



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

Temple City, CA



December 26, 2021

The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
9:00 am (In-person)

CONFessions SCHEDULE

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

Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

Jan. 9 Bulletin Deadline:
Monday, Jan. 3

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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Pastoral Office Holiday Schedule

The Pastoral Office will be closed on New Year's Eve and Day (Dec. 31-Jan. 1). Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will be held on Sunday, Jan. 2.

A 9:00 am Mass will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 1**, for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (*Not observed as a holy day of obligation this year.*). The 5:30 pm Mass and Confessions will not be held on Saturday, Jan. 1.

New Bereavement Sessions Beginning

St. Luke Church will offer a daytime, eight-week Bereavement Support Program for those who have lost someone dear. The program is open to all faiths, and is non-threatening, caring and loving toward those who have suffered a loss. The two-hour sessions will begin on **Thursday, Jan. 6**, and continue weekly on Thursdays through Feb. 24.

Sessions will be held at 10:00 am in the Parish Resource Center (located in the Rectory). The only cost involved is \$12.00 for the workbook. Reservations are required so that we will have the necessary supplies. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900.

First Friday Masses & Adoration

First Friday Morning Mass on **Jan. 7** will be held at 9:00 am. Adoration will be held 9:00 am-Noon in the Chapel in the Pastoral Office. First Friday Evening Mass will be held at 7:00 pm in the church. Adoration Chapel is open weekdays, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Hour of Devotion weekdays at 3:00 pm (Virtual and in-person).

Paper Drive Fundraiser

The Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Jan. 7**, (6:00-8:00 pm) **Saturday, Jan. 8**, and **Sunday, Jan. 9**, (8:00 am-7:00 pm, daily) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

Enthronement Weekend: Jan. 8-9, 2022

Parishioner are invited to participate in a Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Packets will be distributed on the weekend of **Jan. 8-9**. See p. 6 for more details.

Senior Citizen Bingo

Join us for fun and fellowship! The next Senior Citizen Bingo will be **Monday, Jan. 10**, 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. We invite everyone 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.



Scripture Reflection

Holy Family – Still Possible?

“I did what I can with clay feet” were the words I heard from the mother of my friend when she talked about her children who led lives contrary to the Gospel of Christ. Raising our children in the cultural milieu of today is very difficult. We want to raise our kids in the right way. We do all we can to support them like sending them to good schools, providing them with everything they need, advising them to make good choices in life.

And yet they still do what they want to do even though they know it is wrong and harmful. We want them to practice the Catholic faith. And yet many of them do not believe in organized religion. It is a big disappointment. We keep asking ourselves – *“where did I go wrong in the way I raised my children?”*

Parenting is exceedingly difficult and challenging. It requires a lot of sacrifice. Parents need a lot of patience, understanding, humility, and fortitude. Children will try their parents' patience when they keep disobeying them and disrespecting them.

Parents need to remind themselves that their children will make many mistakes in life. And parents should try to give good examples to their children despite the many mistakes they commit in parenting. Parents need the grace and strength of God as they entrust their children every night to God in prayer.



As holy Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were they still experienced tremendous hardships and trials in parenting Our Savior Jesus Christ. Mary had to give birth in a dirty and cold stable. During the Presentation in the Temple while Mary and Joseph were offering the Child to God, Simeon predicted that the Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel and will be a sign of contradiction. They had to travel to Egypt because Herod wanted to kill the Baby Jesus. They had to live several years in a foreign land far from their families. And then in the Gospel this Sunday, the 12-year-old Jesus got lost for three days. Mary expressed their anxiety when she said to Jesus, *“Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”*

If that is the case, why even bother trying to become a holy family if even Mary and Joseph went through hardships in parenting? Because parenting is humanly impossible without God as the center. Mary and Joseph went through the hardships of being parents of Jesus while remaining focused on the Lord. Jesus was the center and foundation of their family life. They never had a training in being parents of the Son of God. But their saving grace was their total trust in God and in His will.

The key to become a holy family is also shown in the first reading of today. Hannah offered her son to God after she promised to give her son back to God in the temple of Shiloh – She was faithful to her promise to God. *“Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the Lord and to remain there forever, I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite.”* *“Pardon, my Lord, As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I in turn, give Him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord.”* Like Hannah, parents need to surrender their children to God throughout their whole life.

