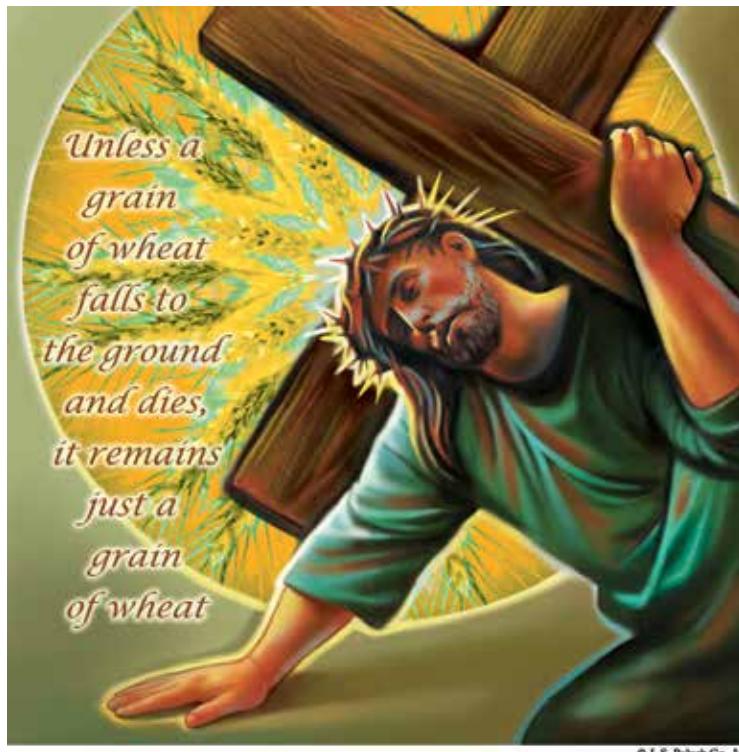


SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021



***"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people."***
— Jeremiah 31:33

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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PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
(Currently closed to the public.)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Virtual Sunday Mass
10:30 am Mass is live streamed.
www.stluketemplecity.org

WEEKDAY MASSES
9:00 am (In-person)

Content Submission Deadline

March 28 Bulletin:

Due Monday, March 22

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.

Father Mark's Corner

Jeremiah reminds us that there is a special bond between God and the broken-hearted. This new covenant establishes a special relationship going beyond tribe, nation, position, or political party.

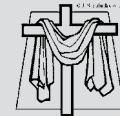
In this time of political upheaval in our own nation we need to be reminded of this: God has inscribed His law of love into the hearts of each being. In our fast-paced life we do not often take time to reflect upon this communion and powerful bond. When we forget, we usually run astray. Continuing our journey, reflect on your heart and allow God to reveal the divine lifeblood flowing through you with every pump, moment, and heartache!

Spiritual Reflection: "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."

Holy Week & Easter Services

HOLY THURSDAY (April 1)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)

Stations of the Cross ~ Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion ~ 1:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (April 4)

*Mass: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am**

Drive-thru Communion Reception

~ 12:00-12:30 pm ~

*Live streamed. | See p. 3 for Mass Protocols/Reminders.

Confessions will not be held on Holy Saturday, April 3, or April 10.
No morning Masses on Holy Thursday & Good Friday.

Reservation Information

- Reservations for registered parishioners will be required for all services and will be taken by phone 8:00 am **Monday, March 29, through 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 1.**
- First come, first served. Once the reservation list is full a waitlist of 10 spaces will be taken. **Please do not call the Pastoral Office prior to March 29.** DO NOT leave a message.
- Registered parishioners of St. Luke Church will be given priority. A separate reservation should be made for each service you wish to attend.
- Reservations cannot be made for a non-family member.
- Please cancel if you decide NOT to attend any service to allow for those on the waitlist.
- Check in will be at the church front doors. See p. 3 for other COVID safety reminders.
- All services will be conducted following the latest liturgical guidelines published by the Archdiocese. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will NOT have the procession of oils, foot washing or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Good Friday service will be concise and will NOT have the usual veneration of the Cross. Holy Saturday Vigil will be closed to parishioners for safety reasons and reserved for those who are receiving the sacraments and their guests.

COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING STATUS

- 9:00 am Daily Mass indoors has resumed. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing.
- Sunday 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses have resumed indoors. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing. Only families or single households should sit together. Please be prompt in arriving; Doors will be closed when safe capacity is reached.

The **10:30 am Sunday Mass is now live streamed**. The Mass will be available to view on the St. Luke Church website (www.stluketemplecity.org), on the St. Luke Church Vimeo webpage (<https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity>), and the St. Luke Catholic School Facebook page (St. Luke Catholic School Temple City). If you are unable to join us live at 10:30 am on Sundays, the live stream can be replayed.

- A Drive-thru Communion Reception is offered 12:00-12:30 pm on Sundays. Please do not pull into lot early until mass participants have departed. Line up going south on Cloverly Avenue by car and turn into the church parking lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK. We will stand and distribute communion to people in the car in the hand. Please wear a mask as we approach your car. Drive off safely through exit on Broadway.

Ongoing:

- Drive-thru Confessions are held on Saturdays at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Please wear a mask and drive through the church parking lot where you will be directed through the back alley to approach one of the priests who will hear your brief confession from outside the passenger side of the car. If there are multiple people in the car, the passenger/s may exit and stand at a safe distance and we will come to them after hearing the driver's confession. Drive out safely the rear gate onto Live Oak Avenue.

Reminder: *Confessions will not be held on April 3 or 10.*

- For anointing of the sick, please call the Pastoral Office. Priests are NOT allowed into hospitals, convalescent hospitals, etc.
- Gravesides only for the near future. Memorials may be planned later. Mortuaries/cemeteries are backed up for at least two months.
- Pastoral Office remains open for business, phone and e-mail, or arranged drop-off or pick-up only. Items can left in office mailbox.
- School remains open through waiver for approved attendance.
- For other sacramental arrangements, please call the Pastoral Office.
- Eucharistic Ministers should not visit the sick.
- Groups or ministry meetings are not permitted to meet on campus until at least late Summer or early Fall. Please do not meet off campus.

*The Archbishop continues to give dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.
Please do not attend in-person Mass if you are sick or otherwise uncomfortable coming indoors.*

Subject to change at any time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

WATCH MASS FROM HOME

Sunday Mass from St. Luke

Visit www.stluketemplecity.org

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www.lacatholics.org/emergency

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9:00 am Sunday Mass

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Continuing Your Weekly Offering

As we navigate through these unprecedeted 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 generous support!



Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Response: *(12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

Response: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Response: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Response: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Lenten Prayer

*God of Compassion, You alone know the depth of my pain.
You are aware of the people I have loved, but who refused
to love me in return.*

*You were with me when those I trusted betrayed my faith in them.
Only you can understand how words and actions
have left me wounded and alone. Heal me of my hurt.*

*Allow me to break those chains of pain that bind me to my offenders.
Through your strength, show me how to forgive,
how to move forward, how to live. Amen.*

-100 Prayers for Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons Reflections by Leo Piguet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Notice About Donation Drop-Offs

Please do not drop off or leave donations of clothing and other household items at St. Luke Church or Pastoral Office. We do not have a program or facilities for such donations.

The following are some suggested organizations to contact: St. Vincent de Paul at (800) 974-3571, Vietnam Veterans of America at (818) 938-2563, or The Salvation Army at (800) 728-7825. You may also drop off items at Savers at 16 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia (Live Oak/Santa Anita). *Thank you!*

Parish Staff Position Opening

We have an opening for a Part-Time (Days) Assistant Maintenance Worker. If you know anyone who may be interested, please visit www.stluketemplecity.org for the complete job description and requirements. No phone calls, please.

Mass Intention Requests

Mass Intention requests can be made for the in-person weekday and Sunday Masses. Names will be acknowledged during the Prayer of the Faithful and included in the Parish Bulletin. Offerings greatly appreciated. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to make a request.

