



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

Temple City, CA

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

"You are the Christ."

— MARK 8:29

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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.

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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

September 19 Bulletin:

Due Monday, Sept. 13

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

Please submit information by the
Monday before the publication date;
printed as space allows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming VIRTUS Class

The Protecting God's Children VIRTUS class will be offered **Monday, Sept. 13**, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Main Hall. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to register. All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers (including Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans and Music Ministry members) who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained. **The class is only open to St. Luke parishioners and school families at this time.**

Servants of God Prayer Community Meetings

The Servants of God Prayer Community hosts virtual Prayer Meetings on Zoom the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am. Please e-mail Anne Marie at annemariestluke@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. All are welcome!

New Bereavement Sessions Beginning

St. Luke Parish will offer a seven-week Bereavement Support Program for those who have lost someone dear. The program is open to all faiths, non-threatening, caring and very loving toward those who have suffered a loss.

The two-hour sessions will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 23**, and continue weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays through Nov. 4. Sessions will be held in the Parish Resource Center (located in the Rectory). The only cost involved is \$12.00 for the workbook. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to sign up or for additional information.

Paper Drive Fundraiser

The next Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Sept. 24** (6:00-8:00 pm) and **Saturday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 26** (8:00 am-7:00 pm) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.



RCIA Classes to Begin in September

For New Members of the Catholic Faith

St. Luke Parish welcomes new members into the Catholic Church as well as those who need to complete their Initiation Sacraments. This is done through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several Rites that take place within the context of the Mass. Gatherings are provided to encourage conversion and an awakening of faith as we study the Gospel in light of Catholic tradition and dogma.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this journey with us to the Easter sacraments, please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 for more information. These classes will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, possibly virtually if restrictions are still in place due to the pandemic. Either through electronic means or in person, we look forward to meeting with you and taking this faith walk together.

*Lord, we turn to you for peace and refuge
as we recall the events of Sept. 11, 2001.*

*We honor those we've lost and ask that
their loved ones find comfort and strength.*

*And we thank you for the bravery and
selflessness of those who saved lives. Amen.*



Scripture Reflection

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” “YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

We live in a time when people are looking at polls, ratings, and stars – approval ratings, A or B ratings for restaurants, and how many stars does it have on Yelp or what were the reviews of customers. Jesus was not after people’s approval of him when He asked His disciples – *who do people say that I am?*

Because Jesus is God, He knew exactly what is in the mind of people and what they think of Him. Jesus’ question to the disciples about who the people think He is could be considered as a set-up question. He wanted to show to His disciples the difference between people’s opinion or superficial knowledge of Him versus His disciples’ personal knowledge of Him based on their experiences of living with Him.

Because they spent time with the Lord every day of His public ministry, He wanted to know how well they know Him. *“But you, who do you say that I am?”* People’s opinion of Jesus was based on the popular knowledge of prophets. It is an external knowledge that although not necessarily false, is never adequate. They interpret Jesus in terms of the past, in terms of the predictable, and the possible, not in terms of Himself, or His uniqueness, which cannot be assigned to any other category. People’s knowledge of the Lord Jesus was superficial; He was just another wonder worker for them.

Contrary to the public knowledge of Jesus, the disciples’ recognition of Jesus as the Christ was an acknowledgment and confession based on their everyday experience of living with Him. They have seen His miracles and healings. They have witnessed His interior life - His prayer life, His character and His personality. They have come to believe and were convinced that He is truly the Messiah. Unfortunately, the disciples’ concept of His Messiahship was limited to the idea of a political leader and liberator from foreign rule.

St. Mark in his presentation of this event wrote that Jesus asked them those questions “along the way.” This phrase signifies that they were on the way to Jerusalem, where Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection would take place. As soon as Peter made his confession, Jesus predicted for the first time His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. And then He followed up with the conditions of discipleship.

Today similar opinions are clearly held by the “people” who have somehow or other come to know Christ, who have perhaps even made a scholarly study of Him but have not encountered Jesus Himself in His utter uniqueness and otherness. Today it is fashionable to regard Jesus as one of the great religious founders who were granted a profound experience of God. They can thus speak of God to other people who have been denied this “religious disposition,” as it were, drawing them into their own experience of God. We are still dealing here with a human experience of God that reflects His infinite reality in the finitude and limitation of the human spirit.

