

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Catholic Community

Temple City, CA

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. - Mark 12:43



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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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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)

CONFSSIONS SCHEDULE

Saturday (In the Church)
4:00-4:45 pm

Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

November 14 Bulletin:
Due Monday, Nov. 8

Nov. 21 & 28 Bulletins:
Due Monday, Nov. 15

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teaching Mass – Today

St. Luke Catholic Community will celebrate a Teaching Mass **TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 7**, during the 10:30 am Liturgy. Fr. Robert will preside and will explain the "Why" behind our Sacred Liturgy. Please note that the Mass will be longer than usual and our Family Catechesis, Adult/Teen Confirmation families will be in attendance.

St. Vincent Bundle Sunday Coming Up

Our parish will have a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on **Sunday, Nov. 14**, 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to their truck here at our church in the North Parking Lot.

They are also in need of all furniture and large appliances that can be arranged for a special pick up at your home by calling 1-800-974-3571. Thank you for your continued support!

Senior Citizen Bingo

The next Senior Citizen Bingo event will be on **Monday, Nov. 15**, 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.

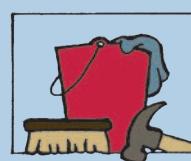
Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch or fast-food lunch. Coffee and cupcakes will be provided. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. All are welcome! To RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Joan Sutton at (626) 824-2105.

Paper Drive Fundraiser

The Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Nov. 19**, (6:00-8:00 pm), **Saturday, Nov. 20**, and **Sunday, Nov. 21** (8:00 am-7:00 pm, daily) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

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!



Save the Date! Labors of Love

Saturday, Dec. 11, 9:00 am-Noon
Coffee & donuts will be served 8:30-9:00 am.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Veterans Day

Our Offices will be Closed on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Scripture Reflection

Offerings to God from Our Heart

Calling His disciples to Himself, He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For, they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

How did the poor widow in the Gospel and in the first reading give away that for which they had to live? Those two widows were more generous, even with the little that they had, because they trusted more in the goodness and providence of God. Their poverty taught them to totally depend on God every day.

The widow in the first reading gave hers and her son's last food to Prophet Elijah because she believed in the word of the Lord told to her by the prophet.

And the widow in the Gospel put in two small coins and according to the Lord contributed all she had because she believed that God deserved her all. She also trusted that God who is the source of all blessings can never be outdone in generosity. She gave from her heart and not from her surplus.

Her generosity with what little she had demonstrates the spirit of freedom from anxiety and attachment to money. Her offering involved a true sacrifice from her. She is an example of the "poor in spirit" of the Beatitudes that Jesus said are blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

The story of these two widows teaches us three lessons: first, that nobody is so poor that the person has nothing to offer to

God. Even the poorest of all can give from the little that he or she has to God if that person believes that everything he or she has belonged to God and came from God.

Second, our offering to God should be a sincere expression of our gratitude to Him for His generous and gracious providence to us daily. Our offering to God should be done from the heart and not out of routine or obligation.

Third, when we give to God, it has to involve a sacrifice. In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "*you give until it hurts.*" Because according to her, love demands a sacrifice. And God showed His love for us when He gave us His only Son, Jesus.

He continues to do so at every Mass when He gives us His Only Son, Jesus in holy communion as we pray to Him, "give us this day our daily bread."

St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote a beautiful "suscipe" or offering prayer that we can pray every day to ask Jesus to teach us to be generous just like Him.

"Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more."

-Fr. Robert



Jesus observed how the crowd
put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
A poor widow also came
and put in two small coins
worth a few cents.

