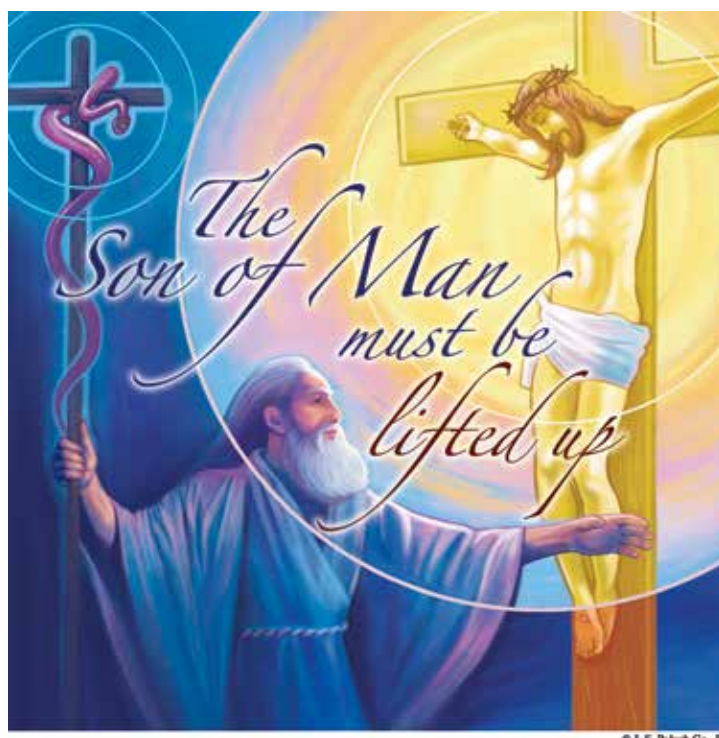


SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021



***“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
— John 3:17***

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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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PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
(Currently closed to the public.)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday Mass (In-person)
6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am

Virtual Sunday Mass
10:30 am Mass is live streamed.
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WEEKDAY MASSES

9:00 am (In-person)

Content Submission Deadline

March 21 Bulletin:

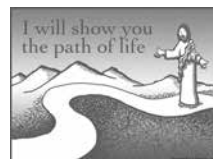
Due Monday, March 15

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.

Father Mark's Corner

We gather to celebrate Laetare Sunday as indicated in the Entrance Antiphons: **"Rejoice, Jerusalem!"** We come rejoicing in the grace that is freely bestowed upon us in our journey of life and faith. We hear in our readings about blindness. Do you know anyone who is physically blinded?



One of our catechumens, David, is sight challenged yet his heart has a keen insight into the love and wisdom of God. It might be good for us to hear from him one day about his awakening to the sight of God and his ability to "see" faith.

Our human journey includes each one of us struggling with blindness. Some may have challenge to physical sight; however, most of us suffer from blindness of self-righteousness, lack of belief, fear, an air of superiority, and so on. But this and every Lenten journey is a time of enlightenment.

In fact, this entire pandemic journey has been an opportunity for us to be enlightened while living out our faith in these difficult circumstances. Let us move to a place where God's generous love and healing touch gives us new sight, insight and wisdom. Perhaps, we may even be willing to change!

Spiritual Reflection: "On what new path might Jesus be leading me?"



Holy Week & Easter Services

HOLY THURSDAY (April 1)
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper **
~ 7:00 pm ~

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)
Stations of the Cross
~ Noon ~

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion
with Communion**
~ 1:00 pm ~

EASTER SUNDAY (April 4)
*Mass: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am**
Drive-thru Communion Reception
~ 12:00-12:30 pm ~

**Live streamed*
See p. 3 for Mass Protocols/Reminders.

*Confessions will not be held on
Holy Saturday, April 3, or April 10.
No morning Masses on
Holy Thursday & Good Friday.*



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Lenten Prayer

*God of Compassion,
You alone know the depth of my pain.
You are aware of the people I have loved,
but who refused to love me in return.*

*You were with me when those I trusted
betrayed my faith in them.*

*Only you can understand how words and
actions have left me wounded and alone.
Heal me of my hurt.*

