

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Catholic Community
Temple City, CA

The bread of God

*is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.*

John 6:33

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME



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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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
9:00 am (In-person)

Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

August 8 Bulletin:

Due Monday, Aug. 2

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.

PARISH REOPENING UPDATES

- St. Luke Catholic Community, in accordance with the LA Archdiocese, is following the LA County Health Department and updated CDC guidance in requiring everyone to wear a mask indoors on parish and school property.
- The 10:30 am Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed. The Mass is 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). The live stream can be replayed.
- Reminder! The Drive-thru Communion Reception Line has been discontinued.
- For anointing of the sick and other sacramental arrangements, call the Pastoral Office.
- Drive-thru Confessions are held outdoors on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Drive into the South Church Parking Lot from Cloverly Avenue.

Archbishop Gomez has rescinded the dispensation for attending Mass.

Those with vulnerabilities or underlying conditions may wish to stay home.

Please do not attend Mass if you are sick or not feeling well.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Subject to change at any time.

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



Marian EXHIBIT

Sunday, August 15 | 8:00 am-1:00 pm
(corrected day)

All are welcome to come enjoy a Marian Exhibit that will feature different images of Mary.

Main Parish Hall

PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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 support!*

Scripture Reflection

Mass Attendance & Participation...

Our 'Dress Rehearsal' for Our Life in Heaven

Because Jesus is truly God, He knew what was in people's hearts when they asked Him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" He knew the real reason why they were looking for Him. So, He responded to them by saying, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

They were so amazed at Jesus and how He fed them miraculously by multiplying the 5 barley loaves and 2 fish that were brought by a boy in the crowd.

They saw in Jesus someone who could supply them their basic need for nourishment. This meant that they didn't have to work anymore. They have someone who could help them with their material needs.

But Jesus came into this world not to be a "Provider" of material things. He came to lead us all to God. He came to restore us into friendship with God. He came so that we could live for God and not for ourselves, nor for the passing goods of this life. He, The Living Word of God" came down from heaven and became flesh so that He could live among us.

And at every Mass that we celebrate, He comes down from Heaven so that He can live in us when we listen to His Word and when we receive Him sacramentally in Holy Communion.

For this reason, He admonished the people who were looking for Him with

these words, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

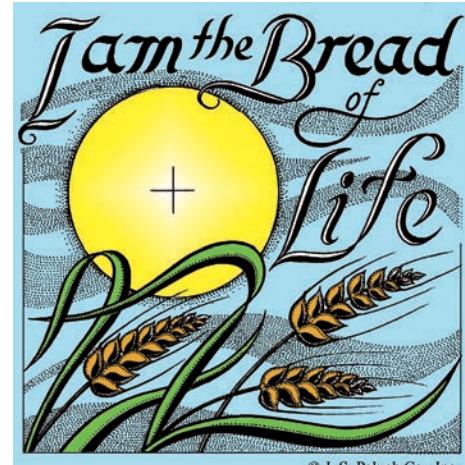
And even after He had already given them the sign, the miraculous multiplication of the loaves, they were still asking Him for a sign when they said to Him, "what sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do?"

Jesus answered them, "It was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven: my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

The people did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They did not see Him as the God of Moses. That's why He had to tell them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent."

And then at the end of the gospel we hear one of Jesus's "I am" statements, His self-revelation. Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

He is our Spiritual Food and Drink who satisfies our soul's basic need for God. He also sanctifies our bodies, making us living tabernacles of God in the world. So that we can truly believe in Him and say, "God lives in us - Emmanuel."



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Two things we can learn from the gospel this weekend. First, when we come to Mass, let us come with our hunger for God, believing with the faith that He alone can satisfy all our needs – for He is the Good Shepherd; and because He, Our God is in us, there is nothing that we will want. Second, when we come to Mass, let us come begging Him to feed us, the Spiritual Bread of Life.

Many times, we come asking Him for material wealth and blessings. We should rather ask Him above all to give us His Body and Blood so that we may live in Him and He in us, so that we may live forever with Him in Heaven.

