



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



Second Sunday of

*Advent*

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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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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#### 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 Deadlines (Early for the Holidays)

**Dec. 12 & 19 Deadline:** Monday, Dec. 6  
**Dec. 26 Deadline:** Wednesday, Dec. 8  
**Jan. 2 Deadline:** Wednesday, Dec. 15

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Senior Citizen Bingo

Join us for fun and fellowship! The next Senior Citizen Bingo will be **Monday, Dec. 6**, 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.

### 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.



### Virgin of Guadalupe Mass

All parishioners are invited to a special mass on **Sunday, Dec. 12**, at 12:30 pm to celebrate the Mother of the Americas. *See p. 5 for details.*

### 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.

### Join Us for a Simbang Gabi Celebration!

All parishioners are invited to join us for St. Luke Parish's first Simbang Gabi on **Friday, Dec. 17**, at 6:30 pm. Traditional singing of carols with the choir will begin at 6:00 pm.

Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition, is a series of nine dawn/evening Masses on the days leading up to Christmas. It begins on Dec. 16 and ends at midnight on the Dec. 24 when a midnight mass is held. However, we will only be celebrating on Dec. 17. The Filipino Community is proud to have this first celebration of Filipino tradition with the parishioners of St. Luke Community. Traditional Filipino Christmas dinner will be served in the Parish Hall after the mass. All are invited!

### Enthronement Weekend: Jan. 8-9, 2022

Parishioners are invited to participate in a Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Packets will be distributed on the weekend of **Jan. 8-9**. They will include a beautiful picture of Jesus and Mary, prayers, entronement 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 are encouraged to say the prayers to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home and consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To help us estimate how many packets to order, please contact Kerrin in the Pastoral Office (kerrin@stluketemplecity.org or 626-291-5900) if you are interested.

## Scripture Reflection



## Prepare the Way of the Lord, Make Straight His Paths

Last Sunday we began a new year in the church calendar with the season of Advent. Advent signifies our waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth on that first Christmas morning. Advent also reminds us that we are waiting for Jesus' Second Coming in glory when He will judge both the living and the dead as we profess in our Creed. To help us live the true spirit of Advent we encounter St. John the Baptist in the gospels of the Second and Third Sundays of Advent.

The way that St. Luke introduced St. John the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ was to set the stage by identifying the political and religious powers of his time. He named the political leaders - Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, and Lysanias. He also named the high priests, the religious leaders - Annas and Caiaphas.

The word of God came to none of these powerful people but to a humble, "weird" man who dressed in camel's hair with a leather belt, and ate locust and wild honey in the barrenness of the desert — St. John the Baptist. His role was to prepare the hearts of God's people for the coming of the Messiah by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Simply, his mission was to call people to conversion, to repent of their sins and to return to the Lord to be ready to accept Jesus as the Messiah when He arrives.

It is interesting to note why St. Luke mentioned the names of the political and religious leaders beforehand. It was not just to situate St. John the Baptist as a person in history but also to begin to introduce the true humble nature of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords by presenting His precursor, St. John the Baptist, as a humble and obedient servant who was faithful to his mission.

St. Luke wanted to show that the people who were ready to recognize and accept the Messiah in His humble state were people who themselves are humble and poor, relying only on the mercy and providence of God. And since St. John the Baptist lived humbly, penitently, and obediently to God's will, he became the effective voice of God, the *"voice of one who cries out in the wilderness of people's hearts"* calling them to conversion, to return to God and turn away from their sins. His lifestyle and his preaching gave credibility to His message and thus converted people who came forward to him and asked him to give them the baptism of repentance.

