

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 26, 2021

Gospel

If your hand causes you
to sin, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter
into life maimed
than with two hands to
go into Gehenna,
into the unquenchable fire.

Mk 9:43

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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

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Monday-Friday
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:25-29

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:1-6

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-43,45,47-48

First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading:

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Question:

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

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.

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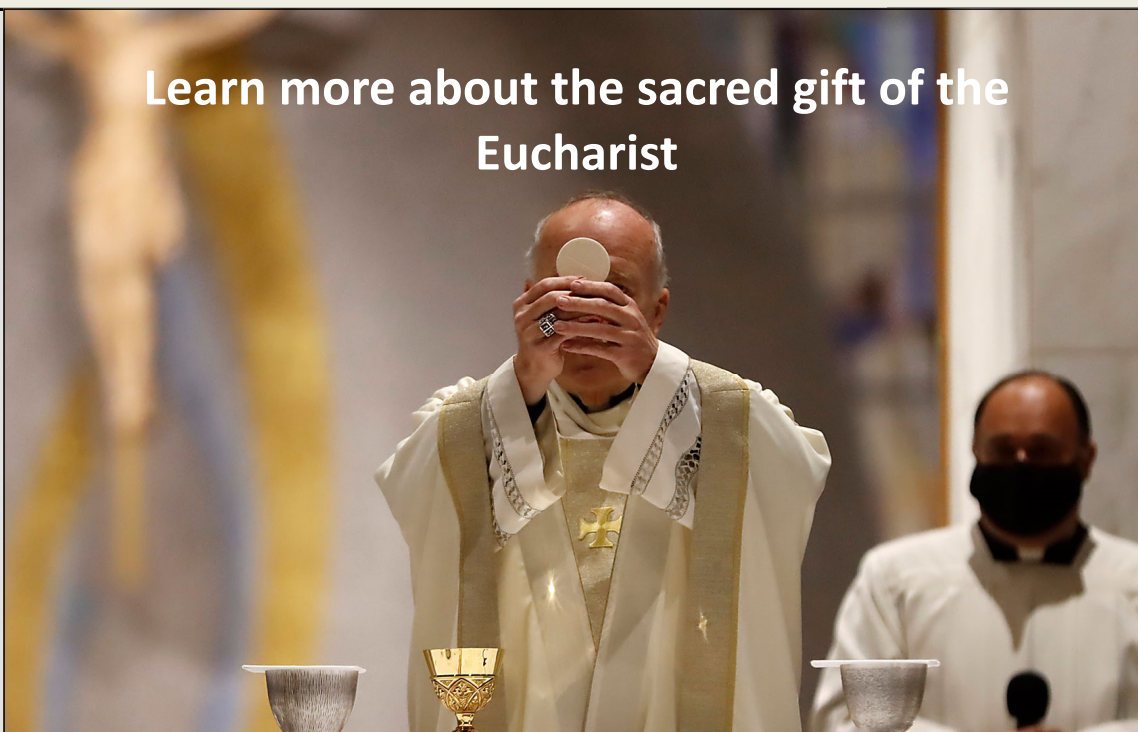
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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John Krueger,
Chairperson
Amy Cannon
George Heidenreich
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Learn more about the sacred gift of the Eucharist



“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 re-introduce 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. 26](#)



<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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Prayer Requests

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, Citali 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

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 September 19th:

Weekly Mass offering: \$ not available
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

Joseph F. & Christy Klock.....64 years
John & Teddie DeLaurentis.....62 years
George & Dianne Heidenreich...52 years
John & Kay Krueger51 years
Tom Sr. & Ellie Collet.....48 years
Sal & Shirley Flor.....45 years
Tony & Julie Gonzales42 years
Ron & Anna Quinzii.....42 years
Andrew & Michele Curl.....31 years
David & Kathleen Dubnicka.....31 years
Marty & Carol Banks.....24 years
Bob & Barbara Carter.....22 years
Ben & Linda Nance.....22 years
Dale & Kathy Harrington22 years
Kevin & Michelle Lawrence.....16 years

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

Readings for the week of September 26

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Prayer Intentions

Saturday, September 25

5:00pm—Carol Rudd, RIP, Gerry Malabanan, RIP

Sunday, September 26

9:00am—Parishioners of Saint Luke
11:30am—Joe Scannicchio, RIP

Wednesday, September 29

7:30am—Presiders Intention

Thursday, September 30

7:30am—Presiders Intention

Friday, October 1

7:30am—Presiders Intention

Saturday, October 2

5:00pm...John Sousa, RIP, Tillie Sousa, Spec. Int.

