Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — August 15, 2021

Gospel

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." Lk 1:48-49

Mission Statement

The Church of St. Luke is joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

Masses

Please check the St. Luke website for additional details. www.thechurchofstluke.org

+ Masks are Recommended +

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday—7:30am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:00am Sunday—11:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday-3:30pm

> Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday

9:00am—5:00pm Call: (619) 442-1697 Fax: (619) 442-2293 Welcome to THE CHURCH OF Saint Luke A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES 1980 Hillsdale Road (619) 442-1697

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FIRST READING: REVELATION 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab SECOND READING: 1 CORNTHIANS 15:20-27 GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

First Reading:

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

Gospel:

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Parish & Finance Councils, Gospel Meditation

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council normally meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Visitors/observers are welcome. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact a Council Member to present it for you, or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jane Cruz Alfano, Parish Life Director Fr. Don Coleman, Parish Priest Mark Balmert Tony Camara Amy Cannon Julia Caputo. Chairperson Theresa Dodd-Butera Bob Guarnotta Kay Krueger Kevin Lawrence Don Mercurio Tom Selfani Dcn. Dennie Nickell, Deacon Emeritus Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets every other fourth Wednesday of the month.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jane Cruz Alfano, Parish Life Director John Krueger, *Chairperson* Amy Cannon George Heidenreich Cathy March Dave Sapper Jim Stepovich



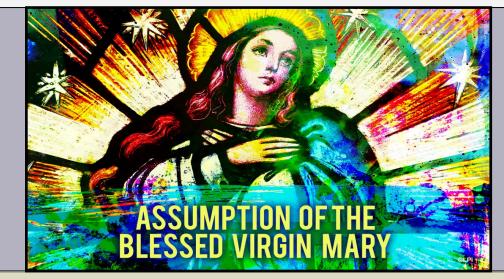
GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



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Prayer Requests, Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

PRAYER REQUESTS

Janet Pickard, Gary Reece, David & Annmarie Quezon, Laman Abdulahad, Sophia David, Dcn. Dennie Nickell,

Nancy Ursey, Thelma Zinich, Jonathan Zumwalt & Family, Davin Brooks, Pat Maultra, Jerri Ann Carroll, Willy Gatus, Kristen Izotic, Chris Foraker, Brian Hill, Connie Bowen, Cherokee Eddy, Eileen Milnick, Jose Luis, Bobbie Allen, Frank Wilusz, Thomas Dennison, Michael Sanchez, Joanne Silva, Thomas & Charlie Frechette, Janice Jones, Meg and Jacob Seilheimer, Michele Peterson, John Vugrin, Marckis Lee, Carlos Zarate, Gail Balga, Bill Washkevich, Juan Jiménez, Donna McWalter, Cindy McLaughlin, Christian Colon, Sofia Healy, Citiali Chavez, Rosalie Cline, Sandie Tessier, Logan Bedsole, Jeanette Craig, David Ashbaugh, Chris Martin, Mavi Ghio, Ryan Smith, Matthew Chu, Rose Falls, Richard Frechette, Reilly Phipps, Mike McFaul, Richard Spurling, Dean Mellos, Eric Matus, Gabe Eddy, Harriet B, Nora Toscano, Eugenio Cesena, Jeanne Brunner, Patty Hayes and Family, Glen Stewart, Corrine Warcholik, Colleen London, Laurie Lindow, Joey Enderwood, Bob Cole, Paul Folsom, John Stevenson, Zoey Thomas, La Mice Denton, Brian Hill, Gary Corwin, Bill Phillips, Isaac Armas, Mary Botte, Lara Pasi, Ryan Cochran, Emmanuel Hallak, Dylan Coughlin, Selena Chum, Jimmie Davis, Rachel Chavez, Michele Chavez, Helen Chu, Al Bowen, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Warcholik, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, Karen Bennett, Connie Elba, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Mina Scannicchio, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, Chase Laird, Alice Zizzo, Sophia Christensen, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Vie Liddell, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Bob Weisham, Teri Harrison, Danielle P., Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Siragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Sue Sullivan, Tommy Collet Sr., Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Austin Gatus, The Hill Family, The Morrison Family, Frances Colombo, Zaim Attisha, Teresa Russo; and all our relatives and friends who are sick or need prayers.

