24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 12, 2021

Gospel

And he asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply,

"You are the Christ."

Mk 8:29

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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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50: 5-9a SECOND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

GOSPEL: MARK 8: 27-35

First Reading:
Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

Second Reading:

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

Gospel:

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

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

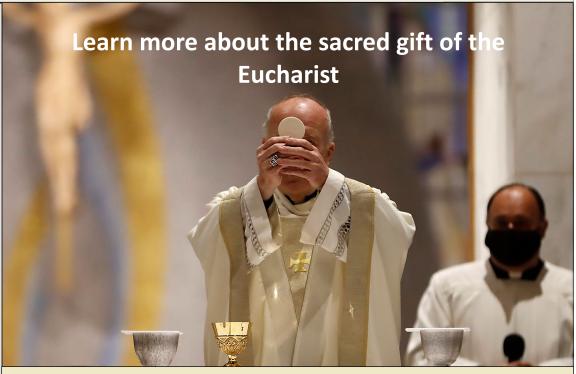
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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Jane Cruz Alfano,
Parish Life Director
John Krueger,
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Amy Cannon
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"Should I go to Mass this weekend?"

Many faithful wrestle with this question, amid the latest news on the coronavirus. But perhaps answering the question, "Why should I go to Mass?" and understanding the blessings of encountering the real presence of Christ will offer the compelling reason to attend Mass in person.

To help promote this, the diocese is launching a seven-week program to reintroduce the gifts received when attending Mass, none greater than the Eucharist.

On three consecutive weekends, pre-recorded homilies will be presented at every parish, each keyed to a distinct theme. They start on Sept. 11 with the Saturday vigil Mass, to be followed by the Sunday Masses the next day, and continuing to Sept. 26.

The homilies will be available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Video of homily will be available at noon on Sept. 12.



https://www.sdcatholic.org/

"It is my deepest hope that these weeks will be for us all a time to grow in our love for and understanding of this most beautiful sacrament and, in doing so, come closer to the God who has bestowed upon us every blessing we know in this world."

Prayer Requests, Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions



Mimi Murphy, Mary Sturm, 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, Zoey Thomas, La Mice Denton, Brian Hill, Gary Corwin, Bill Phillips, Isaac Armas, Mary Botte, Lara Pasi, Ryan Cochran, 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, 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, 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; all our relatives and friends who are sick or need prayers.

> To add or remove a name, please contact Nancy Adema

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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.

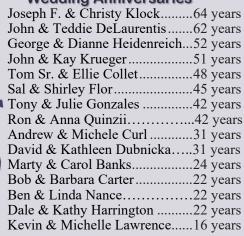
Week of September 5th:

Weekly Mass offering: \$ 7,625.00 Weekly WeShare/Online Giving: \$ not available

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: https://www.thechurchofstluke.org (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 September Wedding Anniversaries



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

Readings for the week of September 12

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

[1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,

38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk

7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19

-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk

8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

[6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Prayer Intentions

Saturday, September 11

5:00pm—Lucrezia Casarrubia, RIP, Jessica

Casillas, RIP, Gerry Malabanan, RIP

Sunday, September 12

9:00am—Andrea Pinta, RIP

11:30am—Parishioners of Saint Luke

Wednesday, September 15

7:30am— Breanna Skidmore, Spec Int

Thursday, September 16

7:30am—Kaimana Skidmore, Spec Int

Friday, September 17

7:30am—Presiders Intention

Saturday, September 18

5:00pm—Lucrezia Casarrubia, RIP, Donna

Vugrin, RIP, Gerry Malabanan, RIP

Sunday, September 19

9:00am—Walter Newell, RIP, Amir, Mansour, Miriam & Nouria Barbat, RIP, Nick Radovich, RIP, Ivan Radovich, RIP

11:30am—Parishioners of Saint Luke

Parish Life



Please come to the
Parent Meeting on Sept. 29
if you have a child registered
for First Communion
Sacramental Preparation!





