



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

During the season of Lent we remember Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer. Jesus went into the desert for 40 days, depriving Himself of food, to prepare for His public ministry. We prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter with 40 days of more serious fasting, prayer, and giving alms.

- **Abstaining from meat** is required for Catholics 14 and older **on the Fridays in Lent, and Ash Wednesday**. Meat is the flesh of warm blooded creatures. Eggs and fish are not meat. This is a form of fasting.
- **More strict fasting is required on Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **Good Friday** (March 30) for Catholics who have reached the 18th birthday and not reached their 59th. This fasting means one full meal at any time, and eating two other times a total of food less than or equal to one full meal. This fast includes avoiding food between meals. For this fast, beverages like coffee, milk, and juice are not food. Catholics are encouraged to continue the Good Friday fast until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.
- **The Eucharistic Fast** is required of all Catholics preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist on any day. This means avoiding all food and beverages for one hour before Mass—water and medicine being the only exception.

This year, we will try two different ways to pray together during Lent. First, we will pray the Stations of the Cross more solemnly on Fridays of Lent, starting at 6:30 pm alternating between St. Luke and Holy Cross. I will lead the stations, and will include a reflection on the Passion. The whole service will last 30-40 minutes, and will be followed by a simple meal provided by parishioners (ministry groups).

Second, at 6:30 am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we will gather at Holy Cross to pray parts of Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings in a service called "Tenebrae". The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil this year will include the fewest permitted readings. In order not to deprive parishioners of the opportunity to hear all the readings, we will include the omitted four readings and psalms with the morning "Tenebrae" service. I hope that participation in the morning Tenebrae services will help us reflect on God's saving work throughout these most Holy days.

I pray that you will have a joyful season of Lent while preparing for Easter.

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This Week in Our Parish

Sun	2/11	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Jr. High Youth Mtg. Sr. High <i>Bowling trip</i> Mass @Holy Cross Deacon <i>John Villano</i>
Mon	2/12	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross
Tue	2/13	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	2/14	12:15 PM 7 PM	Mass @Holy Cross + <i>Julie Elias</i> Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
Thu	2/15	12:15 PM	Mass + <i>Ronnie Huffman</i>
Fri	2/16	12:15 PM 4:30-6 PM 6:30 PM	Mass w/Anointing of Sick @Holy Cross Confessions- Annunciation Hall Stations of Cross/Meal- Annunciation Hall
Sat	2/17	9 AM 2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Master's Garden Club- Annunciation Hall Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross Mass + <i>JoAnn Boer</i>
Sun	2/18	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Sr. High Youth Mtg. Confirmation Class CWO Mtg.-6 th grade classroom Mass @Holy Cross

Readings for Week of February 12

Mon	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tue	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wed	Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Is 58:1-9A; Mt 9:14-15
Sat	Is 58:9B-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun	Gn 9:8-15; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Stewardship Report

February 3-4	\$2,845
Online Giving	\$1,280

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Confirmation Class

The next class will be held on
Sunday, February 18 after
Mass in Annunciation Hall.



The Master's Gardeners: Did you know that due to its antibacterial properties, **raw** honey is often used in soaps and beauty products and can provide relief for a number of health disorders? Did you know that you can buy unprocessed, raw honey locally? Please mark your calendars & plan to attend our February 17th meeting at 9 AM in Annunciation Hall where we will welcome Michael Fike, VP of Pickens County Bee Association.

Catholic Women's Organization (CWO): Please join the ladies of St. Luke for coffee after Mass on Sunday February 18th in the 6th grade classroom. We will have updates on our spring activities.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Kickoff Rally will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 9:30 am-10:30 am, public right-of-way in front of Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road. Speakers: Sheila Miller, author/worship dancer Emily Barnhill, President of Students for Life at N. Greenville University, and Carrie Gifford. Music provided by Mason Costa and St. Mary's Youth. Parking is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church.

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.



Thanks to all who came out for our blood drive! We had 17 donations and 2 deferrals. Please mark your calendar for our next drive on May 6!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

For complete information about the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal, go to the church homepage and click on "2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Video & Campaign Information".



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