27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 3, 2021

Gospel

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Mk 10:9

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

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24 SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:9-11 GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

First Reading: Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?

Second Reading: The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. In what way do you find comfort in this idea?

Gospel: Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?

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 Dcn. Dennie Nickell Dcn. Jerry Stenovec Julia Caputo Chairperson Theresa Dodd-Butera Michele Curl Bob Guarnotta Michelle Hayford Kay Krueger Kevin Lawrence Don Mercurio Aaron Perrv Tom Selfani Shannon Vint **Rich Warcholik** 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

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE Gospel Meditation

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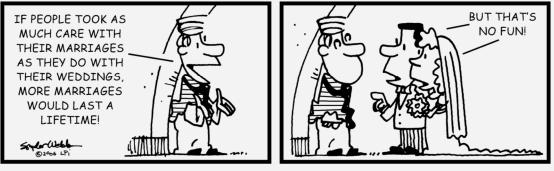
Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, selfemptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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Prayer Requests, Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

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Prayer Requests

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

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 September 26th:

| Weekly Mass offering: | \$ 4,431.00 |
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| Weekly WeShare/Online Giving: 9/13-9/21 | \$11,312.00 |
| Haiti Collection | \$ 4,608.00 |

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 October 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 October 3

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 Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25 -37 *Tuesday:* Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/ Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/ Lk 11:27-28 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Prayer Intentions

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

Wednesday, October 6 7:30am— Brenda Skidmore, Spec. Int.

Thursday, October 7 7:30am—Marceia, Annezza, & Esra Skidmore, Spec Int

Friday, October 8 7:30am— Presiders Intention

Saturday, October 9 5:00pm—Tommy Collet Jr, Rip, Tom Collet Sr, RIP, Mary Pinta, RIP

Sunday, October 10 9:00am—Parishioners of Saint Luke 11:30am— Presiders Intention

Parish Life

FAITH FORMATION STARTS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER

| 10/3/21 | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd |
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| 10/3/21 | First Communion Preparation |
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| 10/4/21 | Middle School Ministry |
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| 10/3/21 | High School Confirmation Ministry |

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

September 23 - November 1 400AYS FORLIFE.



Information Table after Mass' this weekend We will be covering prayer shifts from 7am to 7pm every Monday through October 31st Planned Parenthood, 1685 E. Main Street, El Cajon (near Greenfield and E. Main St., next to McDonalds) For information, please contact: Pat Riggs

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The Church of St. Luke

Fall Movie Series

6:30-8:30pm Tuesdays • October 5 • October 12 • October 19 • October 26 • November 2

This dynamic series will take place outside in front of the Church. BYO Chairs, Blankets, & Snacks. All Ages Welcome!

A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those who met him.

The CHOSEN https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why Do We Do That?

Question: Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer: For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit <u>www.hopeafterabortion.com</u>.

Parish Life

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary <u>Fall Brunch</u> Saturday, October 9, 2021

8:30am Rosary • 9:00am Check-In Guest Speaker: Erika Toraya Climbing the Mountain – Together

Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá California Room 10818 San Diego Mission Road San Diego, CA 92108 \$45 Registration Includes: Brunch & One Opportunity Drawing Ticket for our 2022 Retreat

Register online <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>WWWABrunch2021</u>

Please register by October 1, 2021 Include the names of your friends that you would like to sit with.



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 classes are 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



the Children!

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



October 16th-17th

Join the St. Luke Knights of Columbus for their annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser! All proceeds benefit persons with intellectual or developmental challenges at Noah Homes, St Madeleine Sophie Center and The Arc East County Training Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL Your 2021 Co-Chairs: Mike Wasyliw Tom Kelly

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: MONDAY AT NOON

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

This Week at St. Luke

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

SATURDAY, 10/2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday information table 3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass

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

Respect Life Sunday information table 8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Confirmation Parent Meeting 10:15am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I & II 11:30am Mass 11:30am High School Core Team Meeting

MONDAY, 10/4

TUESDAY, 10/5

St. Francis of Assisi 2:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I & II 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III 4:30pm Middle School Ministry—Parent & Youth Welcome Session

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III 6:30pm Fall Movie Series: Chosen

WEDNESDAY, 10/6 St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

7:30am Mass 12:00pm St. Luke Staff Meeting 4:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II 6:30pm RCIA Class

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30am Mass 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II

FRIDAY, 10/8

THURSDAY, 10/7

7:30am Mass

SATURDAY, 10/9 St. Denis & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi

3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass 7:30pm High School Core Team Event-offsite

SUNDAY, 10/10

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Rosary for Peace Sunday 8:15am Family/Pro-Life Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am High School Youth Group 10:15am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I & II 11:30am Mass 11:30am High School Core Team Meeting

Catholic Life

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

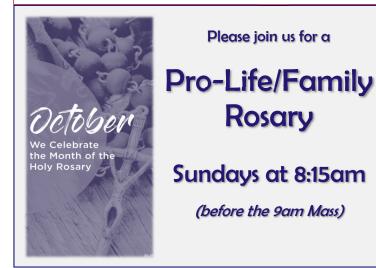
(Updated Aug. 4 2021) Since mid-June, when COVID-19 positivity rates fell to .7% (their lowest rate since the beginning of the Pandemic) and Bishop McElroy was able to lift all the Mass restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the disease, two things have happened:

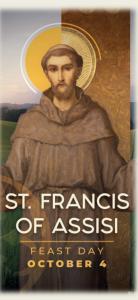
The highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant has become the dominant strain of the disease in California and positivity rates have increased more than 10 times, topping 7.2% at the end of July.

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.





St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the

Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. Known for his deep love of nature and animals, St. Francis of Assisi is known as the patron saint of environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.



RECOGNIZING GOD IN **Everyday Stewardship**

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation - because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else - looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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