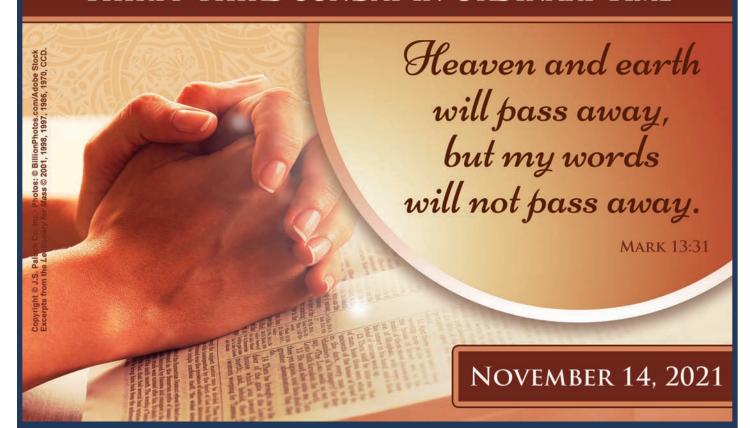


## SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

# Catholic Community

Temple City, CA

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a Roman Catholic Community dedicated to carrying out the Gospel message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission is to - welcome, evangelize and educate; provide spiritual nourishment; promote Christian values; foster peace and justice; encourage service to others.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm (Closed Noon-1:00 pm)

# MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass (In person) 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass (In person)
6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
9:00 am (In-person)

## CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Saturday (In the Church) 4:00-4:45 pm

## **Bulletin Content Submission Deadline**

Nov. 21 & 28 Bulletins:

Due Monday, Nov. 15

Please deliver submissions to the Pastoral Office or send to bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## St. Vincent Bundle Sunday

Our parish will have a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 14,** 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to their truck here at our church in the North Parking Lot.

They are also in need of all furniture and large appliances that can be arranged for a special pick up at your home by calling 1-800-974-3571. Thank you for your continued support!

#### Senior Citizen Bingo

The next Senior Citizen Bingo event will be on **Monday, Nov. 15**, at Noon in the Parish Hall. Cards are \$3 each or 2 for \$5, and they are good for the afternoon. Bingo games will follow lunch.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch or fast-food lunch. Coffee and cupcakes will be provided. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. All are welcome! To RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Joan Sutton at (626) 824-2105.

### **Paper Drive Fundraiser**

The Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Nov. 19,** (6:00-8:00 pm) **Saturday, Nov. 20,** and **Sunday, Nov. 21,** (8:00 am-7:00 pm, daily) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

# Thanksgiving Day Mass & Blessing



All are invited to gather together with families and friends for Mass at 9:00 am on **Thursday, Nov. 25** - **Thanksgiving Day** - to give thanks to God for "all good gifts." We will celebrate here at St. Luke Catholic Community with a 9:00 am Mass.

You are welcome to bring the wine or bread for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. There will be a table for these items near the sanctuary.

Blessings come in many ways, sometimes we do not notice them until long after they have occurred. Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for the many blessings in your life, those you are aware of and those you have yet to see.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

## **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**

**NEXT WEEKEND, Nov. 20-21,** a collection will be held for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves.

With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection. *Thank you for your generosity and support*.

Donations may be deposited in the regular collection next weekend. Envelopes are at all the church entrances. Please make checks payable to "St. Luke Church."

## Scripture Reflection

# Live Each Day for God

As we celebrate the last two Sundays in our Liturgical Calendar, we will hear narratives regarding the end times. In the Gospel today Our Lord Jesus describes how this world will end and how He, the Son of Man will return in His glory "to judge the living and the dead." Unfortunately, as the Lord said in the Gospel, "but of that day or hour, no one knows, neither angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

We plan for our future and we prefer to be in control of our life. That is why any thoughts or talks about the uncertainty of our death and Jesus' imminent Second Coming are avoided. It is easier to deny them and dismiss them by just telling ourselves that it is not real. Or we keep believing that there will be enough time in the future to repent and make amends before we face the Divine Judge. Thus, the common reaction when we hear about death and the end times is fear and anxiety.

If nobody knows the day or the hour and it will surely happen someday that we least expect, then the only proper response is always to be ready. To be ready for that day of Christ's Second Coming and for the hour of death means more than just a change of attitude, but a life of daily conversion, i.e., living the life of Christ in us.

In his book, Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body, Dr. Scott Hahn wrote, "For the Christian the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his sacramental life, the fulfillment of his new birth begun at Baptism, the definitive 'conformity' to 'the image of the Son' conferred by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and participation in the feast of the Kingdom which was anticipated in the Eucharist."

The life of the baptized reflects the life of God received in Baptism. Therefore, the entire life of every baptized person is a preparation for the eternal union with God. Because of Christ's salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection death has been transformed into a passage or birth into the fulfillment of eternal life. So, death should not be feared.

