



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
*Catholic Community*  
Temple City, CA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Whoever receives  
one child such as  
this in my name,  
receives me;  
and whoever  
receives me,  
receives not me  
but the One  
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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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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(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

**September 26 Bulletin:**  
Due Monday, Sept. 20

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

### New Bereavement Sessions Beginning

St. Luke Parish will offer a seven-week Bereavement Support Program for those who have lost someone dear. The program is open to all faiths, non-threatening, caring and very loving toward those who have suffered a loss.

The two-hour sessions will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 23**, and continue weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays through Nov. 4. Sessions will be held in the Parish Resource Center (located in the Rectory). The only cost involved is \$12.00 for the workbook. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to sign up or for additional information.

### Paper Drive Fundraiser

The next Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Sept. 24** (6:00-8:00 pm) and **Saturday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 26** (8:00 am-7:00 pm) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

### Senior Citizen Bingo

We are happy to announce that Senior Citizen Bingo afternoons are returning! The first event will be **Monday, Sept. 27**, 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. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not yet be able to bring potluck dishes. Instead, we invite everyone to bring a sack lunch or fast-food lunch. We will be providing coffee and cupcakes. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. Please invite your friends to join us. All are welcome! To RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Joan Sutton at (626) 824-2105.



### Mary, Undoer of Knots, Ribbon Wall

For those who would like to add the name of your deceased loved one to the Mary, Undoer of Knots, Ribbon Wall located in the Church, there will be a basket of ribbons located in the vestibule and in the Pastoral Office.

You may write the name of your loved one on the ribbon and then tie it to the wall. Donations gratefully accepted. Please bring donations to the Pastoral Office; specify "Ribbons."



### RCIA Classes to Begin in September

*For New Members of the Catholic Faith*

St. Luke Parish welcomes new members into the Catholic Church as well as those who need to complete their Initiation Sacraments. This is done through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several Rites that take place within the context of the Mass. Gatherings are provided to encourage conversion and an awakening of faith as we study the Gospel in light of Catholic tradition and dogma.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this journey with us to the Easter sacraments, please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 for more information. These classes will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, possibly virtually if restrictions are still in place due to the pandemic. Either through electronic means or in person, we look forward to meeting with you and taking this faith walk together.

## Scripture Reflection

# Jesus Christ is Lord!

In the Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus predicted once again that He would be handed over to men, they would kill Him, and after three days, He would rise. The disciples did not understand what He was saying, and they were afraid to ask Him any questions. In the Gospel of St. Mark, one of his Gospel themes is to show the failure of the disciples to accept the theology of the Crucified Jesus.

Instead of showing empathy and support to Our Lord, they were discussing who was the greatest among them. How insensitive and clueless the disciples were to the Lord and His mission. They were more concerned about who was the greatest among them. Their understanding of the Kingdom of God was just another political and economic setup. Possibly after hearing the Lord appointing Peter as the rock on which He would build His Church at Caesarea Philippi and perhaps also the fact that Peter, James, and John were chosen as witnesses to the Transfiguration caused a lot of resentment among the disciples. In any case, they quarreled among themselves as they always did whenever Jesus unveiled the Cross.

But Jesus knew what was in their hearts; and so, when they arrived at Capernaum probably in the house of Peter, Jesus asked them what they were arguing about along the way. They remained silent for they realized that they paid little attention to Him when He talked to them about His Passion and Death. Just like ordinary men, they were after power and wealth. Also, it remained a mystery to them that He who had healed many sick people and even raised the dead to life could ever submit Himself to a gruesome and shameful death. They realized that the Master read their thoughts and their own consciences accused them.