Sunday, October 3

9:00am—Parishioners of Saint Luke
11:30am—Aren Fikes, RIP

FAITH FORMATION STARTS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER

10/3/21 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

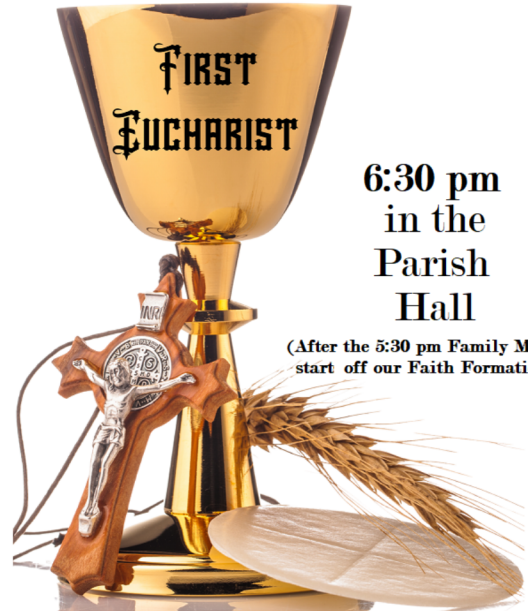
10/3/21 First Communion Preparation

10/4/21 Middle School Ministry

10/3/21 High School Confirmation Ministry

TO ACCESS THE PARISH CALENDAR AND/OR REGISTER
GO TO WWW.THECHURCHOFSTLUKE.ORG

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



6:30 pm
in the
Parish
Hall

(After the 5:30 pm Family Mass to
start off our Faith Formation year.)

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Parish Life

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Fall Brunch

Saturday, October 9, 2021

8:30 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Check In

Guest Speaker: Erika Toraya

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Include the names of your friends that you would like
to sit with.

Questions? Kesa Waddell



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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9 am & 11:30 am
Sunday Masses



BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

Bring the Children!

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Be still and know that I am God" Help needed to spend a "Holy Hour" with our Lord in silence or prayer Friday October 1st 8:00am-5:00pm (5pm closing Liturgy of the Hour Vesper Prayers will alternate each month with Prayers for Vocations)

At its most basic, a Holy Hour can be summed up in a simple story: A visitor to a Catholic parish noticed an older man sitting in the back of the church, his eyes on the tabernacle. After some time, curiosity got the better of the visitor and he asked the man, "What are you doing?" The man replied, "I look at him, and he looks at me."

Drop-ins welcome! To register (we are trying to update our list of regular faithful attendees), please contact:

Mike Wasyliw or Angie Huezo

God Bless

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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, 9/25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Wedding: Michael Thomas/Eulma Devera

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 9/26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary

9:00am Mass

10:10am High School Core Team Meeting

11:30am Mass

MONDAY, 9/27 St. Vincent de Paul

9:00am Church Cleaning

TUESDAY, 9/28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companians

3:30pm Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 9/29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

7:30am Mass

5:30pm Welcome Mass/Faith Formation Families

6:30pm Parent Meeting for First Communion

6:30pm RCIA

THURSDAY, 9/30 St. Jerome

7:30am Mass

11:00am Funeral Mass: Steven Hill

6:30pm CGS Catechist & Assistant Meeting

FRIDAY, 10/1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:30am Mass

8:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00pm Closing Liturgy w/Vesper Prayers

SATURDAY, 10/2 The Holy Guardian Angels

Respect Life Table

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 10/3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Table

8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary

9:00am Mass

10:00am Confirmation Parent Meeting

10:15am CGS Level I

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11:30am Mass

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 there is no vaccine yet available for the bulk of these youngsters.



HELP NEEDED
CHURCH CLEANING DAY
MONDAY 9/27/21
9AM TO NOON
CALL PEGGY NELSON

faith formation
welcome Mass

09.29.2021

5:30 PM

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