



# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

## *Catholic Community*

Temple City, CA

JANUARY 9, 2022

*The Baptism of the Lord*

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~Luke 3:16

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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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Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
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### 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.  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**9:00 am (In-person)**

### CONFessions SCHEDULE

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

## Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

**Jan. 16 Bulletin Deadline:**  
Monday, Jan. 10

Please deliver submissions to the Pastoral Office or send to [bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org](mailto:bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org).

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### Paper Drive Fundraiser

The Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **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.

### Enthronement Weekend

Parishioner are invited to participate in a Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Packets will be distributed **THIS WEEKEND, Jan. 8-9**. They will include a beautiful picture of Jesus and Mary to display, prayers, enthronement scroll, and instructions.

As a family, you are encouraged to say the prayers to enthron the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home and consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### 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.

### Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, Jan. 17**, in observation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. 9:00 am Mass will be held.

## Rest in Peace

#### Robert Alderete

Viewing at Pierce Brothers-San Gabriel  
Wednesday, Jan. 12 • 4:00-8:00 pm

Rosary at Pierce Brothers-San Gabriel • 6:00 pm

Funeral Mass at St. Luke | Thursday, Jan. 13 • 11:00 am

#### Thomas Fator

Funeral Mass at St. Luke | Tuesday, Jan. 18 • 11:00 am

#### Eduardo Inda

Funeral Mass at St. Luke | Wednesday, Jan. 19 • 11:00 am

#### Edward Vigil

Funeral Mass at St. Luke | Monday, Jan. 24 • 11:00 am

The **LIVE STREAM** of the 10:30 am Sunday Mass has resumed. Visit the Parish Vimeo Channel at <https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity> or [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org). *The Mass can be replayed or viewed at any time.*

## Scripture Reflection



# Jesus' Baptism Brought Forth Eternal Life for Us All

One of the hard questions that I have encountered in grammar school was the question of why Jesus had to be baptized by St. John the Baptist if He is the Son of God and was born of the Virgin Mary who herself was conceived without original sin. I did not know the answer.

In that religion class we were taught that Christ had to be baptized by St. John not because he needed to be cleansed of original sin, but because if He is to be the savior of humanity, he needed to cleanse and sanctify the waters of the Jordan so that it can bring forth eternal life to all those who will be baptized in His name.

The baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by St. John the Baptist is the right way for Him to be inaugurated as the Savior of the world and to start his public ministry. During His baptism He was introduced by the Father and the Holy Spirit as the Beloved Son of God. The Holy Trinity was present at His Baptism.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his book entitled, "Jesus of Nazareth," wrote these explanations regarding Jesus' Baptism:

*"Immersion in the water is about purification, about liberation from the filth of the past that burdens and distorts life. It is about beginning again, and that means it is about death and resurrection, about starting life over again anew. So, we could say that it is about rebirth."*

*The act of descending into the waters of this Baptism implies a confession of guilt and a plea for forgiveness in order to make a new beginning. In a world marked by sin, then this "Yes" to the entire will of God also expresses solidarity with men, who have incurred guilt but yearn for righteousness. Descending into the waters, the candidates for Baptism confess their sin and seek to be rid of their burden of guilt."*

Looking at the events in the light of the Cross and Resurrection, we then realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross.

He is, as it were, the true Jonah who said to the crew of the ship, "Take me and throw me into the sea" (Jonah 1:12). The whole significance of Jesus' baptism, the fact that he bears "all righteousness" first comes to light on the Cross. The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out, "This is my Beloved Son" over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection.

To accept the invitation to be baptized now means to go to the place of Jesus' Baptism. It is to go when He identifies himself with us and to receive there our identification with Him. The point where he anticipates death has now become the point where we anticipate rising again with Him.

In His baptism Jesus entered into the sins of others. His descent into the waters was done in the role of one whose suffering-with-others is a transforming suffering that turns the underworld around, knocking down and flinging open the gates of the abyss. His baptism is a descent into the house of the evil one, combat with the "strong man" who holds us captive.

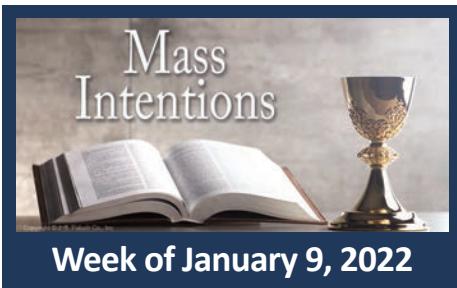
Throughout all its history, the world is powerless to defeat the "strong man;" he is overcome and bound by One yet stronger, who because of his equality with God, can take upon Himself all the sin of the world and then suffers it through the end – omitting nothing on the downward path into identity with the fallen. This struggle is the "conversion" of being that brings it into a new condition that prepares a new heaven and a new earth.

