



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

March 4, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Avoiding meat on Fridays is an ancient custom in the Catholic Church, and we are encouraged to continue this every Friday. During Lent, and on Ash Wednesday, this is such an important custom that to eat meat on these days has the gravity of mortal sin for Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday.

For this custom, “meat” is the flesh of warm blooded animals. Chicken, turkey, pig, and cow are all warm blooded animals. Eggs are not flesh. Fish are cold blooded, and Lobster is too pricey to fit the spirit of the law — though they fit the letter of the law. (Don’t ask me to let the parish host a lobster dinner in Lent.)

Does an excuse fit, or confession? Fibber McGee once confessed to his wife Molly that he had kissed another woman. In the script, however, he had indeed kissed Molly and been horrified to think that he had been tricked into kissing another woman. He had an excuse, and didn’t need forgiveness.

When we eat meat on a Friday of Lent, or Ash Wednesday, knowing what day it is, we need forgiveness! If we have neglected to pay attention to what day it is, we need forgiveness! The same is true for missing Sunday Mass — the obligation is so serious that we need to give reasonable care to what day it is.

One exception — doctor’s orders. One very holy priest I knew ate a steak every Ash Wednesday and every Friday. The doctor ordered him to eat the same every day, and I am sure he derived no pleasure from it! I have no doubt that he asked the doctor if he could avoid it — he was required.

Fr Jim

The facilities of St. Luke are available to all ACTIVE parishioners. This includes the use of the church for Baptism, Weddings and other Sacramental events. Active Membership is determined as follows:

1. Registered in the parish for 6 months.
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Financial support of the church according to your means.

Baptism: Parents must complete training prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the office at least EIGHT months prior to the wedding date to schedule an appointment with the priest.

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This Week in Our Parish

Sun	3/4	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass + <i>Charlotte Hirsch</i> Sr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross
Mon	3/5	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross
Tue	3/6	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	3/7	12:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross <i>Mary Whitaker</i> Religious Education (grades 1-6) Adult Bible Study
Thu	3/8	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach @Holy Cross Mass + <i>Miron Toth</i>
Fri	3/9	12:15 PM 4:30-6 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross <i>Sylvie Anne Petrilla</i> Confessions @Holy Cross Stations of Cross/Meal @Holy Cross
Sat	3/10	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross + <i>Andrew & Cathy Watts</i> Mass
Sun	3/11	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>Deceased members of Moll Family</i> Sr. High Youth Mtg. Jr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross

Readings for Week of March 5

Mon	2Kgs 5:1-15AB; Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thu	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sun	2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Stewardship Report

February 24-25	\$2,353
Online Giving	\$1,735

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40 Days for Life: It is not too late to participate in *40 Days for Life*, a grass roots pro-life campaign with a vision to change hearts through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The hope is to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville . **Closing Celebration** – Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, public right-of way, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road.

Holy Thursday Garden: Help us turn Annunciation Hall into a reminder of the garden of Gethsemane. If you have artificial trees or shrubs that you can loan to the parish, please mark the item(s) with your name and bring to Stations of the Cross on March 16 or call the office.

St. Luke Parish Square Dance: Have you given up on looking for a *FREE, family-oriented activity* on a Saturday night? Look no further! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 7th after the 6 PM Mass**. Bring your children and your relatives to experience a real country square dance where you can learn the moves along with everyone else. A professional caller will lead the dances. Worried about dinner?

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Retreat for post abortive women and men, March 16-18, 2018 in Greenville, SC. The retreat is confidential and non-judgmental. For more information, please contact Christy 803-554-6088, grace4healing@gmail.com or Kathy at 803- 546-6010. Limited space available.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Information about how to
make a pledge for the 2018
Bishop's Annual Appeal is
available at
www.holycrosstluke.org
under News/Events.