Families are never created for itself. Family exists not for the benefit of its members but for the service of God. Life is not about us. Life is created for the purpose of God. Holiness in the family happens when God is the priority and the center of every family decision, action, and choices. And that was what Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did to become the Holy Family. **-Fr. Robert**

We had a wonderful turnout for our Labors of Love last Saturday. My deepest gratitude to all who took the time out of their day to help beautify our Church. It looks wonderful!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

-From Fr. Robert and the Pastoral Staff of St. Luke

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 26, 2021

Saturday, December 25

6:30 am St. Luke Parishioners
 8:30 am St. Luke Parishioners
 10:30 am St. Luke Parishioners

Sunday, December 26

6:30 am Barbara Cantu
 John Kim
 Amado Fernandez
 St. Luke Parishioners
 8:30 am Lucia Calderon
 Lou Cambiaso
 Caridad Bundoc
 10:30 am Edward Manley
 Manon
 Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

Monday, December 27

9:00 am Mickey Marquardt
 Mike Cherry-SI
 Mary Lou Lemoine-SI

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am Esteban Manansala
 Dwight Fregin, Peggy Maile

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 am Nory Pineda, Ramon Pineda
 Jimmy CuUnjieng

Thursday, December 30

9:00 am Jack Fuller
 Judge Domingo Angeles
 Maria Riza R. Angeles

Friday, December 31

9:00 am Loida De Leon-SI

Saturday, January 1

5:30 pm Maria De Jesus Valencia
 Francisco Alde Valencia
 Beatrice Ann Morse

Sunday, January 2

6:30 am Maria Yoon, John Kim
 Barbara Cantu
 St. Luke Parishioners
 8:30 am Ken Primising, Dwight Fregin
 Yvonne Mullaly
 10:30 am Frank Miali, Lucia Calderon
 Emilia R. Torrijos

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).

Please continue to remember your parish in your giving plans, especially if you are considering any charitable donations prior to the end of the year.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2021 Ordinary Receipts

Sunday Envelope	\$27,382
Online Giving	\$16,563
Cash Donations	\$6,269
Miscellaneous Donations/Income	\$7,152
AT&T Cell Site Rental Income	\$3,116
Total Ordinary Receipts	\$60,482

November 2021 Ordinary Expenses

Wages/Taxes/Pensions	\$25,954
Employee Health Insurance	\$2,117
Utilities/Telephone	\$6,486
Insurances	\$7,921
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$5,492
Operating Expenses	\$12,961
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$60,931

NET LOSS (\$449)

Restricted Donations for Special Projects \$855

Major Improvements/Purchases \$2,572

New Lighting in Parking Lots

COMING SOON! ST. LUKE GIFT SHOP

Beautiful religious items available to purchase after Weekend Masses in the Church Meeting Room. Proceeds will go toward the formal opening of our Gift Shop on campus. Selections subject to change; based on availability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join St. Luke Parishioners at OneLife LA on January 22!

OneLife LA is an event hosted by the Los Angeles Archdiocese to celebrate and witness the beauty and dignity of every human life. This year, OneLifeLA will take place, live and in-person, on **Saturday, Jan. 22**. This free event will begin at 12:00 pm La Placita on Olvera Street, continue with a one-mile walk to Los Angeles State Historic Park, the main event location. The main event will feature inspiring speakers, musicians, resource booths, vendors, and food trucks. The day ends with the Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral.

Please consider being a part of our 2022 St. Luke team. Register for free at <https://onelifela.org/onelifela.org/register>, and select St. Luke Temple City as your church/school/organization group.

The **LIVE STREAM** of the 10:30 am Sunday Mass has resumed. Visit the Parish Vimeo Channel at <https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity> to view or www.stluketemplecity.org. *The Mass can be replayed and viewed at any time.*

Rest in Peace

Lucia Calderon

Funeral Mass at St. Luke | Tuesday, Dec. 28 • 11:00 am

Josephine "Josie" Basile

Memorial Mass at St. Luke | Saturday, Jan. 8 • 11:00 am

• SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN •

DID YOU KNOW...

Check Christmas presents for button batteries

Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches.

If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child's nose or ears, they can cause serious damage — from electrical currents to tissue burns.

Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery.

Thank You for the Poinsettia Donations

St. Luke the Evangelist would like to thank the following families who donated poinsettias or gave a cash donation for our Christmas Environment: *Joyce Neumann, Joan Ng, Bessie Ho and Emilio & Rose Samartin*

Thank you to the following parishioners who donated poinsettias in honor of loved ones:

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Enthronement Weekend at St. Luke: January 8-9, 2022

The King and Queen are Coming

Parishioners are invited to enthronize the Sacred Heart of Jesus into their homes and consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Devotion to the Heart of Jesus has existed throughout much of the history of the Church. However, in France in June 1675, Jesus instructed Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque that He wished devotion to His Sacred Heart be known to the world. He gave her Twelve Great Promises for those devoted to His Sacred Heart. One of those promises is, "I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored." It is this promise that forms the basis of St. Luke's Enthronement Weekend.

