



SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Liturgies:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM (Español)

First Friday: 6:00 PM (followed by Confessions and Adoration until midnight)

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Friday- Office Closed

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

CROSS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MARK 8:34

24^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
DOMINGO, 12 DE SETIEMBRE 2021

CRUZ

"El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga".

MARCOS 8, 34

Parish Staff

Msgr. Raphael Peprah	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Lito Magsombol	Deacon/Business Manager
Rose Marie Rivera	Admin. Assistant
Patty Trail	Pastoral Care
Ginny James	Religious Education
Marie Weber	Music Coordinator
Jean Malbas	Bookkeeper

Finance Council

Steven Pearson - Chair

Regina Gomez	Flory Lizan
Dan Rucker	Lina Valencia

Pastoral Council

Norman Wood - Chair

Michelle Holland	John Miller
Myrna Nario	Angel Rivera
Ferdinand Torres	Mavis Varella

Building Committee

Deacon Lito Magsombol	Chuck Eastman
Mark Libonate	Steven Pearson

Ministries

Altar Bread & Wine	Mary Marcelo	471-4736
Altar Servers	Suzanne Ruff	286-1512
Art & Environment	Fredilynn Lansangan	581-0794
Facility Coordinator	Chuck Eastman/	
	Mars Marcelo	471-4736
Eucharistic Ministers	Norman Wood	675-7504
Grounds Maintenance	Henry Kabigting	822-9693
Lectors	Francis Lansangan	348-6838
Linen Care	Myrna Nario	471-0628
Music	Marie Weber	479-9676
Offering Counters		427-5776
RCIA/ Rel. Education	Ginny James	406-0935
Social	Office	427-5776
Ushers/Greeters	Ryan Holland	427-5776
Youth Ministry	Jim Newsham	635-2582

Groups & Organizations

Alliance of the Two Hearts	Josie Dabu	420-3581
Eucharistic Adoration	Bene & Deacon Lito Magsombol	427-0606
Filipino Commission	Myrna Nario	471-0628
Grupo de Oracion	Julia Alcazar	822-4220
Knights of Columbus	Francis Lansangan	348-6838
Ladies Auxillary	Mavis Varella	271-8899
Men's Club	Q. Nario	650-5561
Women's Club	Lina Valencia	430-8298

Masses for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 11	4:30 PM	+Antonia Mateo +Raiden Bayani Fanugao +Alexis Fernandez Adamos
Sunday, Sept. 12	10:30 AM LS	St. Luke Parishioners
Tuesday, Sept. 14	9:00 AM	+Lourdes Ofilena
Wednesday, Sept. 15	9:00 AM	+Matilde Bernardo
	6:00 PM	Fr. Edwin's Intentions
Thursday Sept. 16	9:00 AM	+Eugenio Valdez
Friday, Sept. 17	9:00 AM	Msgr. Raphael's Intentions
Saturday, Sept. 18	4:30 PM	Mafe Nario (B'day)

Sacrament of Baptism - Parents must be members of the parish and attend a preparation class required prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Classes Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics. Baptisms are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month in English, and the 4th Saturday of the month, except during Advent and Lent.

Sponsor Letters - A letter to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered members of St. Luke Parish who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly. If they have children, their children must attend Religious Education classes or a Catholic School. If Married, the marriage must be in conformity with the regulations of the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage - Couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church are asked to notify the Pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - by appointment by calling the office, and Wednesday evening at 4-5:30PM.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family members are ill or facing surgery and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office prior to the day of the procedure or surgery or when they are in the hospital for an Illness.

Pastoral Care Ministers visit community members who are unable to attend Liturgy due to illness or advanced age. Taking the Eucharist to those hospitalized or homebound is a key part of this ministry. Contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Rosary - The rosary is prayed Tuesday thru Friday at 8:40AM, prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Contact Info

Phone: 757-427-5776

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Parish App: inourparish (23456-St Luke)

Email: office@stlukevabeach.org

Text only: (757) 383-4983

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

GOSPEL:

And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

SECOND READING

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?