Looked at from this angle, the sacrament of Baptism appears as the gift of participation in Jesus' world-transforming struggle in the conversion of life that took place in his descent and ascent.

The solemnity today reminds us of our own baptism, when we were configured to Christ. We have been grafted to Christ, who is priest, prophet and King. We hear these words by the minister who administers the sacrament while anointing the newly baptized with the sacred chrism: He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King so may you live always as members of His body sharing everlasting life.

We have in the church many saints who have perfected the life of grace God has given us in Baptism. One of them is St. Faustina. They are the witnesses that the grace of our baptism is not in vain. If we believe in them and put them to life, we will live saintly lives like them. Jesus, the King of Divine Mercy, wants us to believe in the power that He had bestowed to us in Baptism.

In the image of our Lord, the King of Divine Mercy, we see the image of the sacrament of baptism - Our Lord explains it to St. Faustina – *The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of the souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. -Fr. Robert*



## Week of January 9, 2022

### Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Jon Gabriel Dela Fuente  
Josie Basile  
Leovigildo & Rosario Rubia

### Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Yvonne Mullaly, John Kim  
Angela Mullaly-SI  
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8:30 am Lou Cambiaso, Albert Aquino  
Joseph Zenzola

10:30 am Frank Giammalva  
Dwight Fregin  
Rosario Gravel-SI

### Monday, January 10

9:00 am Evanswinda Cruz, Phyllis Kaatz  
Ella Andrews-SI

### Tuesday, January 11

9:00 am Vincent Kiley  
Carmen V. Bautista  
Andrea Borelli-SI

### Wednesday, January 12

9:00 am Ed Vigil, Belva Trudeau  
Theodore C. Zuniga-SI

### Thursday, January 13

9:00 am Edward Vigil, Jim Riherd-SI  
Irenea Y. Navarro-SI

### Friday, January 14

9:00 am Earl Opperman, Edward Vigil  
Dimas Ramon Ortiz

### Saturday, January 15

5:30 pm Pedro F. Zuniga, Pricila Canedo  
Nancy Pachano Smith

### Sunday, January 16

6:30 am John Kim, Barbara Cantu  
The Caguioa Family-SI  
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am The Masciarelli Family-SI  
The Cambiaso Family-SI

10:30 am Nancy Miali, Belva Trudeau  
Magdalena Thuy Mais

## 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. Thank you and God Bless.*

*Coming Soon!*

## ST. LUKE GIFT SHOP

### NOW AVAILABLE!

Beautiful religious items available to purchase  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2021 End of Year Financial Statements

St. Luke Parish will be sending End of Year Financial Statements only to parishioners who request a statement. Please contact the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 or e-mail Kerrin at [kerrin@stluketemplecity.org](mailto:kerrin@stluketemplecity.org) to request a statement of your 2021 parish donations. *Thank you again for your generosity and support.*

### Guest Speaker to Share About College-aged Evangelization Ministry

**NEXT WEEKEND, Jan. 15-16**, Father Steven Borello will be visiting St. Luke on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). FOCUS is a worldwide organization of Catholic college-aged people who devote themselves to evangelizing on more than 180 campuses across the United States and five international locations, working with the students through faith journey, bible study and gatherings.

Almost 800 FOCUS missionaries invite students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Borello will share about the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

### Join St. Luke Parishioners at OneLife LA on January 22!

OneLife LA, an event hosted by the Los Angeles Archdiocese to celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life, will take place on **Saturday, Jan. 22** (live and in-person). This free event begins at 12:00 pm La Placita on Olvera Street and continues with a one-mile walk to Los Angeles State Historic Park, the main event location. The main event will feature inspiring speakers, musicians, resource booths, vendors, and food trucks. The day ends with the Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral. Join our 2022 St. Luke team! Register at <https://onelifela.org/onelifela.org/register>, and select St. Luke Temple City as your group.

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Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day.

For more information, visit [nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids](http://nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids).

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## LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT

### January is Poverty Awareness Month

Did you know that more than 1.5 million children experience homelessness in a year and more than 38 million Americans live in poverty? Poverty results from a multitude of factors, including demographics, economic issues affecting employment and housing, health status, and more.

The domestic anti-poverty program of the US. Catholic Bishops, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to break the cycle of poverty. CCHD aims to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).

**CCHD** provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection. CCHD holds the belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities.

#### What can we do to impact poverty in our communities?

- **LEARN ABOUT POVERTY**, it's causes, and ways that we can respond:

**Charitable Works and Social Justice** - There are two different, but complementary, ways that we can walk the path of love, or caritas. We call these the "**Two Feet of Love in Action**," based on Pope Benedict XVI's reflections in Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) and Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth).