*Allow me to break those chains of pain
that bind me to my offenders.*

*Through your strength, show me
how to forgive,
how to move forward,
how to live.
Amen.*

*-100 Prayers for Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons
Reflections by Leo Piguet*

COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING STATUS

- 9:00 am Daily Mass indoors has resumed. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing.
 - Sunday 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses have resumed indoors. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing. Only families or single households should sit together. Please be prompt in arriving; Doors will be closed when safe capacity is reached.
- The **10:30 am Sunday Mass is now live streamed**. The Mass will be available to view on the St. Luke Church website (www.stluketemplecity.org), on the St. Luke Church Vimeo webpage (<https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity>), and the St. Luke Catholic School Facebook page (St. Luke Catholic School Temple City). If you are unable to join us live at 10:30 am on Sundays, the live stream can be replayed.
- A Drive-thru Communion Reception is offered 12:00-12:30 pm on Sundays. Please do not pull into lot early until mass participants have departed. Line up going south on Cloverly Avenue by car and turn into the church parking lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK. We will stand and distribute communion to people in the car in the hand. Please wear a mask as we approach your car. Drive off safely through exit on Broadway.

Ongoing:

- Drive-thru Confessions are held on Saturdays at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Please wear a mask and drive through the church parking lot where you will be directed through the back alley to approach one of the priests who will hear your brief confession from outside the passenger side of the car. If there are multiple people in the car, the passenger/s may exit and stand at a safe distance and we will come to them after hearing the driver's confession. Drive out safely the rear gate onto Live Oak Avenue.

Reminder: *Confessions will not be held on April 3 or 10.*

- For anointing of the sick, please call the Pastoral Office. Priests are NOT allowed into hospitals, convalescent hospitals, etc.
- Gravesides only for the near future. Memorials may be planned later. Mortuaries/cemeteries are backed up for at least two months.
- Pastoral Office remains open for business, phone and e-mail, or arranged drop-off or pick-up only. Items can left in office mailbox.
- School remains open through waiver for approved attendance.
- For other sacramental arrangements, please call the Pastoral Office.
- Eucharistic Ministers should not visit the sick.
- Groups or ministry meetings are not permitted to meet on campus until at least late Summer or early Fall. Please do not meet off campus.

***The Archbishop continues to give dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.
Please do not attend in-person Mass if you are sick or otherwise uncomfortable coming indoors.***

Subject to change at any time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

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Sunday Mass from St. Luke

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www.lacatholics.org/emergency

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9:00 am Sunday Mass

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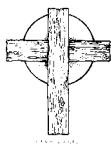
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You can call Vanco at 1-800-675-7430 Monday-Friday between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm to make your contribution as well (Our parish client ID is ES11182).

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Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Reading I

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Response: *(6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

Reading II

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Notice About Donation Drop-Offs

Please do not drop off or leave donations of clothing and other household items at St. Luke Church or Pastoral Office. We do not have a program or facilities for such donations.

The following are some suggested organizations to contact: St. Vincent de Paul at (800) 974-3571, Vietnam Veterans of America at (818) 938-2563, or The Salvation Army at (800) 728-7825. You may also drop off items at Savers at 16 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia (Live Oak/Santa Anita). *Thank you!*

Parish Staff Position Opening

We have an opening for a Part-Time (Days) Assistant Maintenance Worker. If you know anyone who may be interested, please visit www.stluketemplecity.org for the complete job description and requirements. No phone calls, please.

Mass Intention Requests

Mass Intention requests can be made for the in-person weekday and Sunday Masses. Names will be acknowledged during the Prayer of the Faithful and included in the Parish Bulletin. Offerings greatly appreciated. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to make a request.

Lightshine Choir Hosts Weekly Virtual Scripture Study – Join Us!

The Lightshine Choir welcomes all parishioners to join the group for a weekly virtual scripture study on Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm. We will discuss the scriptures for the coming weekend via Zoom.

If you would like to join the group, contact Choir Director Justin Senneff at senneffj@yahoo.com. We'll help you get set up with Zoom technology – it's easy! For those without computer cameras, Zoom also allows for anyone to "call" into the meeting via their regular telephone or cell phone.