We have a new fundraiser to help us realize our goal of completing the building project here at St. Luke. GiveSendGo.com is a place for everyone to fund hope. A place to pray and connect with the body of Christ around the world. A place not only to raise money but a place for givers, senders and goers to work together to be the light of the world. This is a site that crowds could come together and support others in their endeavors. This is a way to encourage our family, friends, coworkers, Facebook friends, twitter followers, acquaintances and more to help us. They don't need to give a large sum of money, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or what ever they can afford.

You can email the link <https://www.givesendgo.com/helpstlukebuild> to anyone and everyone you have on your email list, post it on Facebook for all your Facebook friends to see and then ask them to share it to their friends. If you have any questions you can contact Norman Wood.

Tenemos una nueva recaudación de fondos para ayudarnos a realizar nuestro objetivo de completar el proyecto de construcción aquí en San Lucas. GiveSendGo.com es un lugar para que todos financien la esperanza. Un lugar para orar y conectarse con el cuerpo de Cristo en todo el mundo. Un lugar no solo para recaudar dinero, sino un lugar para que los donantes, los remitentes y los asistentes trabajen juntos para ser la luz del mundo. Este es un sitio en el que las multitudes podrían unirse y apoyar a otros en sus esfuerzos. Esta es una forma de animar a nuestra familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo, amigos de Facebook, seguidores de Twitter, conocidos y más a que nos ayuden. No necesitan dar una gran suma de dinero, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 o lo que puedan pagar.

Puede enviar por correo electrónico al enlace <https://www.givesendgo.com/helpstlukebuild> a cualquier persona que tenga en su lista de correo electrónico, publicarlo en Facebook para que lo vean todos sus amigos de Facebook y luego pedirles que lo compartan con sus amigos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con Norman Wood.

Norman (Woody) Wood
757-675-7504 or wzmrmrw@gmail.com

RAFFLE

"On July 10th through October 10th, St. Luke will be selling Raffle Tickets for a cash prize drawing. The tickets will be \$20.00 each, with 3 cash prizes of \$2,500; \$1,000; and \$500.

There will also be a \$250 prize for the parishioner that sells the most tickets. Tickets will be sold during each Mass throughout the 3-month period.

If you are interested in selling tickets, please see Norm Wood (Woody) after Mass."



Forms Available in the Commons

Adults and children sizes available. Royal Blue Tshirt with white logo and White Tshirt with blue logo for \$15-\$20 and Collared Shirts \$25-\$28.

The Women's Club thanks you for your support. Please turn in your order in with your payment. All proceeds will go to the

"SAVE THE DATE"

On Sunday, September 12th, Bishop Barry Knestout will celebrate the Mass for the Installation of Msgr. Raphael Peprah as Pastor of St. Luke and bless our new building.

There will be only 1 (one) bilingual Mass at 10:30 AM with a fellowship to follow.

There is a lot of preparation prior to the event, we will be forming committees and there will be sign up sheets this weekend for everyone volunteer. More info will follow.



Religious Education Registration

Classes for K-8 will be on Monday, 6:30-7:30PM via Zoom

Highschool will be Sunday 6:30PM-7:30PM

Forms are available in English and Spanish on our website: StLukeVaBeach.org.

They will also be available in the commons and at the office during working hours. Payment can be made by cash, check, credit card, or online at www.parishgiving.org.

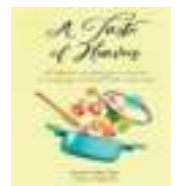
For more info contact the office.

Classes will start on Sunday, September 19th for High School and Monday, September 20th for classes K - 8



PARISH COOKBOOK

St. Luke's fundraising team is looking to create a "St. Luke Parish Cookbook" using recipes you provide. We are looking for family recipes, not from the Internet or other cookbooks as we don't want to violate copyright laws. The size will be 8.5x11 inch and will contain your recipe(s) as well as pictures, if you have them. Before we can start, we need to know if you are interested in providing one or more recipe. The book will be separated by appetizers, soups, meats, desserts, salads, etc., and we will provide recipes in English, Filipino, and Spanish, if received that way. If you are interested, please send Norm Wood an email at wzmmrw@gmail.com, and he will send the specifics.