The saints, like Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, the apostles, St. John Paul II, Mother Teresa and Padre Pio, who had a deeper knowledge and personal relationship with Christ, unite themselves to Him on the Cross. They lived the “Paschal Mystery – Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection” each day. Their prayer life, their sacrifices, and their heroic virtues do not just teach us about holiness but rather reveal to us that they truly know who Jesus is. ***To know Jesus for who He truly is and to live in a manner that shows that He lives in us is our common goal and calling – our universal call to holiness.***

The Gospel reminds us that our recognition of Jesus as the Christ, our acceptance of His Lordship, and our discipleship require from us our daily denial of ourselves and taking up our crosses each day. That is how we profess not just with words but with actions and with our life that Jesus is Our Lord, and that we are His “Paschal People.” **-Fr. Robert**





Religious Education

NEWS and NOTES

Preschool | Family Catechesis | Home Church Youth and Adult Confirmation

Registration for St. Luke Catholic Community's 2021-2022 Religious Education Program is open. Our programs include Preschool, Family Catechesis/Home Church, and Youth/Adult Confirmation.

The Program focuses on Sacraments and enriching the spiritual needs and growth of the Parish Community.

Please turn in registration forms and the deposit to the Pastoral Office. Classes are starting soon.

Program Packet is available at www.stluketemplecity.org (under the Faith Formation tab).

A member of the Religious Education Office will contact you once the registration materials and deposit are received.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Hansen, Director of Religious Education, at (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227 or (213) 948-3307, or Barbara@stluketemplecity.org.

God Bless You and Your Family!

FAITH INTO ACTION: Support the Annual St. Vincent de Paul *Friends of the Poor Walk*

The Los Angeles Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is sponsoring a **Virtual Friends of the Poor Walk** on **Saturday, Sept. 25**. Please help the Saint Luke Team raise funds to assist people in poverty in our local community of Temple City.

It's easy to donate! Go to the **Friends of the Poor (FOP) Walk** website at <https://www.fopwalk.org/>. Click on the green DONATE button. Under 'Find a Walker,' type **Saint Luke** and click Search. In the box for Saint Luke, Temple City CA, click 'Donate to a Walker' and follow the instructions to donate. *Thank you and God bless you!*

AROUND TOWN

Regional Congress 2021

The 2021 Virtual Regional Congress will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 25**. The virtual event will feature engaging workshops and experiences planned with teachers of the faith (such as catechists) and parents in mind. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit <https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>.

Serve at St. Luke

JOIN OUR MASS MINISTRY TEAMS!

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Have you considered how you can contribute to your St. Luke parish community? We invite you to serve in one of our Mass Ministries. These ministries offer a wonderful way to volunteer and be a part of the Eucharistic experience. There is no extra time commitment outside your usual Mass attendance. Please prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to belong to our St. Luke community.

Interested in joining a Ministry Team? Please contact Kerrin at the Pastoral Office if you feel called to serve at St. Luke. NOTE: Volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and be up to date with VIRTUS training.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Offering

As we navigate through these unprecedented times we appreciate your continued support with your weekly offering for our parish operations. Please know your contribution is vital to our mission as a church. We have a small budget and need to continue paying our bills.

Contributions can be mailed to the Pastoral Office, dropped in the office mailbox, or contributed through our online giving program. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org for details. You can call Vanco at 1-800-675-7430 Monday-Friday between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm to make your contribution as well (Our parish client ID is ES11182). *Thank you for your support!*

Choirs to Begin Rehearsals New Members Welcome



As we continue our journey, not just to normal, but a new and exciting chapter in our Parish, we are very glad to announce the return of Choirs to our Sunday Liturgies. We are also pleased to announce that Justin Senneff, who has been choir director of our 10:30 am Lightshine Choir for nearly four years, will also now lead the 8:30 am St. Luke Singers.

Rehearsals for the St. Luke Singers will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 15**, 4:00-6:00 pm. Rehearsals for the Lightshine Choir will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 23**, 7:00-9:00 pm. Both rehearsals will be held in the Church.