MARK 12:41-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 7, 2021

Saturday, November 6

5:30 pm Eva Arrighi
Dan Pasqualicchio
All Souls Memorial

Sunday, November 7

6:30 am John Kim, Peter Son Le
Peter Tony Truong
St. Luke Parishioners
8:30 am Alex Ochoa, Filomena Ong
Rosa & Vito Petrelli
All Souls Memorial
10:30 am Rosario Rubia, John Dau
John Greunke

Monday, November 8

9:00 am Elma Espino, Gilbert Iso
Frances Mc Hugh-SI
All Souls Memorial

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 am Robert Branik
All Souls Memorial

Wednesday, November 10

9:00 am Pedro & Margarita Ortiz
All Souls Memorial

Thursday, November 11

9:00 am All Souls Memorial

Friday, November 12

9:00 am Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia
All Souls Memorial

Saturday, November 13

5:30 pm Yazmin Alarcon Bacolod
Alex Ochoa
Steven & Patricia
Hauerwaas-SI
All Souls Memorial

Sunday, November 14

6:30 am Peter Tony Truong
Peter Son Le, Manuel Aguilar
Salvador De Lacugo
8:30 am Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia
St. Luke Parishioners
All Souls Memorial
10:30 am John Dau, Tony Loiacano
Natividad Rodriguez

Save the Date

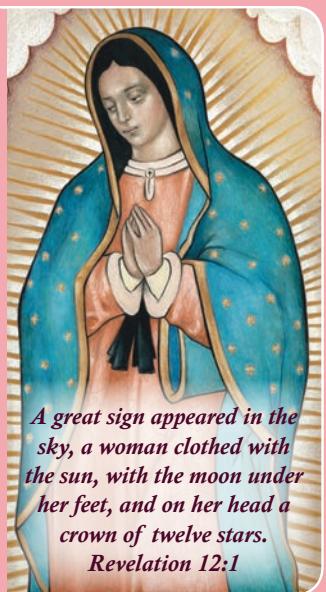
Virgin of Guadalupe Mass

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. More details to come.



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

Coming Soon!

ST. LUKE GIFT SHOP

NOW AVAILABLE!

Beautiful religious items available to purchase after Weekend Masses in the Church Meeting Room.



All proceeds will go toward the formal opening of our Gift Shop on campus.

Selections subject to change; based on availability.



St. Luke Religious Education *Poinsettia Fundraiser*

Proceeds support scholarship funds
for the Confirmation, Family Catechesis,
and Vacation Bible School programs.

- Six-inch, potted Poinsettia Plants (\$10):

Available colors: red and white

- Eight-inch Ivysettias (\$12):

Beautiful dish garden with a red poinsettia, surrounded by circle of green ivy

- Eight-inch Mumsettia (\$13):

Red poinsettia surrounded by a wreath of white Chrysanthemums



Orders can be placed through the Pastoral Office or with a parishioner involved in Religious Education Programs.
Orders with payment must be placed by Friday, Nov. 19. Plants can be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

of _____ Red Poinsettia x \$10.00 each = _____

of _____ White Poinsettia x \$10.00 each = _____

of _____ Ivysettias x \$12.00 each = _____

of _____ Mumsettia x \$13.00 each = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

*Make checks payable to
"St. Luke Religious Education"
or submit payment online at
www.stluketemplecity.org
under the Donations tab.
Select "Poinsettia Fundraiser."*

Please indicate below which plants (if any) will be donated in "Honor" of someone:

Name: _____ Plant: _____

Name: _____ Plant: _____

FOR OFFICE USE

Date: _____ Amount Received: _____

Online: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____ Received by: _____



**Great gift idea for the holiday season! Add to your home or office seasonal decor.
Purchase a plant as a donation to the parish for our Christmas Season environment.**

Thank You for Your Support!

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).

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The school will earn money for every box of See's Candies sold now through December 3, 2021. Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/396semR>

Winter Sale purchases will ship between November 12-December 3, 2021.
Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/3kbaJYD>

Questions? Contact Yvette Jefferys at principal@stluketemplecity.org or (626) 291-5959.

Thank You for Your Generosity! We are St. Luke Catholic School!

❖ Rest in Peace ❖

John Dau

Funeral Mass at San Gabriel Mission on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 9:00 am

• SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN • DID YOU KNOW...

Use concrete visual rules to help children stay safe

Parents in a crowded place, like a playground or store, will often tell their children, "Stay where I can see you." While the parent understands that this means, "Stay close," a child does not necessarily understand the limit — when can a parent see or not see them?

A clearer direction would be to tell your child, "Stay where you can see me." This gives them the boundary — they must be able to see you no matter where they go. Now, your child can check in frequently, all while staying in eyesight. For more tips, request the VIRTUS article "Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger," at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

AROUND TOWN

Christmas Boutique

The Italian Catholic Federation, Holy Angels Church, will host their annual Christmas Boutique on **Sunday, Nov. 21**. The boutique will be open 7:30 am-2:00 pm.