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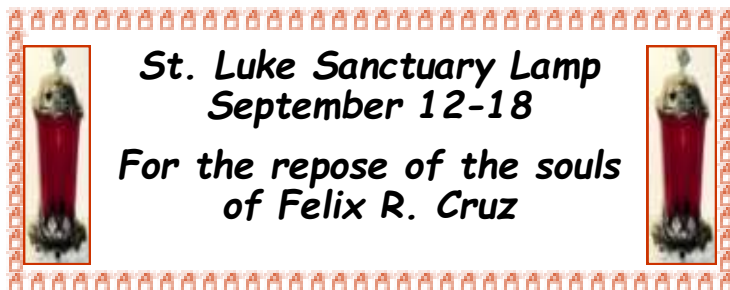
September 12, 2021

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Please pray for: John Miller, Lily Murray, Mike Scheier, Katherine L. Mederos, Jordan Pfohl, Denise Diver, Amy Kabigting, Jude Luke, Wanda Corley, Ace Flores, Mike Zueger, George Daria, Roger Carranza, Chris Kohan, Fr. Brian Rafferty, John Richardson, Gayle Coxford, Robert Trail, Bret Schonecker, John Viola, Rodolfo Sevilla, Daisy Richardson, Nancy Hugland, Shirley Ehrstein, Filomenia Germentia, Gary Gabor, Patricia Martin, Paula Krug, Jack Rolo, Jess Dabu, Angie Haddock, Paul Hipolito, Maria Torres, Nicanor Parocha Jr., Rey Lizan, Jessica Raymond, Marcelina Callanta, Tito Torres, Rosario Rogando, Ligia Chacon, GT Trentini, Jeanne Morris, Michael Lynn, Ann Miller, Christina Loftis, Cora Magbanua, Vivian Rodriguez, Anthony Martinez, Lucas Thorpe, Wilfredo Rodriguez Segovia, Cathy Molton, Erwin Arellano, Bill Elings, Joel Rivera, Irving Ferguson, Rick Carmazino, Karen Schachtner, Mary Ann Lee, Kellyn Schachtner, Ricky Muiño, Angelito Valencia, Karen Christensen, Richard Wengle, Sharon Costa, Devon Calwell, Marilou DeLeon, Cynthia Long, David Rose, Teresita L. Sevilla, Irene Gonzalez, Owen Nolasco.

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer, please call the office



BUILDING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

We will be having a monthly second collection for the Building Fund on the **first weekend** of each month

Upcoming Second Collections

Sept 26, 2021	Retired Religious
October 3, 2021	Monthly Building Fund
November 7, 2021	Monthly Building Fund



We will LIVE-STREAM our Sunday Masses at 9AM & 12PM
St Luke Va Beach
 Live on FB / En Vivo en FB

Financial Report Data from September 5 (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Regular Offertory

Regular Collection	\$ 5,319	
E-Giving	\$ 2,644	
Total		\$ 6,896

WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS * * * \$8,500 * * *

Building Fund

Regular Collection	\$ 435
E-Giving	\$ 5,808
Total	

Building Fund Fundraising

Tiles & Bricks (Regular & e-giving)	\$ 501
Pen / Jewelry	\$
Raffle Tickets	\$ 480
Collection for Haiti	\$ 180



Thank you to everyone who signed up so far for Parish Giving. Your donations are greatly appreciated as always. We would like to ask those who have not signed up to please consider doing so, otherwise we appreciate your regular donations either by envelope or mail.



Saturday Morning Church Cleaning

Join us on Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM as we join together and Clean the Church for the Weekend Liturgies

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.