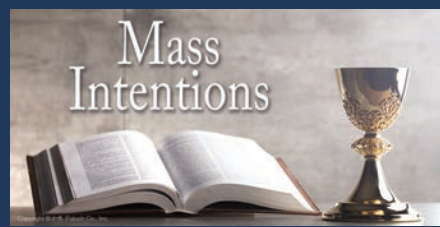
St. John the Baptist is still that voice of God during this Advent season calling us to embrace the true spirit of Advent – inviting us with the same message, *"prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,"* to continue our Advent journey of repentance and conversion as we await Christ's Second Coming. Conversion calls us to a change of heart, of mind, and of soul. It calls us to die to self, turning away from our self-centered will every day.

This radical change that we voluntarily embrace demands from us a disciplined and responsible life, where our heart strives to love more, our mind longs for greater knowledge of, and intimacy with God, and our soul seeks holiness every day by accepting and submitting ourselves with trust to God's will and reign. It involves being faithful in putting God first in life and asking Him in prayer how we can best serve Him and do His will each day.

Daily prayer, receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance, good works, acts of penance, and renunciation of our constant pursuit of comfort and pleasure, power, and money while uniting our difficulties, suffering, and pain to the salvific Passion of Christ are the ways we respond to God's call to conversion and holiness. Let us make this Advent better than the ones before. **-Fr. Robert**

***I invite you to meditate and reflect on the Litany of St. John the Baptist (p. 8).***





## Week of December 5, 2021

### 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

### Monday, December 6

9:00 am Omela Cuesta  
Julian Rodriguez  
Mary Rose Go-SI

### Tuesday, December 7

9:00 am Fr. Luong Tran, De Tran

### Wednesday, December 8

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

### Thursday, December 9

9:00 am Delfin Bacolod, Gloria Ballins  
Maria & Gil Lazatin-SI

### Friday, December 10

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

### Saturday, December 11

5:30 pm Josie Basile, Edward Manley  
Emilia & Modesto Torrijos

### Sunday, December 12

6:30 am Barbara Cantu, John Kim  
Natalie Washburn  
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8:30 am Pedro F. Zuniga  
Joseph Zenzola  
Cleo Jaramillo

10:30 am Ma. Editha Seng Seng Dizon  
Tony Loiacano  
Theresa Mitchell

## 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).

### Religious Retirement Fund Collection

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held **NEXT WEEKEND, Dec. 11-12**. Your tax-deductible donation supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**Give thanks for religious sisters, brothers and priests.** A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC's, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to this collection. *Donations may be deposited in the regular collection. Envelopes are at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to "St. Luke Church."*



## The Season of Giving...

### Consider a Year-end Gift to Your Parish

*This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead.*

*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.*

*Reflect on how you can further support your parish in the coming future as well. These generous gifts will have a direct impact on our parish to help fund the church's operations and support to our ministries and organizations, faith formation and sacramental programs, and numerous parish activities. Thank you for your support!*

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

### Poinsettia Order Pick Up - Today

Plants ordered by the Nov. 19 deadline can be picked up **TODAY, 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!*

### 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 or full day shift. Once registered, you will receive further information. Questions? Please contact Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or -email her at [veronica@design1west.com](mailto:veronica@design1west.com).

## AROUND TOWN

### Simbang Gabi Celebration at the Cathedral of Our Lady

The Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites to the annual Simbang Gabi celebration on **Wednesday, Dec. 15**, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

With the theme "*Gifted to Share the Light of Christ*," this event is part of an ongoing commemoration of 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines.

Archbishop José H. Gomez will be the main presider, with auxiliary bishops and priests concelebrating.

Simbang Gabi is a time-honored Philippine novena of Masses joyfully leading to the celebration of the birth of the child Jesus on Christmas Day.

This year, more than 100 parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will have their own Simbang Gabi Masses.

## 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 and are invited to bring images and statues of the Virgin of Guadalupe so they may get a special blessing from Father Robert following the Mass.

The Mariachi will begin to play for Our Virgin at Noon.