Parishioners with any, all or no musical abilities are welcome. We have lots of exciting plans for our choirs!

Both choirs will make their return to Sunday Masses on Sunday, Oct. 17. For more information, contact Justin Senneff at senneffj@yahoo.com.

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What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action.

Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can/cannot pick up your child. Visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.

PARISH REOPENING UPDATES

- Everyone is required to wear a mask indoors on parish and school property.
- The 10:30 am Sunday Mass live stream has been discontinued as of Sept. 5, 2021. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org for alternative live stream/virtual options.

Subject to change at any time.

VISIT WWW.STLUKETEMPLECITY.ORG FOR FULL UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

Mass Intentions



Week of September 12, 2021

Saturday, September 11

5:30 pm Emilia & Modesto Torrijos
Gisela Hernandez

Sunday, September 12

6:30 am Kim John
Barbara Cantu
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Rosario Rubia
Joseph Zenzola
Hector Guerra-SI

10:30 am Max Good
Rudy Alderete
John Dau-SI

Monday, September 13

9:00 am Peter Nguyen
Dominic Nguyen
Nylene Genova-SI

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

Friday, September 17

9:00 am Lamberto D. Zuniga

Saturday, September 18

5:30 pm Betty Barnell
Lourdes Tingson
Anna Russo

Sunday, September 19

6:30 am Kim John
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Nancy Brandon
Gerard John King
Rosario & Leovigildo Rubia

10:30 am Martha Vasquez
Mrs. Cardaras
Maria Angela
Magallanes Arellano

LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT



Helping to End the Injustice of Abortion - September 22 to October 31

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally. Twice a year, **40 Days for Life** (<https://40daysforlife.com/>) uses a peaceful approach of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses to change hearts and minds. Nationwide and beyond, the campaign has witnessed **19,198** babies saved, **221** abortion workers quit and **112** abortion centers closed and many repented victims.

The crisis of abortion is enormous. A tragedy of epidemic proportions, abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking an estimated 40 million innocent lives every year. And equally tragic is the number of people who endorse and support abortion. This sobering news should move us to pray, fast and take action.

The defense of the unborn is ultimately a spiritual battle. The devil does so much to try to distract us away from the One we serve -- Jesus Christ. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. These two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting.

Please consider participating in our local **40 Days for Life campaign** starting on September 22. We invite you to join with others from St. Luke and neighboring parishes to peacefully pray (wearing a mask and socially distanced) in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood El Monte, at **4786 N. Peck Road, El Monte** (corner of Peck and Lower Azusa) between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm during the 40-day vigil. If you hesitate to pray in front of Planned Parenthood because you think you will be approached by people or expected to do sidewalk counseling, rest assured that at this location you will not talk with anyone. You only stand or sit, and pray.

Our group needs your presence! To volunteer, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/el-monte/, or contact our area's 40 Days for Life coordinator, Glendy, at (626) 756-6934 or by e-mail at latinaglendy@gmail.com. For more information or questions, please e-mail stlukesjc@gmail.com or leave a message for Wendy at (626) 233-0786.

"Any country that accepts abortion in not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

40 days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people.
Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion during the 40 days from **September 22-October 31!**

~St. Luke Life, Justice and Peace Ministry

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MISSIONARY COMMITMENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

I give you thanks for calling me to be your disciple
and for sending me to be your missionary in the world.

As I step forth from this holy place,
give me the grace to be an authentic witness to your love by my life
and to proclaim you on my lips with joy.
I ask this in your Most Holy Name.

AMEN.



**If you wish to come after me
you must deny yourself,
take up your cross,
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

SUFFERING, HOPE AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God's love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A "LARGE" FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalms 116
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Readings also available on the
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Visit the Parish Website (www.stluketemplecity.org) for information about all parish ministries and organizations.

VIRTUS REMINDER: If you have taken a VIRTUS class, a copy of the certificate needs to be turned in to the Pastoral Office so that your attendance is recorded. Classes are only good for four years. You must take a recertification class before the four years expire. *If you know that you are not current in VIRTUS, the Pastoral Office has a list of classes being held in the area.*



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