



# Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642  
December 24, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading on December 20<sup>th</sup> was from Isaiah 7:10-14. This is one of the most amazing predictions of the birth of Jesus — born of a virgin. The Hebrew word is “maiden”, or “young woman”. Many young women are virgins, but women about to give birth are not virgins — with one exception! Hebrew uses the same word for young woman and for virgin. Hebrew also uses the same word for kinsman, brother, and cousin. Most Bibles translate this word as “virgin”, and indeed the first time that Isaiah was translated from Hebrew to Greek it was translated with the Greek word for virgin, which is distinct from the Greek word for young woman.

What did Isaiah mean? Well, God was going to give King Ahaz a really surprising sign. A young woman having a son is always amazing, especially to the parents. Amazing as is the miracle of life, it's really not that unusual. A virgin giving birth, now that's amazing to everyone!

I hope that you will open your heart to be amazed by God this Christmas!

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	12/24	9 AM 11:30 AM 4 PM 7 PM	Mass Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Vigil Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Mon	12/25	9 AM 11:30 AM	Christmas Mass + <i>Beverly Breen</i> Christmas Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Father Emmanuel Efiog</i>
Tue	12/26	9 AM	Office Closed
Wed	12/27	12:15 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Thu	12/28	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass
Fri	12/29	12:15 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Sat	12/30	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass
Sun	12/31	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass + <i>Joseph &amp; Eleanor Kiesznoski</i> Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>

### Readings for Week of December 25

<b>Mon</b>	Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Tue</b>	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
<b>Wed</b>	1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1A and 2-8
<b>Thu</b>	1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
<b>Fri</b>	1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Sat</b>	1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Sun</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

### Stewardship Report

Dec 16-17	\$6,751
Online Giving	\$1,145

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- **Christmas Television Special in the Upstate Featuring the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston:** Join us on Christmas Day at 4 PM on Fox Carolina Television Channel 21 for “An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston”. There will be singing, dancing, storytelling and a Christmas message from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston. Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Dwight Longenecker will also join us and share the good news. You can’t celebrate Christmas without good food and we’ve got that covered too. Sister Pamela Smith and Sister Roberta Fulton will join us at the Cook Station in downtown Greenville for a cooking segment called “Sister Act 2 in the Kitchen”. Fr. Patrick Tuttle OFM, will share our traditional Christmas Story, “If I Were A Goose”. And the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir will sing and dance. Please join us as we celebrate the day our Savior was born.

- **Heart to Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry** will not meet in December. We will resume meetings on January 24.

- **2018 Calendars are available in the entrance of the church!**

- **Have you registered with the parish?** If not, don’t delay! Register online through the parish website, [www.holycrossstluke.org](http://www.holycrossstluke.org) using the ‘My Own Church’ button or request a form from the office. If you are using ‘My Own Church’ please be sure to go back into your account after the password is issued and add all family members! Please call or email the office if you’d like to receive offertory envelopes.

**Going out of town?** To find a church near your favorite vacation spot or business travels, check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).



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