



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

Temple City, CA



First Sunday of

Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
(Closed Noon-1:00 pm)

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

December 5:
Due Monday, Nov. 29

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Masses & Adoration

First Friday Morning Mass on **Dec. 3** 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 return this month and will be held at 7:00 pm in the church.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is **Wednesday, Dec. 8**. Mass will be held at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on Dec. 8. The feast day is a holy day of obligation that celebrates Mary's conception without sin.

Labors of Love

As we ready our hearts and homes for the coming of Christmas, the Church too must get ready. All are invited to help prepare the church for our Advent and Christmas Masses. Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 11**, 9:00 am-Noon. Coffee & donuts will be served 8:30-9:00 am.



Advent Penance Service

Prepare your hearts for Christ. The St. Luke Church Penance Service will be held **Monday, Dec. 13**, at 7:00 pm in the church. Come and let the God of mercy and compassion prepare your hearts for the Savior's birth at Christmas. Additional priests are available.

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!

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

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. At all Masses on Jan. 8 and 9, Enthronement Packets will be distributed. They will include a beautiful picture of Jesus and Mary, prayers, enthronement scroll, and instructions. You are encouraged to frame the picture and then come together as a family to place the picture in a place of honor.

Together, you will say the prayers to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home and consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a simple, yet powerful, way to obtain blessings and graces for your families. The Legion of Mary is also available to help families with their Enthronement in the home, if needed.

To know how many packets to order, we are asking you to contact Kerrin in the Pastoral Office (kerrin@stluketemplecity.org or 626-291-5900) if you are interested. We will not be taking any contact information. We just need an approximate count. Thank you.



Advent Prayer

Loving God,
how I wish to praise
and thank you for the love
you have showered upon me.

God of glory and majesty, I wish
to return your love and reach out
to others with kindness.

Father of us all, teach me the
true meaning of obedience and love,
just as Jesus gave himself over lovingly to you,
in complete and total obedience.

Amen.

-100 Prayers for Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons

Scripture Reflection

Watchful Confidence

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence.

Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness.

We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice.

We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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Save the Date

Virgin of Guadalupe Mass

Sunday, December 12, 12:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to a special mass
to celebrate the Mother of the Americas.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring her flowers.



Donations are greatly appreciated to fund the celebration, including a Mariachi. Contributions can be brought to the Pastoral Office or made online (www.stluketemplecity.org > Click on "Donate" button on Homepage, Select "Virgin of Guadalupe Mass Donation.") Thank you for your support!



A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
Revelation 12:1



Week of November 28, 2021

Monday, November 29

9:00 am Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon
Peter Nguyen
Dominic Nguyen
All Souls Memorial

Tuesday, November 30

9:00 am Millie Riedel
James Jernigan
Rodrigo Aviles-SI
All Souls Memorial

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 am Josephine Sarenana-SI
Lolita Salarda
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 2

9:00 am Zoila Esmerelda
Escobar Chinchilla

Friday, December 3

9:00 am Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia
Benjie Argonia

Saturday, December 4

5:30 pm Eva Arrighi
Richard Barry

Sunday, December 5

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

8:30 am John Dau
Frank Monforte
Edward Manley

10:30 am Rosario Rubia
Ofelia Rodriguez
Robert Morrell

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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).

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2021 Ordinary Receipts

Sunday Envelope	\$36,959
Online Giving	\$14,613
Cash Donations	\$7,282
Miscellaneous Donations/Income	\$6,688
AT&T Cell Site Rental Income	\$3,116

Total Ordinary Receipts \$68,658

October 2021 Ordinary Expenses

Salaries/Taxes/Pensions	\$29,712
Employee Health Insurance	\$3,707
Utilities/Telephone	\$9,858
Insurances	\$7,921
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$5,492
Operating Expenses	\$10,776

Total Ordinary Expenses \$67,466

NET \$1,192

Restricted Donations for Special Projects \$4,500

Major Improvements/Purchases N/A

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

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Welcomes Prayer Requests & Members

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry invites members to pray for those in need. The ministry receives any requests for those needs that require prayer for days, weeks or months. Prayer requests might be related to recovery from or living with cancer, other diseases and sicknesses; recovery from surgery; high-risk pregnancies; or addictions, etc.

Members commit to praying each day for these needs - whatever time fits your schedule. The only requirement is that you have an e-mail address, as all prayer requests will be sent that way once or twice a week. To join or request a prayer, e-mail Angelica at 44angelicafe@gmail.com.

Help Build Homes with Habitat for Humanity

St. Luke parishioners are invited to join with volunteers from Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary church in Pasadena to help repair a home on **Saturday, Dec. 11**, in **Baldwin Park**. Volunteers can be anyone 16 years of age and older. Habitat will teach us and provide tools.

If you are interested in volunteering, go to <http://vhub.at/assumptionsgv> to create a VolunteerHub account. Volunteers can choose a half day shift, 7:45-11:30 am, or 11:45 am-3:30 pm., or even work a full day, 7:45 am-3:30 pm. Once registered, you will receive further information. Questions? Please contact Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or -email her at veronica@design1west.com.

Poinsettia Order Pick Up

Plants ordered by the Nov. 19 deadline can be picked up **Sunday, Dec. 5**, 9:30 am-Noon in Room 401. **REMINDER:** *Pick-up is for RE participants who took orders (they are responsible for their deliveries) or if you ordered plants directly through the Pastoral Office. Thank you for your support!*

Rest in Peace

Edward Manley

Viewing at Pierce Bros. Mortuary - San Gabriel (1136 E. Las Tunas Drive)
Thursday, Dec. 2 • 4:00-8:00 pm

Rosary and Funeral Mass at St. Luke • Friday, Dec. 3
10:30 am Rosary • 11:00 am Funeral Mass

Josephine "Josie" Basile

Memorial Mass at St. Luke • Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 • 11:00 am

AROUND TOWN

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Mass

The Los Angeles Archdiocese will host the 90th Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Sunday, Dec. 5**. This year's theme is "Always Forward in Mission and Hope."

The procession will begin at 10:30 am, on the corner of Cesar Chavez Avenue and Ford Boulevard.

The celebration will be followed by a special Mass at 1:00 pm, presided by Archbishop Gomez in honor of the Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego that will take place at East Los Angeles College Stadium.

The Pilgrimage of the Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego will be on display at various locations through Dec. 4. Visit www.guadalupe-la.org for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On December 1, the Supreme Court will hear arguments for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This case is our best chance to reverse *Roe* in decades!

Please join with pro-lifers across the nation for an unprecedented two-day campaign of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil this Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. It will be exactly like a 40 Days for Life vigil, except it's just for two days.

Our local vigil site is the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood El Monte, at 4786 N. Peck Road (corner of Peck and Lower Azusa), between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. No need to sign up...just come for an hour or two to pray!

For more details or questions, please e-mail stlukesjc@gmail.com or leave a message for Wendy at (626) 233-0786.

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Understanding the dangers of carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized. When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned.

Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>.



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FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
... When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



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**I will raise up for David
a just shoot;
he shall do what is
right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15**

A NEW BEGINNING

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy.

There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity."

People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end.

How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand." © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jer 33:14–16 | Ps 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14

1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2 | Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

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

Or, visit www.stluketemplecity.org and click on
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- *First Friday Adoration.*

(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.)



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