There will be a vast array of assorted items to choose from for your early Christmas shopping. Meatball and sausage sandwiches, drinks and a dessert table will also be available. Holy Angels is located at 370 Campus Drive, Arcadia.

Separated & Divorced

Support Group

The Separated & Divorced Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles hosts a support group via Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Cost: \$10.00 (Includes: book and resources for program; Book will be sent to your mailing address).

Register at <http://store.la-archdiocese.org/recovery-from-divorce-program>. Once you have registered, an e-mail will be sent with the Zoom link.

For more information, contact Julie Auzenne at jmonell@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7249.

Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week is celebrated in the US this year the week of Nov. 7-13. It is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education.

Let us also renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women.

May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.



Those Who Lead the Many to Justice Shall be Like the Stars Forever.

MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

This year, it seems the Lectionary's scriptures not only reinforce the Catholic tradition of November prayer for our beloved departed, but also join with nature's storms and the pandemic as well as humanity's violent disasters to remind us that we are moving inexorably toward the end of history, both the world's and our own.

Today's Old Testament reading prepares us for a fruitful hearing of the Gospel. The primary challenge set before us is an undoubted faith that prompts the total giving of self. That lesson is offered to us with an urgency matching November's eschatological motif: the End and the Judgment. Two widows are presented, the Old Testament's widow of Zarephath and the Gospel's widow of the temple. Both exemplify faith-filled people who quietly give what they cannot afford: their all, for the glory of God and in the service of others.

GREAT FAITH IS DEMANDED

We quickly come to admire the Old Testament widow whom Elijah asks for help. The Zarephath widow is carrying only "a couple of sticks," to cook her limited resources, "a handful of flour and a little oil," fulfilling her personal responsibility, "for myself and my son" (1 Kings 17:12). Elijah's request demands great faith and self-sacrifice of this poor widow, because providing such life-sustaining care to a "foreign" prophet puts the widow's survival and her son's at great risk: her religion is worshipping paganism's false idol, Baal; her king is father of Jezebel, now wife of Elijah's king Ahab.

Elijah is fleeing the death-threatening wrath of both Jezebel and Ahab, whom Elijah infuriated by declaring that God had decreed a drought to punish them for corrupting Israel with Jezebel's Baal-worship. Elijah makes the widow's risk explicit by promising that her flour and oil will not fail by power of "the Lord, the God of Israel (not her god, Baal!)" (17:14). Therefore, faith is demanded both of the one who gives, the widow, and of the one who asks, Elijah.

SELF-SACRIFICING GIFT

Today's Gospel episode takes place just after Jesus enters Jerusalem immediately before his Passion. Trustfully and with self-sacrifice, like Zarephath's widow and the widow whom Jesus sees at the temple, Jesus will give his all for our redemption. Thus Jesus emphasizes of the widow he sees that her gift is unreserved: "from her poverty, all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark 12:44).

And, doubtlessly, Jesus saw himself and his self-giving in her and her self-giving. In Mark's next chapter Jesus predicts the downfall of this very temple. So the widow's unreserved giving from what she could not afford must have struck Jesus both as a victimization by others and, in the end, as a useless gift: the building controlled by the scribes' manipulation was destined for destruction. Her giving became a vivid prefiguring of his own victimization by others in the unreserved giving of his very life, which would seem to many a useless gift, for Jesus would die and be buried.

Only Jesus' true disciples—are we?—believe that, by his resurrection, Jesus has become the Cornerstone of the new building, the Church, that replaces that torn-down temple. Therefore, we are to make our own gift of self to God in our unceasing gift of self-sacrificing love to others until Jesus comes again. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

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

Or, visit www.stluketemplecity.org and click on "Today's Readings" on the Homepage.

St. Luke Catholic Community's Adoration Chapel

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All are welcome to come pray.

- *Open Weekdays, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.*
- *First Friday Adoration ~ 9:00 am-Noon*
(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.).



Chapel Located in Pastoral Office

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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