21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

Welcome to

Gospel

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 6:68

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

First Reading:

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THE CHURCH OF



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2a; 15-17, 18b SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:21-32 GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

Second Reading:

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage? **Gospel:**

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

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.

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

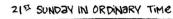


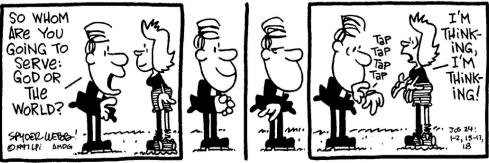
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"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.





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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:	\$ 6,318.00
Weekly WeShare/Online Giving:	\$ 4,992.00

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	56 years
	Ben & Susie Machado	55 years
	Wayne & Mary Kay Sieckman	
	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

If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin, please call 619-442-1697.

Readings for the week of August 22

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 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

[1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer Intentions

Saturday, August 21 5:00pm—Andrea Nickell, RIP, Teresa Olejnik, RIP, Fabian & Shawn Jr. Tarango, Spec. Int,

Sunday, August 22 9:00am—Winston Quitiquit, RIP, & Teresa Olejnik, RIP 11:30am—Parishioners of Saint Luke

Wednesday, August 25 7:30am— Presiders Intention

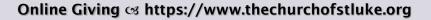
Thursday, August 26 7:30am—Presiders Intention

Friday, August 27 7:30am— Presiders Intention

Saturday, August 28 5:00pm—Amir, Mansour, Miriam & Nouria Barbat, RIP

Sunday, August 29

9:00am—**Parishioners of Saint Luke** 11:30am— **Winston Quitiquit,** RIP



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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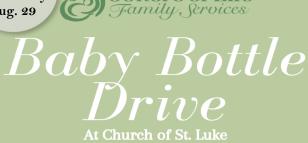
High School Confirmation Ministry



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

Parish Life

Please return to St. Luke by Aug. 29



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!

Mariana Estrada mestrada@colfs.org 619-382-4769

Ouestions?

Mission Co-Op Appeal *"Missionary Sunday"* <u>August 21-22</u>

This weekend, 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 the mission lands. Thank you!



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 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

Can anything good come from Nazareth? And Philip said

to him: "come and see." -John 1:46



Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do

something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

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Parish Directory and Observances

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FAITH FORMATION

Catechetical Ministry: Jane Cruz Alfano, Parish Life Director (619) 442-1697 ×103 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 × 105 · CGS@thechurchofstluke.org Jennifer Kroeger; Sacramental Preparation (619) 442-1697 × 104 · K-5reled@thechurchofstluke.org Coordinator of Middle & High School Faith Formation, Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Evelyn Beale (619) 442-2515 ×106 · 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: Kathy LeMay 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

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: MONDAY AT NOON

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



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

SATURDAY, 8/21 St. Pius X, Pope; 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Missionary Appeal Sunday 3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 8/22

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Missionary Appeal Sunday 8:15am Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:15am High School Core Team Meeting 11:30am Mass

MONDAY, 8/23 St. Rose of Lima 9:00am Church Cleaning

St. Bartholomew

St. Monica

3:30pm Outreach Meeting

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

7:30am Mass 7:00pm RCIA Class

WEDNESDAY, 8/25

TUESDAY, 8/24

THURSDAY, 8/26 7:30am Mass 9:00am Level 1 CGS Training

FRIDAY, 8/27 7:30am Mass 9:00am Level 1 CGS Training

SATURDAY, 8/28 St. Augustine; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Level 1 CGS Training 3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass

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MONDAY, 8/30

No Meetings

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Catholic Life

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP "Restrictions lifted, but caution prevails."

(Updated Aug. 4 2021)

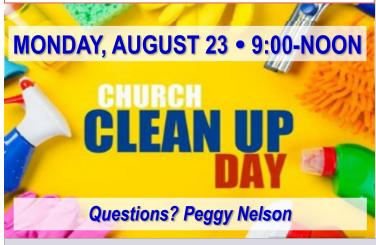
Since mid-June, when COVID-19 positivity rates fell to .7% (their lowest rate since the beginning of the Pandemic) and Bishop McElroy was able to lift all the Mass restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the disease, two things have happened:

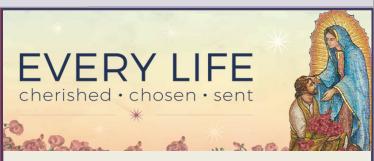
The highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant has become the dominant strain of the disease in California and positivity rates have increased more than 10 times, topping 7.2% at the end of July.

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:

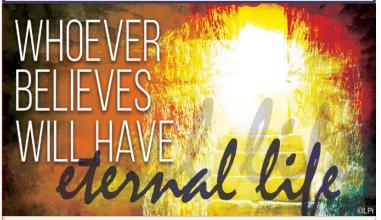
- Masks are recommended at Mass and other indoor diocesan functions for everyone, regardless of vaccination status;
- All restrictions on capacity and spacing for worship have been lifted;
- All limitations on meetings and social activities have been lifted;
- Distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue 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 Children schools will have to continue to wear masks because is there no vaccine yet available for the bulk of these youngsters.





Please join us for a **Pro-Life Rosary** Sundays at 8:15am

(before the 9am Mass)





Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15). God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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