Because our Mass attendance and participation is our "dress rehearsal" for our life in Heaven. -Fr. Robert

WATCH MASS FROM HOME

Sunday Mass from St. Luke

Visit www.stluketemplecity.org

Masses from the Cathedral

www.lacatholics.org/emergency

Daily: 8:00 am | Sunday: 10:00 am

9:00 am Sunday Mass

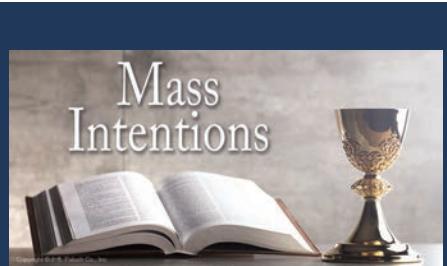
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Week of August 1, 2021

Saturday, July 31

5:30 pm St. Luke Parishioners

Sunday, August 1

6:30 am Faruk Aykol
Kim John
Barbara Cantu
St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am Jean Lockwood
Chito Sansano, Jr.-SI
10:30 am Frank Ponnet

Monday, August 2

9:00 am Paul John
Steven Ferraro

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 am Gil Nayo

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am Mary Lou Lazaro-SI

Thursday, August 5

9:00 am Chito Sansano, Jr.-SI

Friday, August 6

9:00 am Sixta D. Zuniga
Adela Ko

Saturday, August 7

5:30 pm Eva Arrighi
Orly Manansala
Ed & Mary Lynne Jensen-SI

Sunday, August 8

6:30 am Kim John
Barbara Cantu
St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am John Dau-SI
Chito Sansano, Jr.-SI
10:30 am Frank Ponnet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming VIRTUS Classes

The following VIRTUS classes will be offered. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to register for a class. [The classes are only open to St. Luke parishioners and school families at this time.](#)

- **Keeping the Promise Alive (Recertification):** Thursday, Aug. 19, 6:30-8:00 pm, Main Hall
- **Protecting God's Children:** Saturday, August 21, 9:00 am-Noon, Main Hall
- **Protecting God's Children:** Monday, September 13, 6:00-9:00 pm, Main Hall

Join Us for First Friday Adoration in the Chapel

First Friday Adoration in the Chapel will return **Aug. 6**. A sign-up sheet is located in the Chapel (in the Pastoral Office) or you may contact the office at (626) 291-5900 or kerrin@stluketemplecity.org. The chapel is also open weekdays, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. All are welcome.

A **Holy Hour of Devotion** is held at 3:00 pm on weekdays (online and in-person). Also now on Fridays. *NOTE: Benediction is not held on Fridays. See p. 5 for details on how to access online.*

We are seeking flower donations for the chapel altar. If you are interested in donating flowers (in memory of a loved one - optional), please contact the Pastoral Office. A sign-up sheet is also available in the chapel.

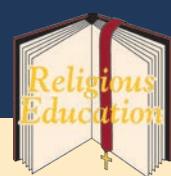
Healing Service

St. Luke Parish will offer a Healing Service on **Sunday, Aug. 15**, following the 10:30 am Mass for the victims of Covid-19 and those who passed during the pandemic. Parishioners will have the opportunity to display a ribbon with the name of their loved one during the service.

Please e-mail or call the Pastoral Office (kerrin@stluketemplecity.org or (626) 291-5900) with the name of your loved one you lost during the pandemic. You can pick up the ribbon at Church before the service.

Choirs to Return - New Members Welcome!

The St. Luke Singers and Lightshine Choirs will begin rehearsals in late September and return to leading us in song at their respective Masses on **Sunday, Oct. 17**. Would you like to share your musical talents with our parish community? New members welcome! For more information, contact Justin Senneff, Choir Director/Organist, at senneffj@yahoo.com.



NEWS and NOTES

2021-2022 Program Registration

Registration for our 2021-2022 Religious Education Program is now open. Our programs include Preschool, Family Catechesis, and Youth/Adult Confirmation. The 2021-2022 Program Packet is available at www.stluketemplecity.org (under the Faith Formation tab).

Registration forms and the deposit are due to the Pastoral Office by **September 10, 2021**. A member of the Religious Education Office will contact you once the registration materials and deposit are received. God bless you and your family. Questions? Please contact Barbara Hansen, Director of Religious Education, at (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227 or (213) 948-3307, or Barbara@stluketemplecity.org.

St. Luke Catholic Community's Adoration Chapel

❖ Come experience a unique time of prayer and reflection ❖



All are welcome to come pray.

- *Open Weekdays, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.*
- *First Friday Adoration Returns Aug. 6.
(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 - Subscribe 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



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME
WILL NEVER HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME
WILL NEVER THIRST.