To correct their false ideas of superiority, Jesus said to them: ***"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*** Then Jesus took a child, placed His arms around the child and presented the child to them as their model for greatness with these words, ***"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."***

The greatest of all His disciples would be those who would be like little children; for a child stands as a representative of God and His Divine Son upon the earth. The childlike spirit or qualities that He wanted to teach His disciples were humility, trust, and total dependence on God. Instead of pride, ambition, competition, a child demonstrates lowliness, contentment and surrender. There was a nobility in His Kingdom, but it was opposite to the rank of the world. In His Kingdom one rose by sinking; one increased by decreasing. He said that He came not to be served, but to serve. In His own Person, He was exemplifying humiliation as ascending to the depths of defeat of the Cross. Since they could not understand the Cross, He encouraged them to take as a model a little child whom He embraced to His heart.

The greatest are the least, and the least are the greatest. Honor and prestige are not to him who sits at the head of the table, but to him who girds himself with a towel and washes the feet of those who are his servants. He who is God became man; He who is Lord of heaven and earth humbled Himself to the Cross; this was the incomparable act of humility which they were to learn. If for the moment they could not learn it from Him, they were to learn it from a child, who is considered the "least" in the culture of Jesus' time.

St. Paul exhorts us to have this same attitude of Christ in his letter to the Philippians chapter 2: ***"though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself, and took the form of a slave being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself obediently accepting even death, even death on a cross. Because of this God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!"***

Let us be inspired by the spiritual childhood of St. Therese of the Child Jesus: ***"Because I was little and weak, Jesus stooped down to me and tenderly instructed me in the secrets of His Love."*** (Story of a Soul, chapter 5) -Fr. Robert







## Say the Word and my Soul shall be Healed

*Each person by virtue of Baptism plays a role in passing on the faith and being a witness to spread the Good News. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.*

*Today, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and are blessed to commission many of our parishioners during the 10:30 am Mass. Fr. Robert will present these catechesis with a cross and give a blessing.*

*This year's theme, "Say the Word and my Soul shall be Healed," acknowledges a world in need of healing. The Church shares Jesus' special concern with those who are sick and suffering. Our community celebrates Catechetical Sunday and commissions these catechists for their chosen ministry at St. Luke.*

RCIA	FAMILY CATECHESIS	CONFIRMATION	ST. LUKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL	
Mary Lee Saporito	Jeanna Chavez	Luis Valdez	Ms. Yvette Jefferys	Mr. Michael Moya
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*Thank you for sharing the gift of your faith and time with our parish community.*



Religious Education

## NEWS and NOTES

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

### Registration is Open!

#### St. Luke Catholic Community's 2021-22 Religious Education Program

The Program focuses on Sacraments and enriching the spiritual needs and growth of the Parish Community.

**Please turn in registration forms and the deposit to the Pastoral Office. Classes are starting soon.**

Program Packet is available at [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://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](mailto:Barbara@stluketemplecity.org).

*Hello Community of St. Luke,*

*My name is Luis Valdez, and I will be your new Confirmation Coordinator. I am both happy and excited to be able to serve this parish. Being able to form part of the church Christ began for us over two thousand years ago is a humbling experience. I am grateful to Father Robert and our DRE, Barbara Hansen, for giving me such an amazing opportunity. Know that I will work my hardest to best serve you and your teens in this sacred sacrament of Confirmation.*

*I am not going to clock in and clock out and leave St. Luke in my rearview mirror. I intend on immersing myself in our parish and the various ministries we have here. You can find me at the 10:30 am Sunday mass. Feel free to contact me.*

*I ask you to please pray for me, that I am guided by the Holy Spirit in my first year here, and to also keep the Confirmation team in your prayers as we strive forward in these difficult times. Stay blessed. -Luis Valdez*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

### Weekly Offering

As we navigate through these unprecedented 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](http://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!*

## Choirs Begin Rehearsals New Members Welcome



As we continue our journey, not just to normal, but a new and exciting chapter in our Parish, we are very glad to announce the return of Choirs to our Sunday Liturgies. We are also pleased to announce that Justin Senneff, who has been choir director of our 10:30 am Lightshine Choir for nearly four years, will also now lead the 8:30 am St. Luke Singers.

Rehearsals for the St. Luke Singers have begun and are held **Wednesdays**, 4:00-6:00 pm. Rehearsals for the Lightshine Choir will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 23**, 7:00-9:00 pm. Both rehearsals are held in the Church.

