

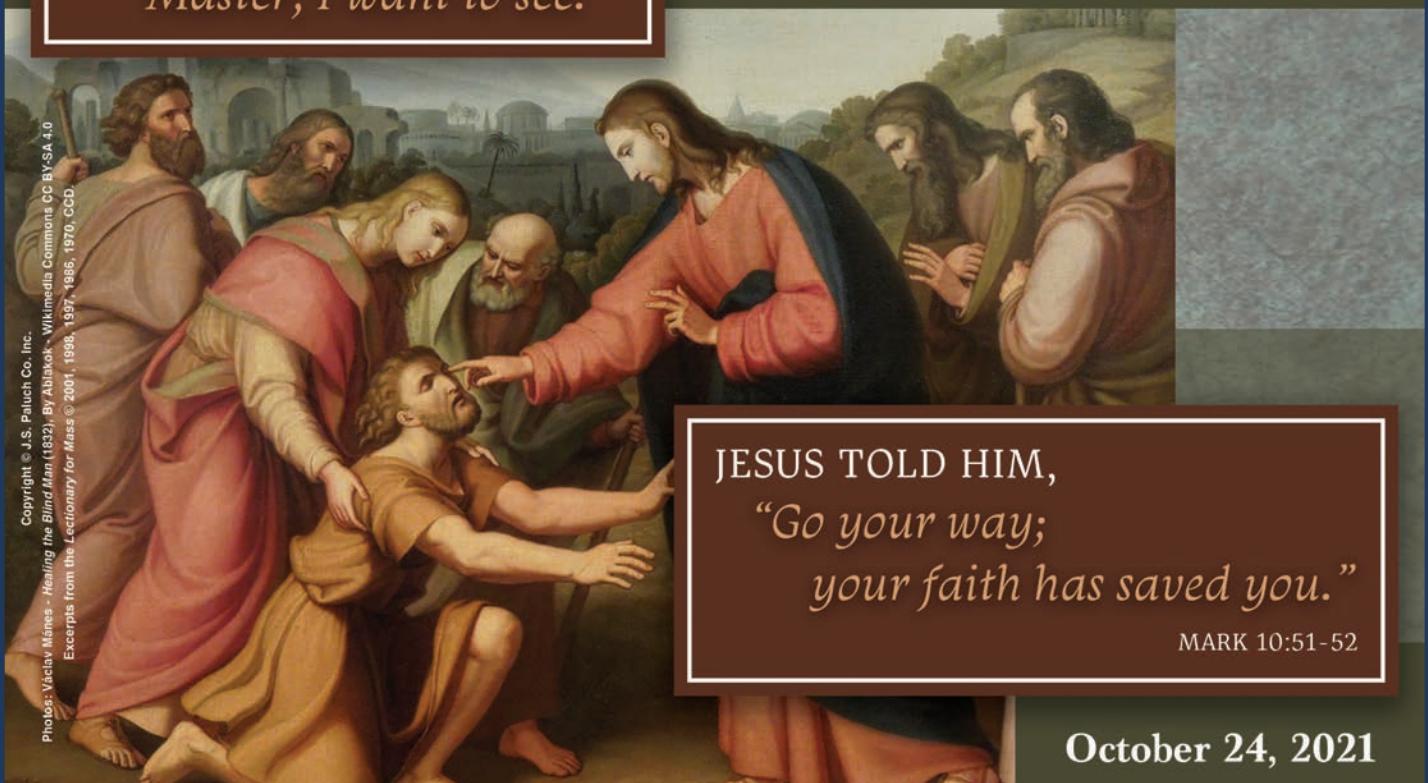
SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

Temple City, CA

THE BLIND MAN SAID,
“Master, I want to see.”

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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JESUS TOLD HIM,
“*Go your way;
your faith has saved you.*”

MARK 10:51-52

October 24, 2021

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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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

October 31 Bulletin:

Due Monday, Oct. 25

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

Night of Remembrance

All are invited to attend St. Luke Catholic Community's Night of Remembrance Mass on **Tuesday, Nov. 2**, at 7:00 pm. We will have a Mass to remember all those who have passed away in 2020 and 2021.