To add or remove a name, please contact Nancy Adema

G PARISH FINANCES №

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to receive an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program.

Week of August 15th:

Weekly Mass offering:	\$ 6,635.00
Weekly WeShare/Online Giving:	\$ 5,589.00

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give.

WAYS TO GIVE: You can use envelopes as many people do, or set up automatic donations through your bank (forms available in the parish office); you can go to *Online Giving* on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan. You may personally manage online giving or call the parish office to arrange a plan administered by the parish Business Manager. Online Giving Link: <u>https://www.thechurchofstluke.org</u> (click on *Online Giving*, on the right side of the menu bar). For additional information, please call the parish office at 619-442-1697.

Please pray for August Wedding Anniversaries

	Richard & Florence Van Der Karr	61 years
	Billy & Mary Jane Papenhausen	
	Ben & Susie Machado	55 years
	Wayne & Mary Kay Sieckman	48 years
	Michael & Norma Soares	53 years
	Richard & Colleen Venancio	
	Tom & Kelcie Haggard	51 years
	Jim & Janis Lindgren	50 years
	Zen & Bridget Barelka	45 years
	Rick & Jo-Marie Roberts	41 years
	Dan & Jean Goulding	36 years
	Schuyler & Gloria Boyce	31 years
	Frank & Yoli Thompson	25 years
	Brad & Gina Elsass	
	Frank & Alexxa Terrazas	8 years
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If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin, please call 619-442-1697.

Readings for the week of August 15

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22 **Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12 Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Prayer Intentions

Saturday, August 7 5:00pm—**Bruno & Margaret Bubis**, RIP, **Robert Kroeger**, RIP

Sunday, August 8 9:00am—Parishioners of Saint Luke 11:30am—Jerry Neu, RIP, Brenda Elizabeth, Spec. Int.

Wednesday, August 11 7:30am— Presiders Intention

Thursday, August 12 7:30am—Presiders Intention

Friday, August 13 7:30am— Presiders Intention

Saturday, August 14 5:00pm—Andrea Nickell, RIP, Fabian & Shawn Jr. Tarango, Spec. Int.

Sunday, August 15 9:00am—Winston Quitiquit, RIP 11:30am— Parishioners of Saint Luke



Parish Life

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR PRE-K - 5TH GRADE SESSIONS! VISIT WWW.THECHURCHOFSTLUKE.ORG/REGISTRATION



Faith Formation programs at the Church of St. Luke include:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Contact Michelle@stluke-ec.org

First Communion & Reconciliation

Contact Jenny@stluke-ec.org

Middle School Ministry

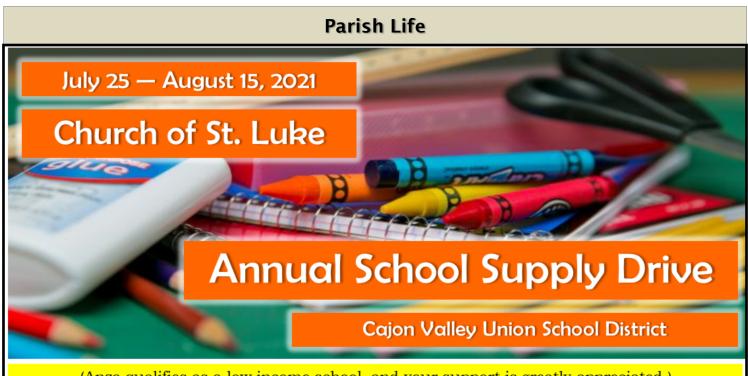
Contact Evelyn@stluke-ec.org

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High School Confirmation Ministry



FILL OUT THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM & PAY ONLINE OR BY CHECK. SESSIONS START THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021!



