



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Catholic Community
Temple City, CA



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”
Luke 1:41-42

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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
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Office Holiday Schedule

The Pastoral Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 (Friday), and Christmas Day, Dec. 25 (Saturday). New Year's Schedule: Closed on New Year's Eve and Day (Dec. 31-Jan. 1). Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26, and 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.*).

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.

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. 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.

Families Invited to Share Decorations for Church

Our parish families are invited to bring in a Christmas ornament or bulb that represents their family to include on our Christmas trees on the sanctuary.

Please bring the ornaments (include your family name) to Mass this weekend, **Dec. 18-19**. Participants will be invited to hang the ornaments after the Masses. We look forward to our families being a part of our Christmas environment.



REMINDER: There is no 9:00 am Mass on Friday, Dec. 24; Confessions and the 5:30 pm Mass will also not be held on Saturday, Dec. 25.

Scripture Reflection



Two Mothers Blessed with Miracles

I saw these statues of Mother Mary and St. Elizabeth at the gate of the Basilica of the Visitation in Ain Karem, Israel, where Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth. I was asking myself the question - what do you think two pregnant women would normally do when they meet? Of course, they will talk about their spouses, their children or they will gossip about their friends or relatives whose lives are not in order. But not Mary and Elizabeth in the mystery of the Visitation. They did not gossip about other people, but they celebrated God's blessing by recognizing His miraculous works in their lives. They were both filled with the Holy Spirit. And because they were both moved by the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother went in haste to her cousin, Elizabeth. That is how the Holy Spirit works, he moves us to immediate action of humble service to others.

As the Holy Spirit inspired Mary and as Jesus was in her womb, Mary became more anxious to serve her cousin, Elizabeth. Filled with the Holy Spirit they both sang the praises of God. On the one hand, Elizabeth honored Mary and praised God in her womb with these words: *"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."* On the other hand, Mary on her part magnify the Lord with her "Magnificat" *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."*

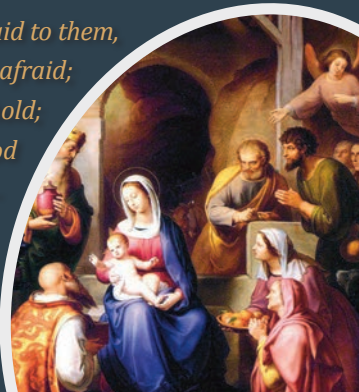
Elizabeth recognized and rejoiced over the marvelous works of God in their lives and in the lives of others. That is why Elizabeth proclaimed the new role of Mary in the story of salvation by saying to her, *"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*

As they proclaimed and shared to each other the works of God in their lives, Mary and Elizabeth became the first evangelizers, who brought the Good News to each other, especially to those whom the world looks down upon. For once you have experienced the goodness and mercy of God in your daily life, you would not be able to stop speaking about it to others.

The story of the Visitation reminds us that we too by virtue of our baptism are all filled with the Holy Spirit. And because we have the Spirit of the Lord in us - for we have been anointed - we are empowered to bring glad tidings to the poor and afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to the prisoners, to announce the year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God. (Isaiah 61:1)

Just like Mary and Elizabeth who were filled with the Holy Spirit, we can begin to recognize the blessings of God in us. Recognizing God's work in us, we can be more grateful to God and thus become more prayerful. Then the grace of God will increase in us. And like Mary and Elizabeth we shall praise endlessly the goodness of God. **-Fr. Robert**

*The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
for behold;
I proclaim to you good
news of great joy...
a Savior has been
born for you who is
Christ and Lord."
-Luke 2: 10, 11*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and Happy New Year



Welcome to our Faith Community

If you are new to the area or visiting St. Luke for the first time—**welcome to our parish!** If you would like to become a member of our faith community, please contact the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900. You can also register online on the parish website Home Page.

Our parish offers a continuum of faith formation and sacramental preparation opportunities for all ages. Adult parishioners are invited to engage in parish life through liturgical, catechetical, or pastoral ministry. To learn more about our church, including the Sacramental process for RCIA, infant Baptisms and Weddings, visit www.stluketemplecity.org.