Parishioners with any, all or no musical abilities are welcome. We have lots of exciting plans for our choirs!

Both choirs will make their return to Sunday Masses on Sunday, Oct. 17. For more information, contact Justin Senneff at [senneffj@yahoo.com](mailto:senneffj@yahoo.com).

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### What to look for in a safe school

Preventing violence in schools takes more than a few rules and requirements. It requires a culture of concern, in which every member works together to prevent violence and abuse. These cultures share certain hallmarks that parents can look for in selecting the safest school for their children. Some of these features include a strong community, clear lines of communication between teachers, staff, and families, and equal respect for students and staff throughout the school.

For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

## PARISH REOPENING UPDATES

- Everyone is required to wear a mask indoors on parish and school property.
- The 10:30 am Sunday Mass live stream has been discontinued as of Sept. 5, 2021. Visit [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org) for alternative live stream/virtual options.

*Subject to change at any time.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Week of September 19, 2021

#### Saturday, September 18

**5:30 pm** Betty Barnell, Anna Russo  
Lourdes Tingson

#### Sunday, September 19

**6:30 am** Kim John  
St. Luke Parishioners

**8:30 am** Nancy Brandon  
Gerard John King  
Rosario & Leovigildo Rubia

**10:30 am** Martha Vasquez  
Mrs. Cardaras  
Maria Angela  
Magallanes Arellano

#### Monday, September 20

**9:00 am** Eduardo Romero  
Max Tauer  
Nylene Genova-SI

#### Tuesday, September 21

**9:00 am** Jesusita Ceth Anna  
Mario Angulto  
Bonifacio De Matta, Jr.

#### Wednesday, September 22

**9:00 am** Melanio Cabotaje  
Baby Diaz, Mary Ramirez

#### Thursday, September 23

**9:00 am** All Souls Memorial  
Eleanor M. Paray  
Jocelyn C. Zuniga-SI

#### Friday, September 24

**9:00 am** Mercedes Z. Vicerra  
Mercedes Adilia Rodriguez  
Jose Mercado

#### Saturday, September 25

**5:30 pm** Agilina & Agelo Fichera  
Christine-SI

#### Sunday, September 26

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

**8:30 am** Guy Miali, Lou Cambiaso  
William Beinberch

**10:30 am** Eddie Acolentava, Sr.  
Carmen Dolorito  
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PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I give you thanks for calling me to be your disciple  
and for sending me to be your missionary in the world.  
As I step forth from this holy place,  
give me the grace to be an authentic witness to your love by my life  
and to proclaim you on my lips with joy.  
I ask this in your Most Holy Name.

**AMEN.**



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Questions? Contact Yvette Jefferys at  
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**Thank You! We are St. Luke Catholic School!**

**FAITH INTO ACTION:  
Support the Annual  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Friends of the Poor Walk**

The Los Angeles Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is sponsoring a **Virtual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, Sept. 25.**

Please help the Saint Luke Team raise funds to assist people in poverty in our local community of Temple City.

It's easy to donate! Go to the **Friends of the Poor (FOP) Walk** website at <https://www.fopwalk.org/>. Click on the green DONATE button.

Under 'Find a Walker,' type **Saint Luke** and click Search. In the box for Saint Luke, Temple City CA, click 'Donate to a Walker' and follow the instructions to donate.

*Thank you and God bless you!*

**AROUND TOWN**

**Regional Congress 2021**

The 2021 Virtual Regional Congress will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 25.** The virtual event will feature engaging workshops and experiences planned with teachers of the faith (such as catechists) and parents in mind.

All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit <https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>.

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**The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.**  
**-Mark 9:31**



## TWO PATHS

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious.

The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

## WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

## ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change? © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**  
**Psalm 54**  
**James 3:16 — 4:3**  
**Mark 9:30-37**

Readings also available on the  
 USCCB Website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

Or, visit [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org)  
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**Chapel Located in Pastoral Office**

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