(Anza qualifies as a low income school, and your support is greatly appreciated.)

You can purchase school supplies and leave them in the boxes in the Baptistery or purchase gift cards. The preference is Wal Mart or Target but any will be appreciated. No need to shop, just drop a gift card or check in the basket at Mass or mail to the Church Office and we will purchase gift cards through St. Luke's Script program with the checks and put them in the lunch box, it's just like making two donations at once.

(If you prefer to use a check, please write, "Outreach school supplies" on the Memo line.)

The Saint Luke Outreach Committee



Coloring Books Puzzles for Kindergarten Play Dough School Back Packs Scissors Rulers Elmer's Glue Glue Sticks Paintbrushes Watercolors Construction Paper Variety Crayons (standard) Crayons (thick, for K-1) Pencils (thick, for K-1) Retracting Pencils Color Pencils Pencil Boxes Pencil Sharpeners Big Erasers BIC-type pens (Blue, Black, Red) Expo Dry-Erase Markers Color Markers Correction Fluid or Pens Reams of White Paper Dividers Binders Two-Pocket Paper Folders Spiral Notebooks Graph Paper Notebooks Notebook Paper Composition Notebooks Calculators Masking Tape Geometry Sets

Thank you for your generosity, compassion,

and for participating in God's work!

Note: Help is needed to sort supplies in the hall on August 17th, 9am-Noon

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Parish Directory and Observances

G PARISH DIRECTORY №

Parish Life Director: Jane Cruz Alfano (619) 442-1697 X103 Parish Priest: Fr. Don Coleman (619) 442-1697 Deacon Emeritus: Dennie Nickell (619) 442-1697 Deacon: Jerry Stenovec (619) 334-1191 Financial Assistant: Tina Miller (619) 442-1697 x110 bkkpr@thechurchofstluke.org Admin Assistant: Joanie Maitilasso (619) 442-1697 x101 secretary@thechurchofstluke.org Bulletin Editor: Joanie Maitilasso (619) 442-1697 x101 secretary@thechurchofstluke.org Facility Manager: Robert Stevenson (619)442-1697 x109 facman@thechurchofstluke.org Web Master: Madeline Flores madeline@stluke-ec.org Choir Director: Colin McColl **Organist:** Susan Paul

FAITH FORMATION

Catechetical Ministry: Jane Cruz Alfano, Parish Life Director (619) 442-1697 x103 pldir@thechurchofstluke.org Coordinator of RCIA: Dcn. Jerry Stenovec gerald.m.stenovec@boeing.com Coordinators of PreK-5 Faith Formation: Michelle Hayford; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 619) 442-1697 x 105 · CGS@thechurchofstluke.org Jennifer Kroeger; Sacramental Preparation (619) 442-1697 x 104 · K-5reled@thechurchofstluke.org Coordinator of Middle & High School Faith Formation, Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Evelyn Beale (619) 442-2515 x106 · youthreled@thechurchofstluke.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers: Jane Fuzak Baptism Class: Dcn. Jerry Stenovec Church Cleaning Crew: Peggy Nelson Cub/Boy Scout Religious Emblems: Shannon Vint Eucharistic Adoration: Mike Wasyliw **Eucharistic Ministers:** Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio, GK Lectors: Susan Smothers Marriage Preparation: Jane Cruz Alfano (619) 442-1697 ext.103 Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: Dcn. Jerry Stenovec Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien (619) 442-1697 Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema Culture of Life: Pat Riggs Scrip: Ed Broadhurst Small Church Communities: Jane Cruz Alfano (619) 442-1697 x103 Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mike Wasyliw St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March **Ushers:** Susan Smothers

JOANIE MAITILASSO, Bulletin Editor

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: MONDAY AT NOON

Please call the church office with any inquiries. Thank you!