Anyone who was buried from St. Luke's will automatically be listed in our program. If you have family/friends who were unable to have a funeral because of Covid or were buried from somewhere other than St. Luke's, please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 by Friday, Oct. 29, to add their names to the list to be remembered. Refreshments will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

First Friday Mass & Adoration

First Friday Morning Mass on **Nov. 5** will be held at 9:00 am. Adoration will be held 9:00 am-Noon in the Chapel in the Pastoral Office.

Teaching Mass – All Welcome

St. Luke Catholic Community will celebrate a Teaching Mass on **Sunday, Nov. 7**, during the 10:30 am Liturgy. Fr. Robert will preside and will explain the "Why" behind our Sacred Liturgy. Please note that the Mass will be longer than usual and our Family Catechesis, Adult/Teen Confirmation families will be in attendance.

St. Vincent Bundle Sunday Coming Up

Our parish will have a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on **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!

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 annemarie@stluketemplecity.org if you are interested in attending. All are welcome!

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign - Peacefully Pray with Us

40 Days for Life (<https://40daysforlife.com/>) is a global effort that uses a peaceful approach of prayer, fasting, vigils and community outreach for an end to abortion and to change hearts and minds to choose life. The 40 Days for Life Fall campaign, which started Sept. 22 and **runs through Oct. 31**, is in full swing.

Haven't yet participated? You can still join 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), daily between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm during the 40-day vigil.

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.

Scripture Reflection

Look Through the Eyes of Faith to Truly Follow Him

In one of our Priest Retreats, our retreat master shared with us his struggle in his prayer life at one time in his priestly ministry. He told us that his spiritual director gave him this advice. *“If you want something, you must be satisfied with nothing.”*

For someone who was struggling, those words did not make any sense. It sounds paradoxical. It is like the words of the Lord in the Gospel of St. Luke: *“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?”* (Luke 9:24-25)

It really will not make any sense if we only try to understand the advice in a practical way or in a worldly manner. Because all our struggles in this life and most especially in our spiritual life can only be seen in its proper sense through the “eyes of faith.”

That vision of faith helps us see and accept even without fully understanding the mysteries of God. Apart from that vision, we can become spiritually blind to the reality of God’s presence and His works in our life.

In the Gospel this weekend we have the healing of a blind man named, Bartimaeus. The syllable “Bar” is an Aramaic word that means “son,” and the Greek name Timaeus means “highly prized, honor.” So, the name Bartimaeus means “son of the highly prized” or “son of an honorable person.”

But then, although Mark writes for a predominantly Greco-Latin audience, his wording seems rather redundant: a man named Son-Of-Timaeus who was the son of Timaeus. That does not seem to make a lot of sense. In adding the phrase “son of Timaeus” after identifying him as Bartimaeus, Mark the Evangelist was trying to imply another meaning of the Hebrew verb “tame,” which can also mean “to become unclean.” That would render the name Bartimaeus with another meaning- “Son of the Unclean One or Son of Uncleaness.”

This solves the puzzle of why Mark insisted on talking about “one Son-Of-Timaeus, who was the son of Timaeus.” What St. Mark was trying to imply is that what is high-prized in our society is

really a state of uncleanness, which results in blindness, which can only be healed by Christ.

St. Mark in his Gospel used the verb “begging” only in connection with this blind beggar, Bartimaeus to signify what he did every day. This means that Bartimaeus’ twice cry, *“Jesus, son of David, have pity on me”* was a humble plea to the mercy and compassion of Jesus, the King of Divine Mercy.