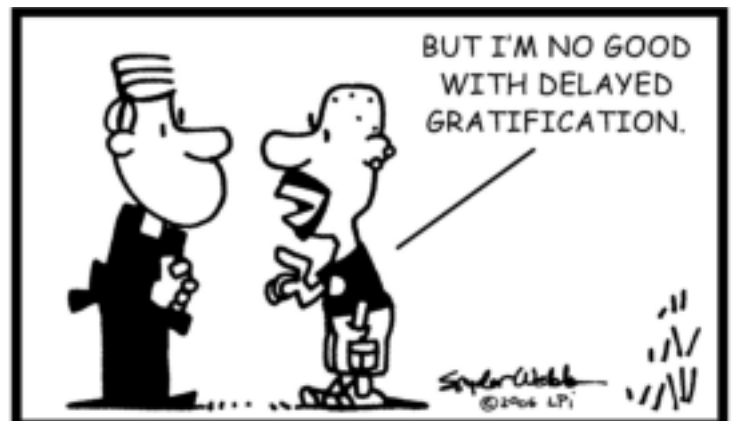
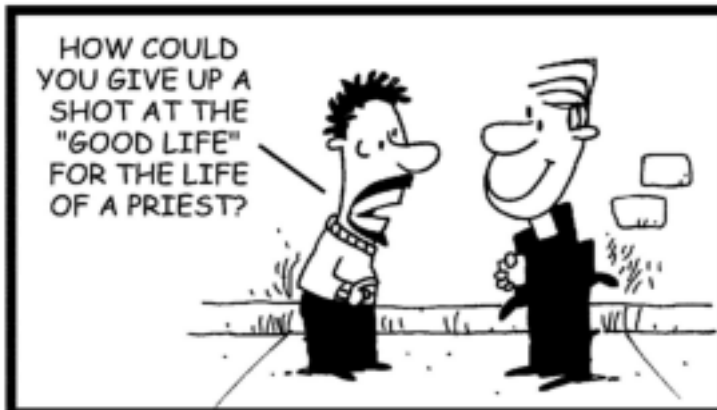
PSALM 116

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CAN YOU WALK THE WALK?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best

friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

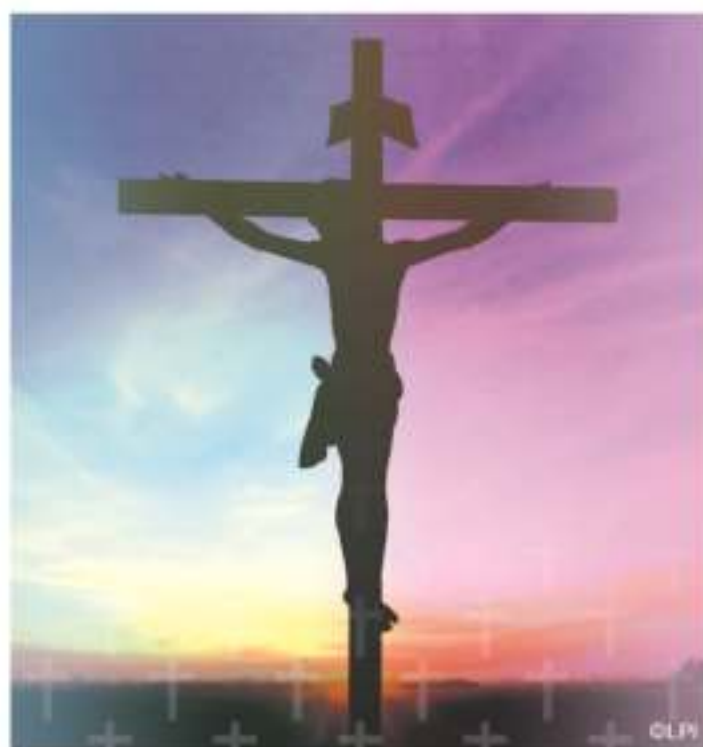
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I'VE NOTICED THAT WHEN I GO TO MASS AT DIFFERENT PARISHES, SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY AND DO DIFFERENT THINGS. WHY IS THAT?

