerrin@stluketemplecity.org to reserve a seat.

Communion Procession Update: We will now begin the Communion line from the front of the church rather than the back. Our ushers will guide parishioners on where to go. *Thank you.*



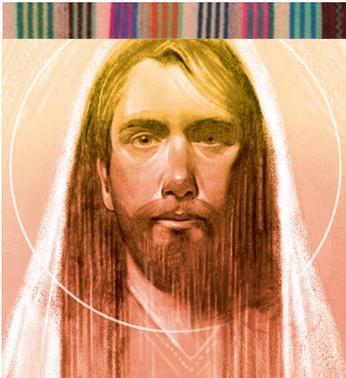
RCIA Classes to Begin in September

For New Members of the Catholic Faith

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 that 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 **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, 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.

Scripture Reflection



No one who performs a mighty deed in my name can speak ill of me.

Let Us Lead Others to God...

Our faith is not an individual business. For one cannot save oneself alone nor can one save another by oneself alone without the help of a community. In the Gospel Jesus shows the importance of working together for the salvation of others.

Thus, we always celebrate the sacraments of the Church as a community of faith. As Jesus said, ***“for where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*** (Matthew 18:20)

Then twice in the first part of the Gospel, Our Lord mentioned the term “in my name.” John reported to Jesus that there were people expelling demons in His name.

And then Jesus Himself said that ***“there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.”*** (Mark 9:39)

Because we bear the Holy Name of Jesus, which is why we are Christians by name and we live by His Holy Name, thus, we make the sign of the Cross, we can do good and holy deeds for the glory of God.

We make the sign of the Cross everyday with these sacred words: ***“In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*** Our sacred actions combined with those holy words of the Sign of the Cross are a strong expression of our faith in the power and protection of our God who lives in us.

Because God lives in us, He calls us to avoid sin and to bring others to Him rather than leading them to sin. Either we work for the salvation of others, or we lead them to sin. Which one do we do daily?

Let us remember that Jesus gives a strong warning if we lead others to sin. ***“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were to be put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”*** (Mark 9:42)

Sin is serious. It is serious because it offends God, it separates us from Him and it cost the life of the Son of God, Jesus on the Cross.

The prophet Isaiah wrote in his book, ***“but He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by His wounds we were healed. But the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all.”*** (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Sin is serious because it is a rejection of God’s love, and His rule. And because He is eternal, the consequence of sin on us is also eternal. If sin is not that serious why would the Lord admonish us to cut off parts of our body to avoid sin rather than end up in Gehenna.

The Lord used forceful and strong language in the Gospel to drive home His point that we should avoid sin at all costs. He wants us never to take for granted the destructive effects of sin on us, on others, and its eternal consequences.

Let us remember His words to the adulterous woman after none of her accusers condemned her. ***“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”*** (John 8:11b)

Instead of leading others to sin, let us lead them to God by praying for them, multiplying our good works, and striving to live an exemplary holy life with the help and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints in heaven. **-Fr. Robert**



For those who would like to add the name of your deceased loved one to the Mary, Undoer of Knots, Ribbon Wall located in the Church, there will be a basket of ribbons located in the vestibule and in the Pastoral Office. You may write the name of your loved one on the ribbon and then tie it to the wall. Donations gratefully accepted. Please bring donations to the Pastoral Office; specify “Ribbons.”

PARISH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2021 Ordinary Receipts

Sunday Envelope	\$26,851
Online Donations	\$14,751
Cash Donations	\$4,431
Miscellaneous Donations/Income	\$2,076
AT&T Cell Site Rental Income	\$3,116

Total Ordinary Receipts \$51,225

July 2021 Ordinary Expenses

Salaries/Taxes/Pensions	\$31,230
Employee Health Insurance	\$5,162
Utilities/Telephone	\$7,098
Insurances	\$10,961
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$5,492
Operating Expenses	\$7,142

Total Ordinary Expenses \$67,085

NET INCOME / (LOSS) (\$15,860)

Restricted Donations to Off-set	\$2,219
Designated Expenses	
Restricted Donations for Special Projects	\$50

August 2021 Ordinary Receipts

Sunday Envelope	\$34,725
Online Donations	\$16,223
Cash Donations	\$7,124
Miscellaneous Donations/Income	\$5,276
AT&T Cell Site Rental Income	\$3,116

Total Ordinary Receipts \$66,464

August 2021 Ordinary Expenses

Salaries/Taxes/Pensions	\$32,870
Employee Health Insurance	\$4,848
Utilities/Telephone	\$8,544
Insurances	\$7,921
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$5,492
Operating Expenses	\$15,010

Total Ordinary Expenses \$74,685

NET INCOME / (LOSS) (\$8,221)

Restricted Donations to Off-set	\$1,859
Designated Expenses	
Restricted Donations for Special Projects	\$9,000
Major Improvements/Purchases	
<i>Underground Water Pipe Repair</i>	(\$3,960)

NEWS and NOTES

Preschool | Family Catechesis | Home Church
Youth and Adult Confirmation

Registration is Open!
St. Luke Catholic Community's
2021-22 Religious Education Program

The Program focuses on Sacraments and enriching the spiritual needs and growth of the Parish Community.