September 22nd to October 31st 4ODAYS FORLIFE.

All people are sacred, made in the image and likeness of God. People do not lose dignity because of disability, poverty, age, lack of success or race. This emphasizes people over things, being over having. The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. (U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2020)

The Culture of Life Ministry promotes a renewed respect for human life. Our goal is to help parishioners understand the issues and importance of meeting the needs of those who are most vulnerable – especially mothers and their unborn children, and those who are seriously ill or dying and their families.

+Every thirty seconds a baby is lost to abortion. + Out of 195 countries, abortion is legal in all but 5.

PRAY: All church leaders including Pope Francis have encouraged prayer as something every single person can do. Such as the pro **Life Rosary 8:15 a.m. before the 9 a.m.** Mass on Sunday. You can pray; every second, every minute every hour and every day, while awake, anywhere. Pray for an end to abortion.

GET INVOLVED: You are invited to join thousands of Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign September 22rd to October 31st 2021, this consists of 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end of abortion.

During the six weeks campaign event **The Church of Saint Luke has adopted Mondays** as our day of prayer on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon, 1685 E. Main Street El Cajon. **One hour of quite prayer you choose your time.** If Monday is not a good day for you can choose any day of the week. **Just think of the impact our witness will make**.

Mark your calendar. For more information or to sign up for a time you can email Pat Riggs

Do small things with great love –Saint Mother Teresa

Parish Life



"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed"

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."

Those amazing volunteers who we, the parish community have designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Please join us on Sunday, September 19ⁿ at the 9 am Mass to honor and show support for our catechists.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses



Bring the Children!

HELP WANTED for the 9 am Mass! Call or Contact Jenny@stluke-ec.org



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 6:30 pm

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



Mark your calendar!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 19 • 10:00am

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Orange Juice Adults: \$7 Kids 11 & under eat free!



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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**

SATURDAY, 9/11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for Haiti Earthquake

9:30am High School Beach Cleanup—offsite

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 9/12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Second Collection for Haiti Earthquake

8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary

9:00am Mass

10:00am High School Core Team Meeting

10:15am CLW Volunteers Meeting

11:30am Mass

MONDAY, 9/13

St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Sorrows

No Meetings

TUESDAY, 9/14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 9/15
7:30am Mass

7:00pm RCIA Class

THURSDAY, 9/16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

7:30am Mass

5:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

FRIDAY, 9/17

St. Robert Bellarmine

Young Adult Retreat-OffSite

7:30am Mass

SATURDAY, 9/18

BVM

Young Adult Retreat-OffSite

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 9/19

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Young Adult Retreat-OffSite

Catechetical Sunday

8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary

9:00am Mass w/Catechist Regcognition

10:15am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

11:30am Mass

MONDAY, 9/20

Sts, Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang

& Companions

No Meetings

Catholic Life

Please join us for a

Pro-Life/Family Rosary Sundays at 8:15am

(before the 9am Mass)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

"Restrictions lifted, but caution prevails."

(*Updated Aug. 4 2021*)

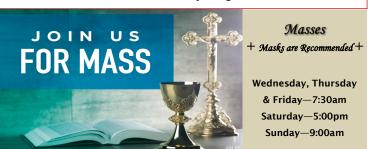
Since mid-June, when COVID-19 positivity rates fell to .7% (their lowest rate since the beginning of the Pandemic) and Bishop McElroy was able to lift all the Mass restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the disease, two things have happened:

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 IN THE

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM

Every Sunday in the month of September between masses. 10am-11:30am

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& SOME OF THE CATECHISTS

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

September 11 & 12 Masses

The National Conference of Bishops in the U.S. has called for a special collection to respond to the humanitarian and significant church recovery needs due to the recent earthquake in Haiti. On September 11th & 12th we will take up an extra collection during masses. Please make checks payable to Saint Luke with a notation in the Memo line: *Haiti Earthquake*. Everyone is encouraged to join the

Haiti Earthquake. Everyone is encouraged to join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world through this collection.

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