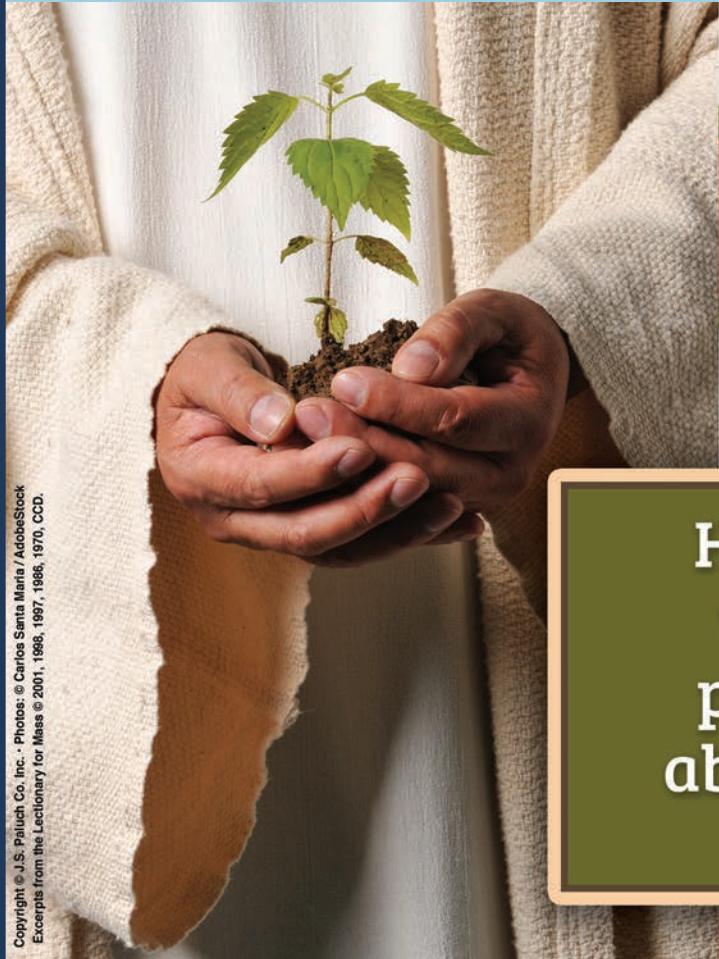




# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

## *Catholic Community*

Temple City, CA



Humbly welcome the  
word that has been  
planted in you and is  
able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

### 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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### PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
(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](http://www.stluketemplecity.org).

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**9:00 am (In-person)**

### Bulletin Content Submission Deadline

**September 5 Bulletin:**  
Due Monday, Aug. 30

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

Please submit information by the Monday before the publication date; printed as space allows.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Confessions Schedule Reminder

Starting **Sept. 4**, Confessions will return to being held inside the church, 4:00-4:45 pm. Drive-thru Confessions will be held outdoors on Saturdays at 10:00 am through the month of August. Drive into the South Church Parking Lot from Cloverly Avenue.

#### Holiday Office Closure Reminder

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 6**, in observance of Labor Day. Morning Mass **will still be held** at 9:00 am. The Hour of Devotion **will not** be held on this day.

#### Servants of God Prayer Community Meetings – *All are Welcome!*

The Servants of God Prayer Community will begin in-person prayer meetings on **Saturday, Sept. 11**. Join us! Prayer Meetings are held Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 am in a Parish Hall meeting room. We worship God through praise, song and Scripture readings. Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required to be worn and attendees must be fully vaccinated. For additional information, call Don Abraham at (626) 285-9030.

#### Upcoming VIRTUS Class

The Protecting God's Children VIRTUS class will be offered **Monday, Sept. 13**, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Main Hall. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to register.

All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers (including Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans and Music Ministry members) who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained. **The class is only open to St. Luke parishioners and school families at this time.**

#### New Bereavement Sessions Beginning

St. Luke Parish will offer a seven-week Bereavement Support Program for those who have lost someone dear. The program is open to all faiths, non-threatening, caring and very loving toward those who have suffered a loss.

The two-hour sessions will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 23**, and continue weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays through Nov. 4. Sessions will be held in the Parish Resource Center (located in the Rectory). The only cost involved is \$12.00 for the workbook. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to sign up or for additional information.

#### Paper Drive Fundraiser

The next Paper Drive Bin for recycled items will be on campus **Friday, Sept. 24** (6:00-8:00 pm) and **Saturday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 26** (8:00 am-7:00 pm) in the North Parking Lot. Newspapers, books, magazines and cardboard boxes are welcome.

#### Perpetual Help Novena

The weekly Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion has resumed. All are welcome to participate in this unique Novena that will take place on Tuesdays in the church following the 9:00 am Mass.

## PARISH REOPENING UPDATES

- Everyone is required to wear a mask indoors on parish and school property.
- The 10:30 am Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed (can be replayed).