His prayer merited the loving question of the Lord, *“What do you want me to do for you?”* Bartimaeus answered, *“Master, I want to see.”* Jesus granted his prayer by saying to him, *“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”*

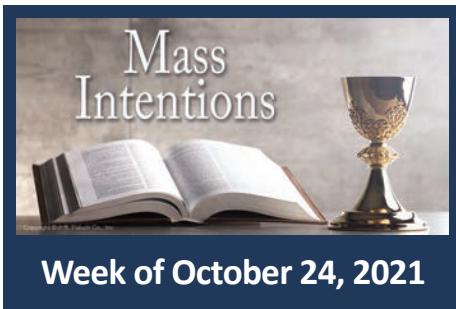
His faith in the power and mercy of Jesus opened not just his physical eyes but also his heart. For immediately after he received his sight, he followed Jesus on the way. He followed “the way” of the Lord. His life had completely changed because after being healed of his blindness, he, then saw everything in the light of his discipleship of the Lord. Following the Lord meant living for Jesus alone.

The healing of Bartimaeus encourages us to look into our own life so that we can humbly admit to the Lord the spiritual blindness that prevents us from seeing Him in our life and in the world today.

Many who do not practice the faith and do not recognize their hunger for Jesus in Holy Communion live with a deep spiritual blindness. They are blinded by self-righteousness and therefore do not see their need for God.

There are others too who do not believe in the eternal life and so live only for the goods and riches of this life. They too are blinded by the comforts and pleasures of this world. Our fears, anxieties, and lack of trust in God’s love and goodness can block our vision of God and paralyze us from walking the “way of the Lord.”

Like Bartimaeus, we too should beg the Lord with confident trust in His mercy to help us see everything in our world nowadays in the eyes of faith so that we can truly follow Him and live for Him alone. *-Fr. Robert*



Week of October 24, 2021

Saturday, October 23

- 5:30 pm Gisela Hernandez
Josefa S. Cruz
Inez Bonura

Sunday, October 24

- 6:30 am John Kim, Barbara Cantu
St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am Frank Duff
Emma Hermes
10:30 am John Dau, Peter Son Le
Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

Monday, October 25

- 9:00 am Beatrice Morse
Julie Pineda-Perez
Mike Schmidt-SI

Tuesday, October 26

- 9:00 am Marcela S. Cruz
Maria Barajas-SI
Rose Covarrubias-SI

Wednesday, October 27

- 9:00 am Bette Zimmerman-SI
Arlene Keleman-SI
All Souls Memorial

Thursday, October 28

- 9:00 am Teresita Calibag Marcelo
Dolores Mercado
Jeanette Mather-SI

Friday, October 29

- 9:00 am Fr. Owen De Souza-SI

Saturday, October 30

- 5:30 pm Bernice Patricia Barbera

Sunday, October 31

- 6:30 am John Kim, Barbara Cantu
Castor Caguioa
St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am Lou Cambiaso
All Souls Memorial
10:30 am Bertha Bruno, Alex Ochoa



Religious Education

NEWS and NOTES

Preschool | Family Catechesis | Home Church | Youth and Adult Confirmation

St. Luke Catholic Community's

2021-22 Religious Education Program

Registration will be accepted until Nov. 2.
Please turn in registration forms and the deposit to the Pastoral Office.

Program Packet is available at www.stluketemplecity.org (under the Faith Formation tab).
Questions? Please contact Barbara Hansen, DRE, at (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227
or (213) 948-3307, or Barbara@stluketemplecity.org.

The Religious Education Program is hosting a [Poinsettia Fundraiser](#)
to support scholarship funds for Confirmation, Family Catechesis,
and Vacation Bible School programs. *See page 5 for details.*

HOLY DAY INFORMATION

All Saints Day

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1) is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday. This feast day will be celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass only.



All Souls Day Envelopes

All Souls Day (**Nov. 2**) is when we commemorate the souls of all the Faithful Departed. All Souls Day envelopes are available at the church exits and may be brought to the Pastoral Office or placed in the collection baskets during weekend Masses. The faithful departed will be remembered at daily Masses during the month of November. *Envelopes are also in the monthly envelope packet.*

• SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN • DID YOU KNOW...

Have a spooky and safe Halloween

With Halloween right around the corner, here are a few tips to keep your holiday safe and fun! Before they go trick-or-treating, talk with your children about safety and set the ground rules.