Please turn in registration forms and the deposit to the Pastoral Office. Classes are starting soon.

Program Packet is available at www.stluketemplecity.org (under the Faith Formation tab).

Questions? Please contact Barbara Hansen, DRE, at (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227 or (213) 948-3307, or Barbara@stluketemplecity.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS ON
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
 SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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Fr. Robert Victoria and Seminarian Joseph Morrell

PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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). *Thank you for your support!*

St. Luke Catholic School STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

St. Luke Catholic School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the parish bulletin and school newspaper. The school also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

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Keep video games safe

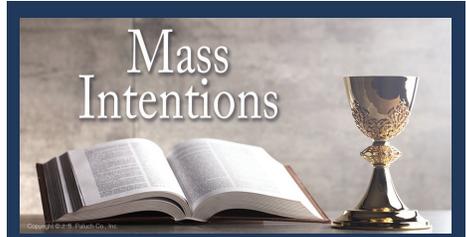
If your children play video games, it is important to know what they are playing and who they are playing with. Although video games may look like a solo activity, many involve teams or groups where players meet online.

Talk to your children about what they are playing, and what they are talking about with other players. Remind them about your internet safety rules, and what information they can and cannot share online. You can also research a game's content at the Entertainment Software Rating Board, www.esrb.org.

For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2021/schools-out-for-summer-gaming-safety-for-kids.html>.

Everyone is required to wear a mask indoors on parish and school property.

VISIT WWW.STLUKETEMPLECITY.ORG FOR MOST CURRENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION.



Week of September 26, 2021

Saturday, September 25

5:30 pm Agilina & Agelo Fichera
Christine-SI

Sunday, September 26

6:30 am Kim John, Barbara Cantu
Cynthia Caguioa
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Guy Miali, Lou Cambiaso
William Beinberch

10:30 am Eddie Acolentava, Sr.
Carmen Dolorito
Brenda Mei-On-Chan

Monday, September 27

9:00 am Brenda Mei-On-Chan
Hector Jimenez
Hannah Cruz-SI

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 am Robert Griffen

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am Jesse Campos
Michael Sanchez
Maria Vela-SI

Thursday, September 30

9:00 am Mercedes Adilia Rodriguez

Friday, October 1

9:00 am Jack Fuller
All Souls Memorial

Saturday, October 2

5:30 pm Eva Arrighi, Guisepppe Russo
Dora Villalpando

Sunday, October 3

6:30 am John Kim, Barbara Imbrie
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Hal Hanna
Mary Ellen
Kenneth Gillanders

10:30 am Jennifer Henry Pimentel
Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT

October is Fair Trade Month

Buying “fair trade” products is a way to incorporate the Catholic social teaching values of respecting the dignity of work and caring for the poor, when we navigate the world as consumers.



What is "Fair Trade?"

“Fair trade” refers to practices that promote the following principles:

- Fair wages
- Advancement opportunities
- Equal employment opportunities
- Protections for women and children
- Environmentally sustainable practices
- Transparency
- Strong trade relationships
- Healthy and safe working conditions
- Financial and technical assistance to producers

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that, *“It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise. Consumers should be continually educated regarding their daily role, which can be exercised with respect for moral principles without diminishing the intrinsic economic rationality of the act of purchasing.”* (Caritas in Veritate, no.66)

You can find fair trade items at many stores, including Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.

Other Fair Trade Resources:

- **Fair Trade Los Angeles** (<https://fairtradelo.org/>)
- **Ten Thousand Villages** (<https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/>)

“Every economic...action must set about providing each inhabitant of the planet with the minimum wherewithal to live in dignity and freedom, with the possibility of supporting a family, educating children, praising God and developing one's own human potential.”

-Pope Francis

~St. Luke Life, Justice, and Peace Ministry

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MISSIONARY COMMITMENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

I give you thanks for calling me to be your disciple
and for sending me to be your missionary in the world.

As I step forth from this holy place,
give me the grace to be an authentic witness to your love by my life
and to proclaim you on my lips with joy.

I ask this in your Most Holy Name.

AMEN.

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The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Today's readings remind us that God is free: God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect. In the reading from Numbers, God's spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God.

And in Mark's Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God's work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God's spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God's spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn't fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God's freedom.

LOOK WITHIN

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Readings also available on the
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- *First Friday Adoration.*
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Holy Hour of Devotion

Weekdays at 3:00 pm. In-person or Online. Live streamed on Facebook @StLukeParishTC, on Youtube.com (Channel: Fr. Robert Victoria - Subscribe to receive alert when streaming is live.) and via Twitter @fsvic3. (No Benediction on Fridays.)



Chapel Located in Pastoral Office

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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.*

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