The word "enthrone" means to put upon a throne. In effect, through enthroning Jesus into our homes, we are inviting Him to become the King and head of our homes and hearts. In this way we are asking Jesus to guide us in our efforts to live good lives and to lead us to our Father in heaven.

In consecrating our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary we are asking Mary as our spiritual Mother to extend her mantle of love, comfort and protection over our families. She will watch over us and lead us to a deeper relationship with her Son, Jesus.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

It is a way to obtain special graces and blessings in our daily lives. Jesus said to Saint Margaret Mary, "I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored." To invite Jesus and Mary into our homes takes on an even greater meaning in these troubled times and is a source of great comfort and grace.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

An overview will be given at the end of Masses the weekend of Jan. 8-9. Parishioners will then be led in prayer to help spiritually prepare for the enthronement that you will complete in the home. Enthronement Packets will also be distributed. The packets include prayers, instructions, beautiful pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and an Enthronement Scroll suitable for framing (on which the names of the living and deceased family members are written).

Frame the pictures, put them in a place of honor in your home, and together as a family say prayers to enthronize the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home and consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Members of the Legion of Mary will be available to assist with Enthronement in the home if desired.

LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT



Catholic Coalition of San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity CATHOLIC MONTH OF SERVICE

Catholic Coalition of SGV Habitat for Humanity invites St. Luke parishioners to participate in a **CATHOLIC MONTH OF SERVICE** in February 2022.

What is Habitat for Humanity? Since beginning in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has been built on a foundation of faith. Their mission to create affordable home ownership opportunities so families can have better, healthier and more financially stable lives comes from a desire to put God's love into action. The tangible building experiences that Habitat provides allows us, as a faith community, to engage with those around us, live out our faith and offers us a unique opportunity to love our neighbor.

Best known of Habitat for Humanity's programs is the **Homeownership Program**. Families and individuals who live in substandard housing may qualify for this program. Homebuyers who are selected invest 500 hours of 'Sweat Equity' helping to build their home, and they also take financial education courses. Homeowners pay an affordable mortgage and Habitat re-invests the mortgage payments to serve more families. This program has seen a 100% success rate, and there have been no defaults or foreclosures in the organization's history. With your support, more families and individuals in need of a helping hand can become agents of their own change!

What is the Catholic Coalition of San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity? The Catholic Coalition consists of several parishes in the San Gabriel Pastoral Region with dedicated ministries that support Habitat for Humanity. These parish ministries host Build Days and recruit volunteers to provide hands-on support at build sites. They fundraise to cover the \$2,500 construction costs for each Build Day they host. And they educate their parishes and their communities about Habitat's Homeownership Program, Home Repair Program and their ReStores.

How can St. Luke parishioners participate in the CATHOLIC MONTH OF SERVICE? The **Build Day** for St. Luke Catholic Coalition team is **Saturday, Feb. 19**. We invite you, your family, and friends to join the St. Luke Catholic Coalition team in filling SGV Habitat's build site volunteer slots. Here are ways you can participate:

- Volunteer for a shift on the St. Luke Landing Page: <http://vhub.at/slesgv>
- Donate toward the cost of the Build Day
- Provide water, snacks or lunch for the volunteers at the Build Day

Who can volunteer at the build site? Volunteers can be anyone 16 years and over, with any experience level, including no experience at all! Habitat for Humanity construction staff teach the volunteers what to do and provide all the needed equipment, including safety goggles, hard hats and tools, as well as hands-on support at the build site. Volunteers sign up for a half day shift, 7:45 am to 11:30 am, or 11:45 am to 3:30 pm., or a full day from 7:45 am to 3:30 pm. **Sign up here:** St. Luke Landing Page: <http://vhub.at/slesgv>

Questions? Please contact Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or by e-mail at veronica@design1west.com.

Can't make it on Feb. 19? No problem! You can select a different Saturday in February to volunteer at the build site. Please contact the H4H staff liaison, Julianna Jaynes, at jjaynes@sgvhabitat.org or (626) 419-3314.

***Help support families in finding stability, safety and self-reliance
through homeownership and home repair. Please join us!***

~St. Luke Life, Justice and Peace Ministry



JESUS SAID TO HIS PARENTS,
**“WHY WERE YOU
 LOOKING FOR ME?
 DID YOU NOT KNOW
 THAT I MUST BE IN
 MY FATHER’S HOUSE?”**

LUKE 2:49

**the HOLY
 FAMILY
 of JESUS,
 MARY, AND
 JOSEPH**
 DECEMBER 26, 2021

FAMILY LIFE

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of “the Word made flesh” becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” The words astounded, astonished, and great anxiety are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be “lost” for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 | Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1

Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 | Lk 2:41-52

Readings also available on the
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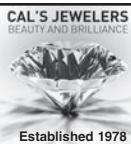
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