Coming Soon! A Religious Gift Shop on Campus (*gifts sold after weekend Masses until shop formally opens.*).

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 19, 2021

Saturday, December 18

5:30 pm Nin Chang

Sunday, December 19

6:30 am Barbara Cantu
Carol Kays, John Kim
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Betty Tauer-SI, Carlo Lasala-SI
Edward Manley

10:30 am John Dau, Tony Loiacano
Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

Monday, December 20

9:00 am Rolando P. Noche
Micky Marquart
Michael Baham-SI

Tuesday, December 21

9:00 am Rudy Alderete
Fr. Owen De Souza-SI
Fr. James Walsh-SI

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 am Carmen Dolorito
Della Du Charne-SI
Mike Schmidt-SI

Thursday, December 23

9:00 am Jerry Mc Clellan-SI
Sally Milano-SI
Jeanette Mather-SI

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm St. Luke Parishioners
6:00 pm St. Luke Parishioners
10:00 pm St. Luke Parishioners

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

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.



Religious Education

NEWS and NOTES

St. Luke Catholic Community's Religious Education Program focuses on enriching the spiritual needs and growth of the Parish Community. It has a variety of programs to enrich you on your faith and sacramental journey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Family Catechesis/Home Church: Through this program, children receive their sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. This program teaches religious education to all ages of the family from kindergarten to adults. Adults wanting enrichment are also accepted. It gives you an opportunity to learn more about your faith in a family setting.

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is offered periodically throughout the year for infants whose parents would like to have them baptized into the Catholic faith. The sacrament of Baptism is a wonderful beginning for the spiritual life of your child.

Youth/Adult Confirmation: This program is for youth and adults who want to accept the commitment to be a practicing Catholic.

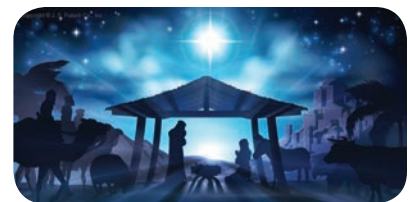
RCIA/RCIA adapted for Children is a formation process by which adults and children are welcomed into the Catholic Faith community. It is also for adults who want to follow their Catholic faith and receive their sacraments.

For more information, call the Pastoral Office or visit www.stluketemplecity.org.

*In anticipation of Jesus,
may it renew your spirit as you
continue your journey of faith.*

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! ~

~ Family Catechesis Resumes on Sunday, Jan. 9. ~



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve ~ Friday, Dec. 24

4:00 pm • 6:00 pm • 10:00 pm*

(Caroling at 9:30 pm)

*(*Live stream at <https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity>)*

Christmas Day ~ Saturday, Dec. 25

6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am



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FIRE SAFETY TIP:

Close before you doze

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep.

Remembering the simple phrase "Close before you doze" can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you.

Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe — and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan.

For more information, visit <https://momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-doze/>.

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Commercial Kitchen (with ice machine), Tables, Chairs, Courtyard, Room 402 & 404 (adjacent to Main Hall)

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

The King and Queen are Coming

Parishioners are invited to enthrone 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 "enthronement" 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 enthrone 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.

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 - All families are invited to the hall after Mass for a movie.
- Hot dogs, chips, drinks, hot chocolate, and popcorn will be sold.

Are you or someone you know interested in a catholic school, but need financial assistance?
The New Enrollment Initiative (NEI) may be the program for you!

Questions?
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INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy’s subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ’s incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed “*comites Christi*,” Christ’s companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as “Prince of Peace,” while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross.

But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah’s reminder that, from the pain of a woman’s labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today’s scriptures seem to declare Christmas’s “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves us all.

In today’s Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God’s abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth’s womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God’s living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Why Mary is so “blessed” Elizabeth then explains: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Likewise, we may dare hope to be “blessed” for “believing that what was spoken” to us “by the Lord”—Jesus’ promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God’s mercy with everyone.

For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—“in haste”—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another? © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

Mi 5:1–4a | Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19

Heb 10:5–10 | Lk 1:39–45

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

Or, visit www.stluketemplecity.org and click on
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