***Subject to change at any time.***

**VISIT [WWW.STLUKETEMPLECITY.ORG](http://WWW.STLUKETEMPLECITY.ORG) FOR FULL UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.**

## Scripture Reflection

# Keep the Commandments of the Lord

**O**ut of the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, the Jewish leaders came up with their interpretation and traditions which became the 613 commandments. They codified those interpretations, commentaries, and traditions as religious laws that every Jew needs to observe to be righteous before God.

They based one's holiness on the mere observance of the entire law. They judged other people's righteousness and holiness by their observance of their ritual washings and purification. Because they observed the law, they felt that they now have a right to judge others based on their concept of "righteousness."

That is why the Pharisees and some scribes in the Gospel criticized the disciples of the Lord Jesus for not observing the Law of ritual washings and purification. They asked the Lord Jesus as the Teacher of his disciples why He was not teaching his disciples to observe the traditions of the elders.

The Lord Jesus corrected them in their criticism of His disciples for eating with unclean and unwashed hands. For they have put more importance on human traditions rather than on the commandments of God. So, Jesus teaches them by saying, "nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Because Jesus is God, He knows what is in the heart and mind of people, especially when they come to worship Him. That's why He rightfully quoted from the 29th chapter of the book of Isaiah: *"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine's human precepts."* God knows the intentions of the heart.

When a scholar of the law tested Jesus by asking Him which of the commandments in the law is the greatest, He summarized the 613 commandments into two – *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:37-40).

What Jesus was teaching them is that worship of God and holiness of life do not consist in mere observance of the traditions and the laws. The external practices of the law do not automatically mean that your heart, soul, and mind are with God. One can be doing those things just to feel good about oneself and to feel better than the others. Jesus taught them that God is the only Judge and Lawgiver. That is why in the first reading, God said in the book of Deuteronomy, *"In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it."*

St. James in chapter 4 of his letter wrote these words: *"There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save or to destroy. Who then are you to judge your neighbor?"* What is more important in our worship of God is not so much the rituals that we



observe, but that we offer and surrender to God all our heart, mind, and soul when we come to adore Him, worship Him, and serve Him. That is what Jesus means when He said what I want is mercy not sacrifice. We surrender ourselves humbly and completely to God so that He may fill us with His love, forgiveness, and goodness. And then once we are full of His goodness and graces, we can speak the truth and spread the Gospel.

Because as Jesus said, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." (Luke 6:43-45). Filled with God's goodness and love after we worship Him, then we cease being judgmental toward others. Rather, we become doers of the Word and not just hearers as we have heard in the second reading today. -Fr. Robert

## WATCH MASS FROM HOME

### Sunday Mass from St. Luke

Visit [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org)

### Masses from the Cathedral

[www.lacatholics.org/emergency](http://www.lacatholics.org/emergency)

Daily: 8:00 am | Sunday: 10:00 am

### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

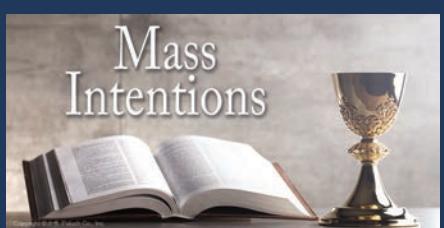
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## Week of August 29, 2021

### Saturday, August 28

5:30 pm Emile Masbrata

### Sunday, August 29

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

8:30 am John Miali  
Lou Cambiaso  
Joseph Zenzola

10:30 am Barbara Cantu  
John Dau-SI

### Monday, August 30

9:00 am Timoteo S. Cruz

### Tuesday, August 31

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

### Wednesday, September 1

9:00 am Mari Lou Magluyan  
Chito Sansano, Jr.-SI

### Thursday, September 2

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

### Friday, September 3

9:00 am Steven Piccione  
Lucy De Bellis

### Saturday, September 4

5:30 pm Eva Arrighi  
Emile Masbrata  
Gisela Hernandez

### Sunday, September 5

6:30 am Kim John  
John Hall  
Felix Caguioa  
Barbara Cantu  
St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Rosa & Vito Petrelli  
Barbara Cantu  
Joseph Cody

10:30 am Knarik Merhi  
Joseph Han Go  
Chito Sansano, Jr.-SI

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP NEWS

### Weekly Offering

As we navigate through these unprecedented times we appreciate your continued support with your weekly offering for our parish operations. Please know your contribution is vital to our mission as a church. We have a small budget and need to continue paying our bills. Contributions can be mailed to the Pastoral Office, dropped in the office mailbox, or contributed through our online giving program. Visit [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org) for details. 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). *Thank you for your support!*

### Collection to Support Those Affected by Haiti Earthquake

A special Second Collection will be taken up **THIS WEEKEND, Aug. 28-29**, to support those who have been affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti. Last weekend the people of Haiti experienced a catastrophic earthquake, causing immense damage and substantial loss of life. The earthquake was followed by a major tropical storm, which added even further devastation.