As we hear it in the first Preface for Masses of the Dead: *Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.* 

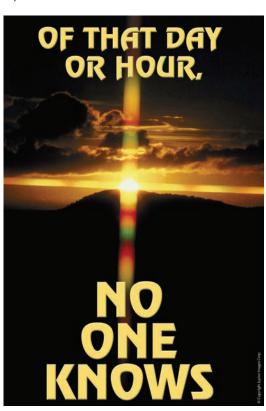
The saints, especially the martyrs, never shied away from death nor feared it. In fact, they looked forward to their death because they knew that they would be eternally united to God whom they loved and served on earth.

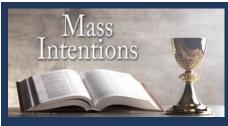
God was their joy and love on earth. So, they eagerly longed for the fulfillment of their hope, which was to be united to Him, who is Perfect Love and Perfect Joy.

St. Paul gives a beautiful testimony about it in his letter to the Philippians: "My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but that with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, [for] that is far better."

We are reminded to live each day for God so that we are ready to meet Him anytime He calls us home. We should live each day as if it is our last day. We should live each day as if we are already living in eternity with God. -Fr. Robert





## Week of November 15, 2021

#### Monday, November 15

9:00 am Frances Mc Hugh-SI

All Souls in Purgatory All Souls Memorial

#### Tuesday, November 16

9:00 am George Pirone

Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon

All Souls Memorial

#### Wednesday, November 17

9:00 am Joseph Zenzola

Josie Mejia-SI

Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon

All Souls Memorial

#### **Thursday, November 18**

9:00 am Jerry Mc Clellan-SI

Sally Mc Clellan-Milano-SI

Kathy Larsen-SI All Souls Memorial

## Friday, November 19

9:00 am Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon

Mila Aquina-SI All Souls Memorial

### Saturday, November 20

5:30 pm Emilia & Modesto Torrijos

Yuet-Ngor Poon

Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon

All Souls Memorial

#### Sunday, November 21

**6:30 am** Barbara Cantu, John Kim

Peter Tony Truong

Peter Son Le

8:30 am Michael Duff

Joseph Zenzola Mercedes R. Cruz All Souls Memorial

10:30 am Gilbert Mesa, Milagros Cruz

Orlando Membreno St. Luke Parishioners

## Save the Date

## Virgin of Guadalupe Mass

Sunday, December 12, 12:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to a special mass to celebrate the Mother of the Americas.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring her flowers.

More details to come.

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Donations are greatly appreciated to fund the celebration, including a Mariachi. Contributions can be brought to the Pastoral Office or made online (www.stluketemplecity.org > Click on "Donate" button on Homepage, Select "Virgin of Guadalupe Mass Donation.") Thank you for your support!



## Coming Soon!

## ST. LUKE GIFT SHOP

#### **NOW AVAILABLE!**

Beautiful religious items available to purchase after Weekend Masses in the Church Meeting Room.







All proceeds will go toward the formal opening of our Gift Shop on campus.

Selections subject to change; based on availability.



# St. Luke Religious Education Poinsettia Fundraiser

Proceeds support scholarship funds for the Confirmation, Family Catechesis, and Vacation Bible School programs.

## **Orders Due Friday!**

- Six-inch, potted Poinsettia Plants (\$10): Available colors: red and white
- Eight-inch Ivysettias (\$12): Beautiful dish garden with a red poinsettia, surrounded by circle of green ivy
- Eight-inch Mumsettia (\$13):

  Red poinsettia surrounded by a wreath of white Chrysanthemums



Orders can be placed through the Pastoral Office or with a parishioner involved in Religious Education Programs. Orders with payment must be placed by Friday, Nov. 19. Plants can be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Name:	Phone:
# of Red Poinsettia x \$10.00 each = # of White Poinsettia x \$10.00 each = # of Ivysettias x \$12.00 each = # of Mumsettia x \$13.00 each = TOTAL: \$	"St. Luke Religious Education" or submit payment online at
Please indicate below which plants (if any) will be donated in "Honor" of someone:	
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## LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT



# Catholic Coalition Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Opportunities – *Please Help!*

The SGV Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition promotes and supports the work of SGV Habitat for Humanity. Parishes in the San Gabriel Pastoral Region are forming teams as part of the SGV Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition.

As we work to build a Catholic Coalition Habitat team at St. Luke, our parishioners are invited to join with volunteers from Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary church in Pasadena to help repair two homes, one on **Nov. 20** in **Alhambra** and another on **Dec. 11** in **Baldwin Park.** 

Volunteers can be anyone 16 years of age and older. You don't need to have any special skills to volunteer, and no experience is necessary! Habitat will teach us everything we need to know on the build site, and they will provide us with any needed tools. All you need is the desire to make a difference in the lives of others!