Food Assistance Available for Parishioners in Need

Our St. Luke Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference wants our parishioners to know that food is available in our St. Luke Food Pantry if you are in need because of your inability to access food during the Covid-19 crisis.



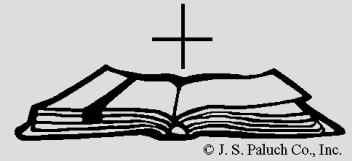
Please call (626) 684-2914 and one of our SVdP members will make arrangements to deliver or have you safely pick up the food at the Pantry. In keeping with our Vincentian mission to assist those in need in our local community, our conference continues to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and household items during the Covid-19 crisis. *Thank you!*

Light a Devotional Prayer Candle Virtually

Parishioners are invited to have a candle lit in our church for someone for whom they would like to pray.

The candles will be on during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass that is live streamed so you may pray and reflect, just as you would do when you come to church.

Offerings greatly appreciated. Candle requests by Wednesday will be lit for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org to submit a request.



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday, March 14

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| 8:30 am | Robert Duff
Josie Basile
Martin Kunz |
| 10:30 am | Oswaldo Moore, Jr.
William Rivas
Eyob Anbessaw |

Monday, March 15

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| 9:00 am | Richard Stonesifer
Donna Simon-SI
All Souls in Purgatory |
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Tuesday, March 16

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| 9:00 am | Heneday Bray-SI
Donna Simon-SI
Martha Galassi-SI |
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Wednesday, March 17

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| 9:00 am | Jennifer Short-SI
Tanner Tomko-SI |
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Thursday, March 18

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| 9:00 am | All Souls Memorial |
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Friday, March 19

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| 9:00 am | Diane Ball-SI |
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Sunday, March 21

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| 6:30 am | Dorothy Fitzhenry |
| 8:30 am | Jeanine Mc Hugh
Martin Kunz
Sr. Cora Caguioa-SI |
| 10:30 am | Ellie Nayo
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Twice a year, **40 Days for Life** (<https://40daysforlife.com/>) uses a peaceful approach of prayer, fasting, vigils and community outreach to change hearts and minds to choose life. We are now halfway through the **40 Days for Life** Spring campaign that began on Wednesday, Feb. 17, and continues through March 28.

We thank our St. Luke parishioners who have been praying and fasting for an end to abortion during this 40 Days campaign. We also ask you to consider joining with 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) during this 40-day Vigil. We need your presence!

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) 442-9862.



Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition BUILD DAY

Saturday April 17, 2021

St. Luke is looking for 8 volunteers (ages 16 and up) to help Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition build an Accessory Dwelling Unit in West Pasadena. No experience is necessary nor do you need any special skills! Habitat will teach us everything we need to know on the build site and will provide all tools and equipment. Face masks are required, and we will follow all CDC safety protocols. Volunteers can choose a half day shift, 7:45 am to 11:30 am, or 11:45 am to 3:30 pm., or even work a full day, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm.

Here is the link to sign up: <http://vhub.at/1L30U9A>. If you have questions, please call Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or e-mail her at veronica@design1west.com.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 14, 2021

*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes
in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:14-15

Today's reading from Second Chronicles is the conclusion of these two volumes, a brief summary of Judah's infidelity under a sequence of kings and the subsequent seventy years of exile in Babylon. This abbreviated sequence recaps the events treated in earlier chapters, concluding with Jerusalem being conquered and its inhabitants deported to Babylon.

After the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus and the Persians, Cyrus built the great Persian Empire that covered almost the entire ancient Near East. Unlike the earlier Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus did not rule by deporting and enslaving peoples he defeated. Instead, he organized his empire into regional governments and funded their construction projects, ruling over all with the title King of Kings (among others). In this spirit, Cyrus urged the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple and their native culture. In Jewish terms, Cyrus was a "messiah" (Hebrew), or a christos (Greek), someone anointed by God to carry out this divine mission.

DIVINE RESCUE

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish

identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews' slavery in Egypt and the Judeans' exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is "rich in mercy," and we are assured that "when we were dead in our transgressions," God "so loved the world" that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called "Laetare Sunday," or "Rejoice! Sunday." Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others'), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today's Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

Today's Readings: 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23; Ps 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Eph 2:4–10; Jn 3:14–21

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