

Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As we began the season of Advent back on December 3rd, I asked everyone to watch for surprises to our understanding of the Church's teachings and celebrations. In particular, I again encouraged observing the season of advent as a time of preparing for the celebration during the season of Christmas. Well, this week I found myself surprised!

An article in "The Catholic Herald" provides several good reasons to continue Christmas decorations and celebrations until Feb 2nd — the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. First, that is the final day in the Church liturgical year in reference to the "Infancy Narratives" in the Gospels. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to offer sacrifice to redeem Him according to the Mosaic Law. Feb 2nd is 40 days after Christmas.

Second, the article mentions that the modern tradition of removing Christmas decorations in early January started only in the 1800's — prompted by factory owners wanting to end celebrations and get workers back to the factories earlier.

Third, the modern focus on "New Year's Resolutions" is overly self-centered. Far healthier to celebrate with others during the darkest days of the year.

So, next year we will leave our Church Christmas decorations up through "Candlemas" on February 2nd. But for this year, plan on a good Christmas celebration on the first Friday of February. And, as a Feast of the Lord, there is no fasting or abstaining from meat! Steers, beware!

Fr Jim Dubrouillet

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	1/14	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>Deceased members of Moll Family</i> Jr. High Youth Mtg. Sr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross
Mon	1/15	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross
Tue	1/16	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	1/17	12:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross Religious Education Adult Bible Study
Thu	1/18	12:15 PM	Mass
Fri	1/19	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross & Anointing of Sick
Sat	1/20	9 AM 2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Master's Garden Club Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross Mass + <i>Cielo Diaz</i>
Sun	1/21	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Eucharistic Adoration Confirmation Class CWO Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross

Readings for Week of January 14

Mon	1Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tue	1Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wed	1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thu	1Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Fri	1Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Sat	2Sm1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Stewardship Report

January 6-7	\$2,663
Online Giving	\$980

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The Master's Garden Club: Parishioners are invited to join us inside on Saturday, January 20th, at 9 a.m. in Annunciation Hall to enjoy crafting doorstops & garden ornaments using ordinary bricks. Please RSVP to giammalvom@hotmail.com **asap** so we can provide adequate supplies. Bring a snack to share; coffee provided. Limited class size, \$5 fee.

MOVING FORWARD: Have you lost a loved one? Do you wonder how others deal with feelings of emptiness and sadness? Wonder how long mourning lasts? How others manage to cope and go on? Parishioners are invited to join the CWO for coffee after Mass & Adoration on Sunday, January 21st, in welcoming Marian Huskins, of Moving Forward, as she speaks on FINDING A DEEPER FAITH WHEN SUFFERING LOSS.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 from 10-2 PM. All parishioners 17 years or older are invited to become a blood donor. One pint of your blood can save up to 3 lives! To schedule a donation time please email Liz Kyle at Ekyle@charlestdiocese.org or call 855-9039.

Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with Blood Drive – Sunday February 4 – after Mass – Annunciation Hall – donations accepted.

2017 Tax Statements will be mailed out in January. If you have a change of address, phone, or email, please contact the office with your updated information.

Have you registered with the parish? If not, don't delay! Register online through the parish website, 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.