Young children should always trick or treat with an adult. Join up with friends or family and stick to neighborhoods you know, with houses that are lit and ready for trick or treaters. Stay on sidewalks when possible, and if children have a hard time walking between houses, make a game of it — take big steps, or march from house to house. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/item/140-tips-for-a-treat-filled-halloween>.



Save the Date! Labors of Love

Saturday, Dec. 11, 9:00 am-Noon

Coffee & donuts will be served 8:30-9:00 am.



St. Luke Religious Education *Poinsettia Fundraiser*

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

- Six-inch, potted Poinsettia Plants (\$10):

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Thank You for Your Support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Our thanks to the many individuals and families who generously support our parish!

These gifts benefit the parish in so many ways, including helping to meet everyday expenses for liturgy, faith formation, and operations. For your convenience, gifts may be made several ways:

ENVELOPE USERS: Offertory envelopes can be placed in collection baskets during weekend Masses, mailed to the Parish Office, or dropped in the office mailbox.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Click the Make a Donation button on the Homepage of the parish website to give electronically one-time or make a recurring gift.

BY PHONE: 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).

May God Bless You and Your Family for Your Continued Generosity!

AROUND TOWN

Annual Catholic-Jewish Women's Conference

All are invited to attend the 45th Annual Catholic-Jewish Women's Conference on **Thursday, Nov. 11**. This year's conference, themed *"Unveiling the Sacred Through Storytelling,"* will be held virtually from 9:00 am to Noon.

Keynote speakers include Michal Lemberger, author of *After Abel and Other Stories*; and Diana Macalintal, co-founder of TeamRCIA.com and Liturgy.life. To register and for more information, visit www.catholicjewishwomenla.org.

Rest in Peace

Milagros Cruz • Funeral Mass at St. Luke on Friday, Oct. 29, at 10:30 am

Melissa Szamet • Funeral Mass at St. Luke on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1:00 pm

John Dau • Funeral Mass at San Gabriel Mission on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 9:00 am

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"We cannot but speak about
what we have seen and heard"

[ACTS 4:20]

"No podemos dejar de hablar
de lo que hemos visto y oido"

[HCH 4:20]

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, **Oct. 23-24**, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection for World Mission Sunday, and we will celebrate that day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith —*to bring the Gospel to all!*

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: *"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard."* (Acts 4:20) He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves..."

This second special collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and help to the most vulnerable communities.

Special envelopes will be at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to "St. Luke Church." Thank you for your generosity!



**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.**

-Psalm 126:6

CONSOLATION FROM GOD

Today's reading from Jeremiah, Israel's sorrowful and suffering prophet, whose readings usually signal and prepare us to hear Jesus' Gospel suffering, is from Jeremiah's "Book of Consolation." Jeremiah sets aside traditional sorrow and instead bids God's chosen people—and us, as God's baptized covenant people—to celebrate the Lord's miraculous "harvest": "Shout with joy; exult; proclaim your praise" (Jeremiah 31:7). In this "harvest," God declares Israel already "delivered," while promising to transform a "remnant" (31:7) into "an immense throng," "gathered from the ends of the world" (31:8). Though these people are still in need, Jeremiah declares their tears already gone, replaced by God's consolation and guidance to living waters. As a fitting response, the great "Harvest Psalm" makes us, at least spiritually, former "captives," whose joyous return feels like "dreaming" (Psalm 126:1). Then, Mark's Gospel—again—shows the prophetic vision for the world fulfilled as Jesus heals, and we ourselves are once again challenged to live more faithfully our baptismal covenant.

SIGHTLESS BARTIMAEUS' VISION

At first, Bartimaeus is not yet "on the way"—Mark's "Gospel code" for Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and our journey of discipleship—but at least near the way, "by the roadside" (Mark 10:46). Still only on the sidelines, Bartimaeus cries out what becomes Christianity's "Jesus Prayer": "Jesus, son of David, have pity (most translations, mercy) on me" (Mark 10:47–48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is nonetheless fearless: "many rebuked him, telling him to be silent" (10:48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is already insightful: "son of David" acclaims Jesus Messiah. Seen in the context of baptism and discipleship, sightless Bartimaeus' response resembles both journey to baptism as catechumen and pilgrimage from baptism as what Pope Francis calls "missionary disciples" (Evangelii Gaudium, Joy of the Gospel, 119–121).