**Charitable Works** help to alleviate basic needs and aid individuals and families. "Christian charity is first of all the simple response to immediate needs and specific situations: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for and healing the sick, visit those in prison, etc." -Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, no. 31

**Social Justice** removes root causes of poverty and improves structures. "Social justice concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions." -Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 201

The Church's Social Teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-teaching>

- **RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST** - The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity; calls us to the right relationship with God, ourselves, and others; invites us to community and solidarity; and sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world.

- **VOLUNTEER or DONATE** - Volunteer at or donate to local community organizations that assist low-income people and empower families' and individuals' self-sufficiency and promote the thriving of all people. Two such local organization are:

St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul – call (626) 684-2914

Temple City Coalition "Neighborhood Table": <http://www.neighborhood-table.org>

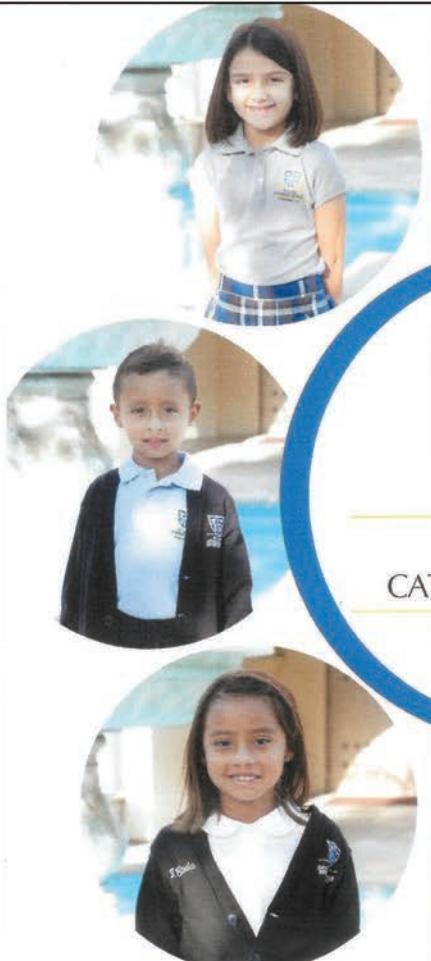
- **WRITE TO CONGRESS** - Write your elected officials about poverty issues you care about (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/index.cfm>).

- **CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY** - Using derogatory terms and/or making generalizations about people who are living in poverty works against people who are trying to get back on their feet. Instead, talk with people who are struggling and listen to their stories.

- **SHOW RESPECT** - Jesus chooses to reveal himself in poverty. Be respectful of people's occupation and considerate of all types of workers we encounter every day. Treat our unsheltered neighbors with dignity and respect.

#### What Will You Do?

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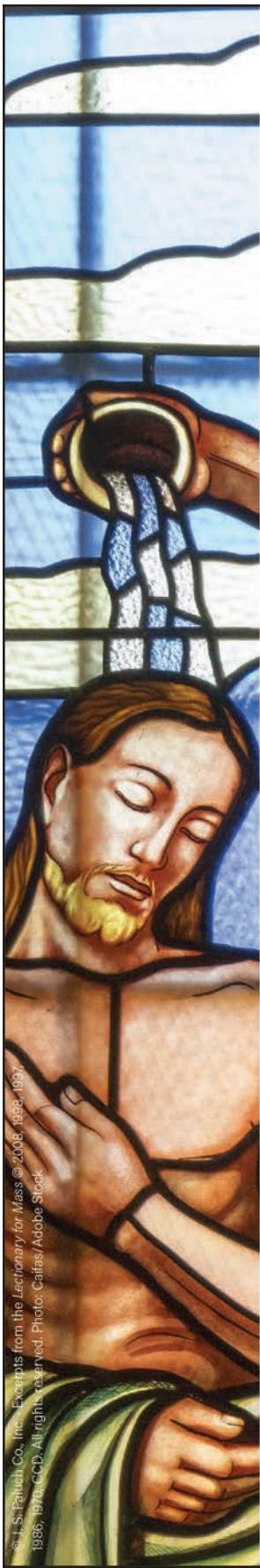
- Come tour the campus, meet faculty, and the community.
- Open House will be followed by Mass at 5:30 PM in the church.
  - All families are invited to the hall after Mass for a movie.
- Hot dogs, chips, drinks, hot chocolate, and popcorn will be sold.

Are you or someone you know interested in a catholic school, but need financial assistance?  
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Questions?  
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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*A voice from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*-Luke 3:22*

## A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

## ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

## JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Is 40:1–5, 9–11  
Ps 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–30  
Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7  
Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

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

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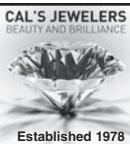
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