## Those Interested in volunteering should follow the steps below:

- 1. Each volunteer must create their own VolunteerHub account using this link: http://vhub.at/assumptionsgv
- 2. Volunteers will sign up for the shift(s) they want. Please note, there are **two shifts available:** an AM shift (7:45 am 11:30 am) and a PM shift (11:45 am 3:30 pm). Volunteers may also sign up for both shifts and work the entire day.
- 3. Each volunteer must sign the electronic liability waiver. Minors (16-17 years of age) will need to print/bring a hard copy of the liability waiver to the site with a parent/guardian signature on it. Please note, the system will generate a liability waiver once an individual has signed up for a shift.
- 4. Once registered, the volunteer will receive a confirmation e-mail with all the information needed including the address, build day schedule, parking, what to wear, what to bring, etc.

Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. They build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Learn more about Habitat for Humanity at https://sgvhabitat.org.

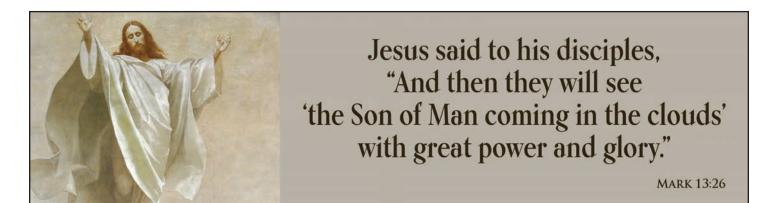
Let's give thanks to God and to our communities by giving back during the months of November and December. Please share these opportunities with your friends and families and join us!

~St. Luke Life, Justice and Peace Ministry



On December 1, the Supreme Court will hear arguments for Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade. This case is our best chance to reverse Roe in decades! Please join with pro-lifers across the nation for an unprecedented two-day campaign of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil this Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. It will be exactly like a 40 Days for Life vigil, except it's just for two days.

Our local vigil site is the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood El Monte, at 4786 N. Peck Road (corner of Peck and Lower Azusa), between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. No need to sign up...just come for an hour or two to pray! For more details or questions, please e-mail stlukesjc@gmail.com or leave a message for Wendy at (626) 233-0786.



#### MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

The end is near! Many of us recall such predictions from religious sources, mostly small evangelical sects but even the larger Jehovah's Witnesses. Catholics, too. For instance, Pope Saint Clement of Rome declared the end is near for the year 90; his successor Pope Sylvester II for 1000; and Innocent III predicted 1284 as the world's end by adding 666 years to the date of Islam's beginning. The end is near! Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with Daniel's prediction of "a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began" (Daniel 12:1), for some "an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to describe precisely what Daniel's vision will look like: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Mark 13:24–25). The end is near! Well, at least the end is certain, based on these scriptures proclaimed ominously midway through this month of All Saints and All Souls.

#### LISTENING WITH JOYFUL HOPE

If the end is near or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated" (Hebrews 10:14). So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress," Daniel promises "at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

#### **GOOD NEWS IN THE END**

Seen then as positive, Daniel's predictions blossom even more beautifully in Jesus' Good News. Indeed, Jesus invokes that very image: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28). Consider well: Jesus does not predict produce that comes forth withered, or even worse, poisoned, ending in (for many of us) winter's forthcoming thick clouds, deep snow, and brutal cold. Placing before our eyes instead a gloriously lovely and positive image, Jesus declares: "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near" (12:28). So where is the "Gospel good" in today's passage? Precisely in what happens after "that tribulation" and "the powers being shaken" in the Gospel's opening lines (12:24–25). For Jesus promises that we will "see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory' " (12:26). Jesus "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky" (12:27): Jesus' whole family gathered together, the little and lowly lifted up, the lost sheep found. Tender indeed is Jesus' mercy; blessed fruit that endures and nourishes us into eternity! So, we hope indeed that the end is near! © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Dn 12:1-3 | Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32 Readings also available on the USCCB Website, www.usccb.org.

Or, visit www.stluketemplecity.org and click on "Today's Readings" on the Homepage.

## St. Luke Catholic Community's

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- First Friday Adoration ~ 9:00 am-Noon (Sign-up sheet in Chapel or call the Pastoral Office.)

## Holy Hour of Devotion

Weekdays at 3:00 pm. In-person or Online. Live streamed on Facebook @StLukeParishTC, on Youtube.com (Channel: Fr. Robert Victoria - Subsribe to receive alert when streaming is live.) and via Twitter @fsvic3. (No Benediction on Fridays.).

## **Chapel Located in Pastoral Office**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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### Tips to keep our school communities safe

As children settle back into regular (for the most part) school routines, parents can help keep their school communities safe by following a few simple guidelines.

1: Be aware. Read up on the school's COVID-19 safety plans, and prep your children for what to expect. 2: Be charitable. Understand that everyone in school may not share the same views, and remind yourself and your children to be kind. 3: Be consistent. Help your children build healthy habits at school and at home. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Back-to-school during the pandemic," at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

## **AROUND TOWN**

## The Truth About St. Serra

A great deal of historical misinformation has been circulated about the mission period in the history of California with special focus on St. Junípero Serra.

Angelus News recently published an article about St. Serra that includes resources for an authentic understanding of St. Serra. Visit https://bit.ly/3w7ToEh to read the story.

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