The bishops of the United States, through the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, are asking for your financial support, so that we can respond as a unified Church and help those most in need. Please consider how you can help. *Checks can be made payable to "MISSION OFFICE." Thank you for your generosity.*



### RCIA Classes to Begin in September

*For New Members of the Catholic Faith*

St. Luke Parish welcomes new members into the Catholic Church as well as those who need to complete their Initiation Sacraments. This is done through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several Rites that take place within the context of the Mass. Gatherings are provided to encourage conversion and an awakening of faith as we study the Gospel in light of Catholic tradition and dogma.

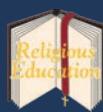
If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this journey with us to the Easter sacraments, please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 for more information. These classes will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, possibly virtually if restrictions are still in place due to the pandemic. Either through electronic means or in person, we look forward to meeting with you and taking this faith walk together.

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

#### Teach children how to answer the door safely

You would never knowingly let someone dangerous or unsafe into your home. But it is impossible to fully vet every stranger — maintenance worker, new neighbor, salesperson, etc. — who shows up at your door. Teach children a few tips about answering (or not answering) the doorbell.

Consider these rules, or something similar, for your family: Always look to see who is at the door first. If the person is a stranger, get an adult to answer the door. Do not open the door to someone you do not know. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Beware of inviting other people – and vulnerability – into your house," at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## Religious Education

# NEWS and NOTES

### Preschool | Family Catechesis | Home Church Youth and Adult Confirmation

Registration for St. Luke Catholic Community's 2021-2022 Religious Education Program is open. Our programs include Preschool, Family Catechesis/Home Church, and Youth/Adult Confirmation.

The Program focuses on Sacraments and enriching the spiritual needs and growth of the Parish Community.

**Registration forms and the deposit are due to the Pastoral Office by September 10, 2021.**

Program Packet is available at [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org) (under the Faith Formation tab).

A member of the Religious Education Office will contact you once the registration materials and deposit are received.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Hansen, Director of Religious Education, at (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227 or (213) 948-3307, or [Barbara@stluketemplecity.org](mailto:Barbara@stluketemplecity.org).

**God Bless You and Your Family!**



## AROUND TOWN

### 40 Hours of Eucharist Adoration

Mission San Gabriel Parish will host 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Preparation for the Jubilee year beginning at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, Sept. 9**, and continue through 10:00 am on **Saturday, Sept. 11**. An Outdoor Prayer Service will also be held at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, Sept. 8**. All are welcome to attend! Located at 428 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel.

### Regional Congress 2021

The 2021 Virtual Regional Congress will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 25**. The virtual event will feature engaging workshops and experiences planned with teachers of the faith (such as catechists) and parents in mind. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit <https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>.

### Social Justice Virtual Mass

St. Camillus Center and Pax Christi Southern California continue to host a Mass on Zoom each Sunday at 4:00 pm, with a focus on Catholic Social Justice teaching and reflections. From 3:30 to 4:00 pm, there is also reflective music live on the Irish harp with Dennis Doyle. Fr. Chris Ponnet is pastor and presider. To receive the Zoom ID to participate, visit [www.stcamilluscenter.org](http://www.stcamilluscenter.org).

## Serve at St. Luke

### JOIN OUR MASS MINISTRY TEAMS!

**Eucharistic Ministers to the Altar • Lectors  
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Have you considered how you can contribute to your St. Luke parish community? We invite you to serve in one of our Mass Ministries. These ministries offer a wonderful way to volunteer and be a part of the Eucharistic experience. There is no extra time commitment outside your usual Mass attendance. Please prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to belong to our St. Luke community.

Interested in joining a Ministry Team? Please contact Kerrin at the Pastoral Office if you feel called to serve at St. Luke. NOTE: Volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and be up to date with VIRTUS training.



RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED  
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TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS  
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JAMES 1:27

## GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

### MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

### ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8  
Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5  
James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27  
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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- *First Friday Adoration.*

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## *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.).*



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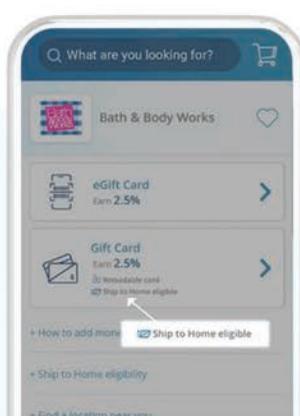
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**VIRTUS REMINDER:** If you have taken a VIRTUS class, a copy of the certificate needs to be turned in to the Pastoral Office so that your attendance is recorded. Classes are only good for four years. You must take a recertification class before the four years expire.  
*If you know that you are not current in VIRTUS, the Pastoral Office has a list of classes being held in the area.*

## Subscribe: Parish E-bulletin!

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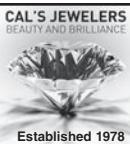
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