Lightshine Choir Hosts Weekly Virtual Scripture Study – *Join Us!*

The Lightshine Choir welcomes all parishioners to join the group for a weekly virtual scripture study on Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm. We will discuss the scriptures for the coming weekend via Zoom.

If you would like to join the group, contact Choir Director Justin Senneff at senneffj@yahoo.com. We'll help you get set up with Zoom technology – it's easy! For those without computer cameras, Zoom also allows for anyone to "call" into the meeting via their regular telephone or cell phone.

Light a Devotional Prayer Candle Virtually

Parishioners are invited to have a candle lit in our church for someone for whom they would like to pray.

The candles will be on during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass that is live streamed so you may pray and reflect, just as you would do when you come to church.

Offerings greatly appreciated. Candle requests by Wednesday will be lit for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org to submit a request.



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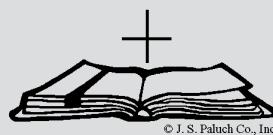
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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday, March 21

6:30 am	Dorothy Fitzhenry
8:30 am	Jeanine Mc Hugh Martin Kunz Sr. Cora Caguioa-SI
10:30 am	Ellie Nayo Mary Aquino Rose Miali

Monday, March 22

9:00 am	Candace Rodriguez All Souls Memorial Jennifer Short-SI
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Tuesday, March 23

9:00 am	Helen Gillanders Kenneth Gillanders John Gorman
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Wednesday, March 24

9:00 am	St. Luke Parishioners
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Thursday, March 25

9:00 am	St. Luke Parishioners
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Friday, March 26

9:00 am	St. Luke Parishioners
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Sunday, March 28

6:30 am	St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am	Gladys Sinnott Laureana Caguioa Martin Kuna
10:30 am	Eliseo D. Zuniga Lou Cambiaso Jennifer Gassner-SI

LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT

The Truth Comes Out!

Vox Vitae invites you to a pre-screening of a new movie. Come to see this showing of ROE V. WADE to learn the true story about how abortion was legalized in our country. The movie reveals how the case was really decided. Filmmaker Nick Loeb, actor and director of Roe v. Wade, says the film is "not a preachy, pro-life religious movie." Rather, it tells the truth of the case. The film features actors Jon Voight, Corbin Bernsen, John Schneider and Stacy Dash.

The movie will be shown on Friday, March 26, at 7:00 pm in the church parking lot of St. Therese Catholic Church, 1100 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801. There will be a vegetarian pizza dinner. Dress warm and bring a chair. There is no charge to attend, although free-will offerings will be accepted.

To view the movie trailer, visit www.roevwademovie.com. For questions about logistics, please contact Catherine at cathycforlife@gmail.com.



We thank our St. Luke parishioners who have been praying and fasting for an end to abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign (<https://40daysforlife.com/>). The current campaign ends on March 28.

Please consider joining 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 (corner of Peck and Lower Azusa) during the remainder of this 40-day vigil.

We also want to celebrate! Join us at 3:00 pm TODAY, Sunday, March 21, at Peck and Lower Azusa for a Mid-Point Rally to praise God for the Gift of Life. There will be a special guest singer.

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) 442-9862.



Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition BUILD DAY *Saturday, April 17, 2021*

St. Luke is looking for 8 volunteers (ages 16 and up) to help Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition build an Accessory Dwelling Unit in West Pasadena. No experience is necessary, nor do you need any special skills! Habitat will teach us everything we need to know on the build site and will provide all tools and equipment. Face masks are required, and we will follow all CDC safety protocols. Volunteers can choose a half day shift, 7:45 am to 11:30 am, or 11:45 am to 3:30 pm., or even work a full day, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm.

Here is the link to sign up: <http://vhub.at/1L30U9A>. If you have questions, please call Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or e-mail her at veronica@design1west.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 21, 2021

*Unless a grain of wheat falls
 to the ground and dies,
 it remains just a grain of wheat;
 but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

John 12:24

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words

indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed. For more information, visit https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx.



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