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the

liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If



we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and

opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

- Mk 8:33-34

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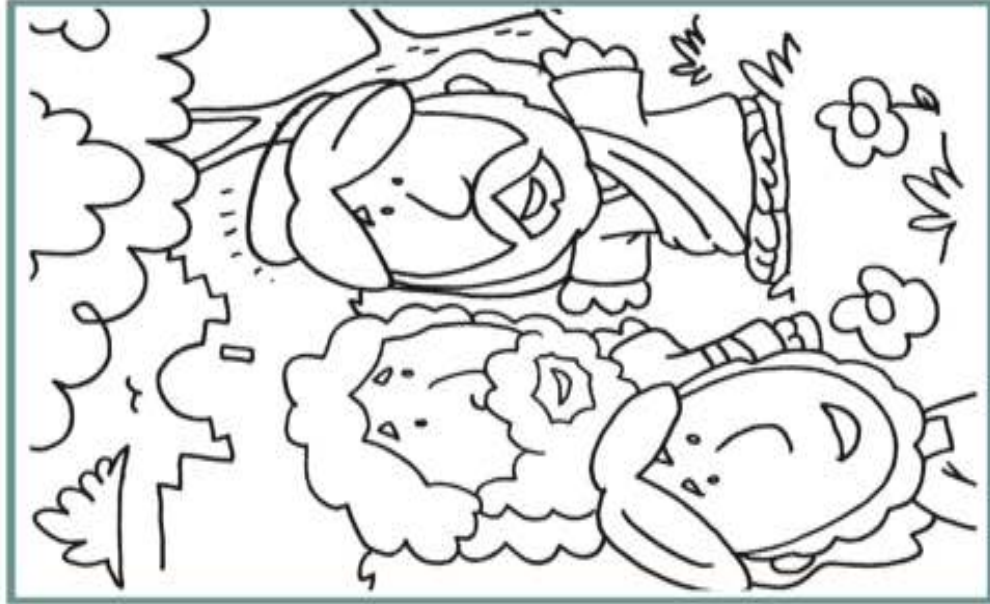
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Kids Corner

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Puzzle

Draw the disciple's face!



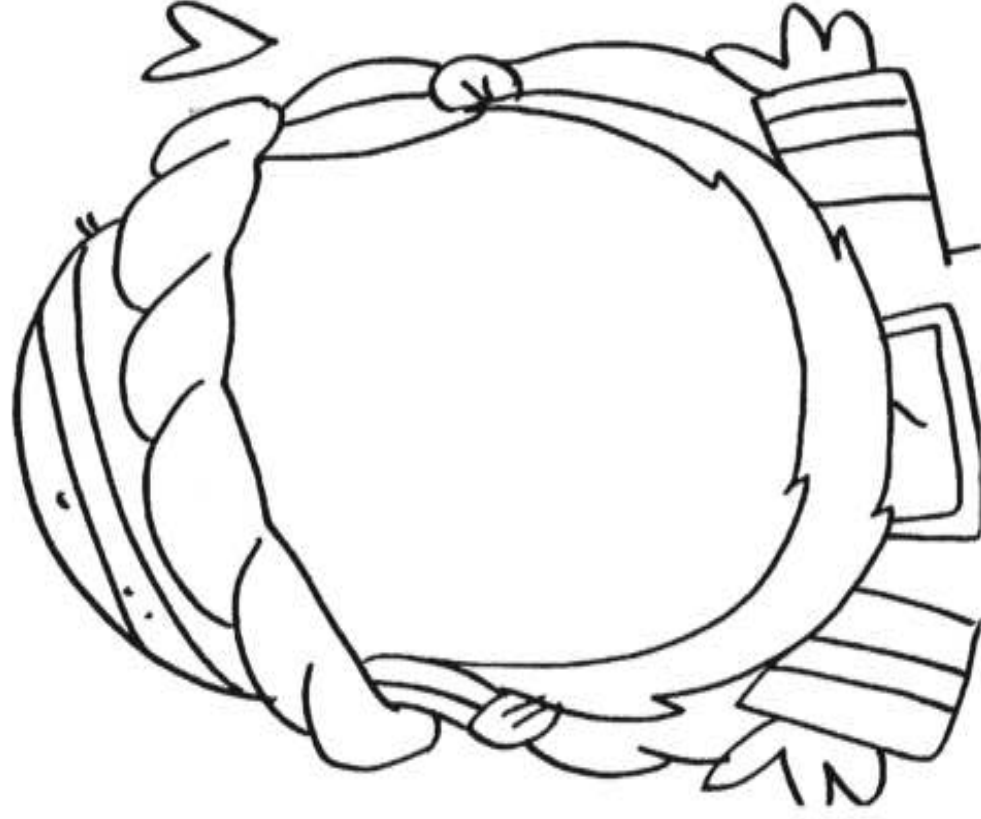
If you have a little brother who asks you to tie his shoes six times, it is easy to get angry and say, "NO. Tie it yourself." However, God wants you to help others with a smile. He wants you to tie shoes for others. He wants you to open doors for others. He wants you to sweep the floor for others. God wants you to treat others with kindness as a favor to him.

PRAYER

Show me how to treat others with kindness for you, Lord.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When my parents ask me to help, I will jump to it right away.