This week at St. Luke

Calendar events are subject to change. For additional calendar and event information, please visit **www.thechurchofstluke.org**

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	SATURDAY, 8/14 Th	e Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
	Baby Bottle Boomerang-Spear 3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass	ker			
	SUNDAY, 8/15 The A	ssumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
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	No Meetings				
	TUESDAY, 8/17				
	9:00am School Supply Sortin	ng			
	WEDNESDAY, 8/18				
	7:30am Mass				
	THURSDAY, 8/19	St. John Eudes, Priest			
	7:30am Mass 5:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting				
	FRIDAY, 8/20 St. 1	Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church			
	7:30am Mass				
	SAT., 8/21 :	St. Pius X, Pope			
	Missionary Sunday w/Speaker 9:30am High School Beach (3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass				
	SUNDAY, 8/22	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Missionary Sunday w/Speaker 8:15am Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:15am Core Team Meetin 11:30am Mass				
	MONDAY, 8/23	St. Stephen of Hungary			
	9:00am Church Cleaning				
	TUESDAY, 8/24				
	3:30pm Outreach Meeting				

Catholic Life

Mission Co-Op Appeal "Missionary Sunday" <u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>

August 21 and 22 our parish will participate in the Propagation of the Faith's annual Mission Cooperation Plan. This is the Holy Father's way of updating parishioners on overseas missionary activity and also assuring that missionaries have the funding necessary to continue their ministry. Sister Mary Dietz, a School Sister of Notre Dame, will make an appeal for her congregation's pastoral, educational, and medical missions in Africa. Sister Mary served as a missionary teacher in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Please welcome her and show your generous support for our brothers and sisters in mission lands.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP Restrictions lifted, but caution prevails

(Updated Aug. 4 2021)

Since mid-June, when COVID-19 positivity rates fell to .7% (their lowest rate since the beginning of the Pandemic) and Bishop McElroy was able to lift all the Mass restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the disease, two things have happened: The highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant has become the dominant strain of the disease in California and positivity rates have increased more than 10 times, topping 7.2% at the end of July. **Health authorities in San Diego and Imperial Counties are following CDC guidance that recommends everyone wear a face covering in indoor public settings, whether they have been vaccinated or not.**

The Diocese continues to urge that anyone medically able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine do so and that anyone unvaccinated continue to use a mask around other people.

The COVID-19 rules currently observed in our diocese are:

• Masks are recommended at Mass and other indoor diocesan functions for everyone, regardless of vaccination status;

• All restrictions on capacity and spacing for worship have been lifted;

• All limitations on meetings and social activities have been lifted;

• Distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue is now allowed, although it will continue to be available in the hand. The reintroduction of the shared cup will be determined sometime in the future;

• The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has ended. Some members will continue be exempt, however; It is recommended that non-family members bringing the Eucharist to the sick be vaccinated.

Children under the age of 14 in formation classes and students in Catholic schools will have to continue to wear masks because is there no vaccine yet available for the bulk of these youngsters.



Help our pro-life ministry by making a donation on *August* 14. *and* 15 using a virtual donor card or taking home a baby bottle MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CULTURE OF LIFE SERVICES

Your donations will help provide:

- medical, mental, and spiritual help to women in crisis pregnancies
- educational programs
- pro-life events for the community!

RCIA

The Church of Saint Luke welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community joyfully shares and celebrates this journey with them in

"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" - RCIA.

This journey includes both a discernment process where we spend prayerful time contemplating the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our response to that calling, as well as learning about the Catholic faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith - or perhaps you are an adult already baptized in the Catholic Church and would like to become fully initiated - you are cordially invited to enter the RCIA process.

RCIA Inquiries will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning August 25th.

> For more information, please contact Deacon Jerry Stenovec



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