JOHN 6:35

GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

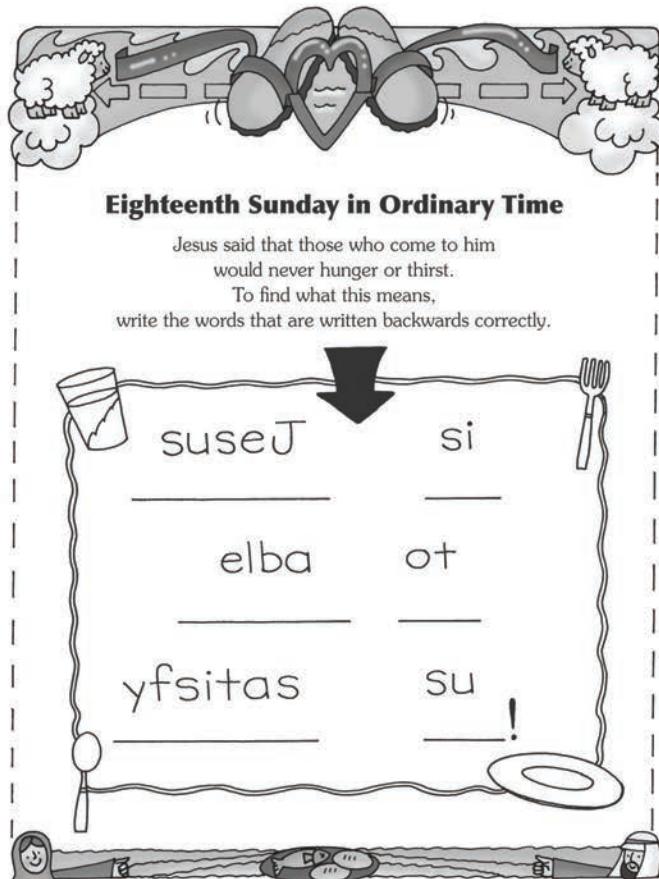
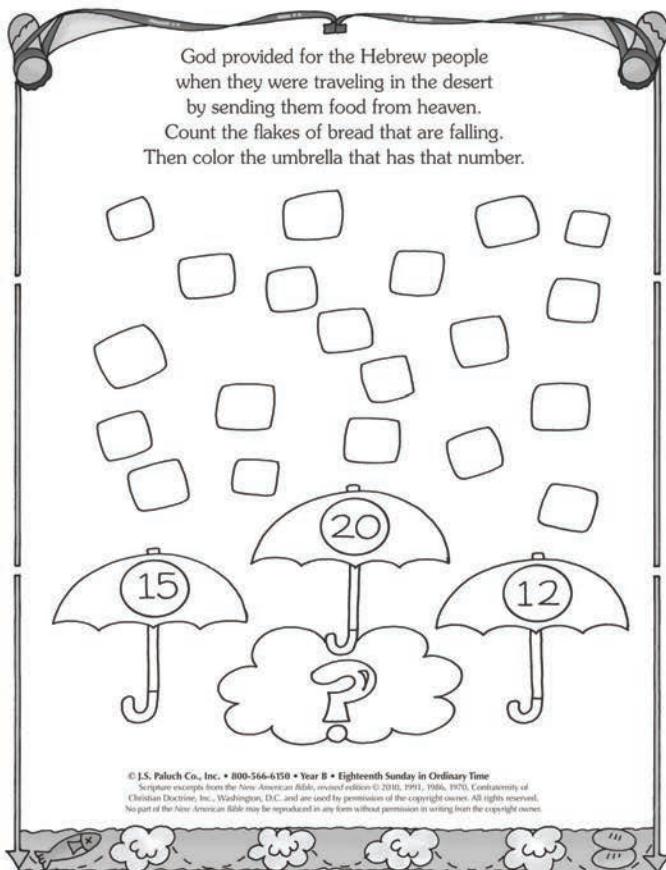
Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15
Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20–24
John 6: 24–35

God's Word for Children



Children's Bulletins available at www.stluketemplecity.org. Click on the Faith Formation Tab>Children's Bulletins.)

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Find out what your children are watching

With movie theaters reopening across the country, now is a great time to add another website to your collection of parenting resources: Catholic News Services' staff reviews movies from a uniquely Catholic perspective, noting things like nudity, swearing, and other problematic themes that have become mainstream in ratings like PG and PG-13.

Parents can vet movies their children are planning to see or may encounter at friends' houses. Talk to your children about what they should do if a friend wants to see a questionable movie, and why you want them to avoid particular films.

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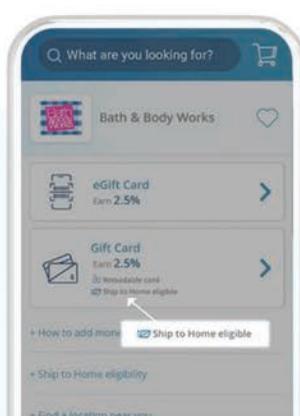
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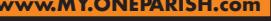
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Maria Garcia, (626) 684-2914
Call 1-800-974-3571 for pick up of large/heavy donations.

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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