Contactos del Ministerio Hispano

Pastor:	Msgr. Raphael Peprah
Capellán:	Rev. Edwin Montañez
Diácono:	Rev. Mr. Lito Magsombol
Coordinador:	
Vice-Coordinador:	Angel Rivera
Lectores:	Ángel Rivera
Ministros de Eucaristía:	Mike Rivera
Visita a los Enfermos:	Ángel y Marta Rivera
Coro:	Marta Rivera
RICA:	Regina Gómez
Ujieres:	Edwin Burgos
Bautizos:	Irene y José Gonzalez y Carmen Alicea
Ministerio de Arte y medioambiente:	Julia Alcázar
Ministerio de los Jardines:	Marcial Meza
Servidores del Altar	Salvador Guardado
Ministerio de Familias :	
Grupos de Oración:	Julia Alcazar
Ministerio Social:	Alicia Guardado, Mirna Arevalo e Irene Gonzalez

Bautizos para infantes: Los requisitos para bautizar niños menores de 7 años son: que los padres estén inscritos en la Iglesia, asistan a la misa dominical, completen la solicitud de bautismo y que asistan a la clase requerida, 1 mes antes del bautizo. También es necesario que los padrinos sean católicos. Para más información comunicarse con la oficina ó vea el formulario.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted o un miembro de su familia está enfermo o va a tener una operación quirúrgica y desea ser ungido, por favor contáctarse con la oficina. Si no es una emergencia, por favor hágalo antes de ir al hospital. El sacerdote hará la unción en la capilla, después de la misa.

Matrimonios: Se requiere que las parejas que planean contraer matrimonio notifiquen al párroco por lo menos 6 meses antes de la celebración del sacramento y antes de haber decidido la fecha de la celebración.

Horario de clases de formación religiosa:

Grados de Kinder a 8vo, lunes de 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm.

Grados de 9 al 12, domingos de 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm.

Confesiones: Se puede confesar el primer viernes de cada mes después de la misa de la 7:00 p.m. ó por cita. Los miércoles de 4:30pm a 6:00pm con Pd. Edwin.

Inscribase en nuestra parroquia: Si asiste a misa en San Lucas es muy importante que se haga miembro oficial de nuestra iglesia. Los formularios están disponibles a la entrada de la Iglesia.

BAUTIZOS en Español son los cuartos (4) sábados del mes a las 11:30am. Por favor llegue a mas tardar a las 11:15am.

Las clases serán lunes 13 y 20 de septiembre a las 6pm. Necesita completar la aplicación de bautismo. Inscribirse para las clases por lo menos seis (6) semanas antes del bautizo. **EL PROXIMO BAUTIZO** será el 28 de agosto, **para las personas que ya han tomado las clases.** Para mas información llame a la oficina ó contactarse con Carmen Alicea Providencia Acevedo.



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: COMENZARA A REUNIRSE LOS VIERNES DE 6:30AM- 8PM. TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS !!

Para mas información ver a Julia Alcazar o Elias y Rosa Asencio

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo: Is 50, 5-9/Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 /Sant 2, 14-18/Mc 8, 27-35
Lunes: 1 Tm 2, 1-8/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17/Lc 7, 1-10
Martes: Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 77, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38/Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17
Miércoles: 1 Tm 3, 14-16/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 /Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35
Jueves: 1 Tm 4, 12-16/Sal 110, 7-8. 9. 10 /Lc 7, 36-50
Viernes: 1 Tm 6, 2-12/Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3
Sábado: 1 Tm 6, 13-16/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 8, 4-15
Domingo: Sab 2, 12. 17-20/Sal 53, 3-4. 5. 6-8 /Sant 3, 16—4, 3/Mc 9, 30-37

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -

ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

12 de setiembre de 2021 / 24º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo? Es la pregunta que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos en su tiempo histórico, y ahora nos la hace a nosotros. Es una pregunta muy importante que debe ser respondida individualmente. Con ayuda de la fe, se puede dar una respuesta más efectiva. Dicho de otro modo, la verdadera fe incluye un compromiso diario de aventurarse en el misterio de la cruz. Es difícil el camino, pero te lleva a la vida. La reflexión del Papa Francisco es de gran ayuda para adentrar en detalle e iluminar a cada uno en el saber dónde está nuestra respuesta ahora.

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