RESPONDING LIKE BARTIMAEUS

Once healed, "illumined" as in Baptism, Bartimaeus' discipleship response to Jesus challenges us to examine our own. Again this week, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our merciful high priest. Though sinless, Jesus "is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring" (Hebrews 5:2) like all high priests. Hebrews invokes Melchizedek, whose meeting with Abraham signals the joining of God's primeval cosmic covenant made with Noah and God's scriptural covenant with Israel, leading to "the new and eternal covenant" sealed in Jesus' Blood. Like Melchizedek, Jesus transcends history's boundaries of race and nation to gather earth's fragmented, even warring factions into the great harvest of a humanity renewed and redeemed. So our baptismal commitment and discipleship's journey bid us become instruments of Christ's unity and peace to all whom we encounter "on the way."

Are we sitting still, isolated, safely on the sidelines? Or do we cry out, like Bartimaeus, for Jesus' mercy, understanding that we are bound to extend to others, ceaselessly and unconditionally, the mercy that we ourselves need? As part of that mercy, then, are we cowed into safe, respectable silence by a world rejecting Christ's countercultural teachings, or do we dare speak up and speak out on behalf of others? © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

**Jer 31:7–9 | Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6
Heb 5:1–6 | Mk 10:46–5**

Readings also available on the USCCB Website, www.usccb.org.

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

LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT

October is Respect Life Month: End of Life

We talk a lot about protecting the life of the unborn during October, and rightly so. However, respect for life involves the entire spectrum of life, from conception to natural death. This week we want to focus on the end of life.

What can we do to respect the End of Life? One thing we can do is continue to support legislation that defends the dignity of the elderly and opposes euthanasia.

The deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto bills expired Oct. 10, and he signed 770 bills into law. It is disappointing to report that one of these bills is **SB 380**, the removal of important protections in the physician-assisted suicide law. Nevertheless, thank you to all who wrote to state lawmakers and the Governor in an effort to defeat SB 380. The sunset portion of the law was removed from the original version of the bill, *so your efforts did make an impact!*

Another thing we can do is provide for peace and comfort of our family members by planning for our own end of life.

Caring for the Whole Person is a state-wide initiative of the California Bishops and Catholic healthcare systems that enable each parish to provide community support and meaningful resources to individuals and families. The objective of Caring for the Whole Person is to educate, equip and empower each person to make informed decisions for their health and well-being. In promoting Caring for the Whole Person, the *Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace* provides us with many resources to assist us with end-of-life care.

One such resource, **Care & Prepare: Finding Loving Care at the End of Life**, is a parish workshop put on by the *Office of Life, Justice & Peace* in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Discussion topics include Church teaching on end-of-life ethics, accessing quality palliative care, hospice care and advance healthcare directives, and pastoral care at the end of life. These trainings are great for parish leaders, caregivers, and the elderly and their family members. You can access past presentations from a Care & Prepare workshop at <https://lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/care-and-prepare>.

Another resource from the *Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace* is a Respect Life Month Webinar from 2020 entitled **Care, Prepare and Connect: Caring for the Whole Person at the End of Life's Journey**. This presentation helps with understanding the teachings of the Church about end-of-life care, and encourages discussion with loved ones now about wishes for medical care and treatment in the event one is unable to speak for oneself. Planning ahead for future medical needs is the best way to ensure that wishes will be respected and provides tremendous peace of mind for the entire family.

This event was co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A recording of the Webinar can be found on the *Office of Life, Justice and Peace* webpage at <https://lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/care-prepare-and-connect>.

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

~St. Luke Life, Justice and Peace Ministry

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Thank You for your Generosity! We are St. Luke Catholic School!

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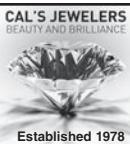
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