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](http://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**

## LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT



# Celebrating Family

With Thanksgiving just behind us, and as we await the "coming" of our Lord this Advent season, it's an opportune time to reflect on the role of marriage and family in the Catholic Church. The family is often called the "small church" or domestic church. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of the community of marriage and the family." (Gaudium et Spes-The Church in the Modern World)

Pope Francis talked about the role of family as a "small church" in one of his many speeches on this topic. "It is the place where one learns to love, it is the natural centre of human life. It is made up of faces, of people who love, dialogue, make self-sacrifices for one another and defend life, especially of the most vulnerable and the weakest. One could say, without exaggeration, that the family is the driving force of the world and of history.

Our personality develops in the family, by growing up with our mom and dad, our brothers and sisters, by breathing in the warmth of the home. The family is the place where we receive our name, it is the place of affection, the space of intimacy, where one acquires the art of dialogue and interpersonal communication. In the family, the person becomes aware of his or her own dignity and, especially if their upbringing is Christian, each one recognizes the dignity of every single person, in a particular way the sick, the weak and the marginalized."

For more resources to support couples and families, see the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Office of Marriage and Family Life's website at <https://familylife.lacatholics.org>.

*O MOST loving Jesus, Who by Thy surpassing virtues and the example of  
Thy home life didst hallow the household in which Thou didst choose to live whilst on  
earth, mercifully look down upon this family, whose members,  
humbly prostrate before Thee, implore Thy protection.  
Remember that we are Thine, bound and consecrated to  
Thee by a special devotion.*

*Protect us in Thy mercy, deliver us from danger, help us in our necessities,  
and impart to us strength to persevere always in the imitation of  
Thy Holy Family, so that, by serving Thee and loving Thee faithfully  
during this mortal life, we may at length give Thee eternal praise in heaven.*

*O Mary, dearest Mother, we implore thy assistance,  
knowing that thy divine Son will hearken to thy petitions.*

*And do thou, most glorious patriarch, St. Joseph,  
help us with thy powerful patronage, and place our petitions  
in Mary's hands, that she may offer them to Jesus Christ. Amen.*

***How can I make positive contributions in my family and in my community?***

***~St. Luke Life, Justice, and Peace Ministry***



## SECOND Sunday OF *Advent*

“John went throughout the whole region of Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
Luke 3:3

### GOD’S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true!

It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ’s glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure.

So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God’s plan for the world’s salvation.

But John the Baptist reminds us that God’s “reconstruction plan” for the world’s transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my

own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary’s Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world.

Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an “in the meantime” Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers.

That’s this year’s Advent, the one we’re celebrating now; and this Advent’s question is: how attentive am I to Christ’s coming into my life-story, right here, right now? © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## *Christmas Services*

**Christmas Eve ~ Friday, Dec. 24**

4:00 pm • 6:00 pm • 10:00 pm

(Caroling at 9:30 pm)

**Christmas Day ~ Saturday, Dec. 25**

6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am



### • SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN • DID YOU KNOW...

#### Pay attention to TikTok

Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media.

But if you’re not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time you do.

Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms.

For more information about TikTok, read “Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so,” by Charles Camosy in Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.



# Litany of St. John the Baptist



*Lord, have mercy on us,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.  
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.  
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.  
Holy Mary, pray for us.  
Queen of Prophets, pray for us.  
Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, precursor of Christ, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, glorious forerunner of the Sun of Justice, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, minister of Baptism to Jesus, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, burning and shining lamp of the world, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, angel of purity before thy birth, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, special friend and favorite of Christ, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, heavenly contemplative, whose element was prayer, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, intrepid preacher of truth, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, voice crying in the wilderness, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, miracle of mortification and penance, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, example of profound humility, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, glorious martyr of zeal for God's holy law, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, gloriously fulfilling thy mission, pray for us.*

*Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.*

*V. Pray for us, O glorious St. John the Baptist,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let Us Pray.*

*O God, who has honored this world by the birth of Saint John, the Baptist,  
grant that Thy faithful people may rejoice in the way of eternal salvation,  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. R. Amen.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Bar 5:1–9 | Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6  
Phil 1:4–6, 8–11 | Lk 3:1–6

Readings also available on the  
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