



# Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

December 17, 2017

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Dear Parishioners,

This week I saw an article with the title “Do I really have to go to church twice on December 24, 2017?”. The article said “yes” — but that is not the whole truth.... Faithful Catholics do what they can to go to Mass for every Sunday, and for every Holy Day of obligation. Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are the two most important Holy Days for the United States — they are observed every year even when they occur on Fridays and Mondays. At Holy Cross and St. Luke, we have a Sunday Mass on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. Similarly, we have a Christmas Mass at each church on the evening of December 24th, as well as on the morning of December 25th. So, Catholics don’t need to go to Mass on December 24th — they can go on Dec 23 and 25th! We can go to Mass twice on the 24th, and receive the Eucharist both times providing we are properly prepared. The two Masses for these days are very different in tone. The fourth Sunday of Advent is marked with great expectation. Christ’s Mass — Christmas — celebrates the fulfillment of expectation!

We are quite blessed to have four masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent and four more for Christmas. Join me in thanking our musicians who practice during the week, before Masses, and assist at Masses during the holidays. Of course, we also thank the sacristans who help set up for each mass, the greeters who welcome people and pass the offering baskets, the lectors who proclaim God’s word, and the special ministers of the Eucharist who help distribute the consecrated hosts. Thanks to our staff, our parishioners who help maintain the buildings, those who decorate, and all who financially support our church.

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 attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.*

***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	12/17	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass + <i>Larry Mitchiner</i> Sr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b>
Mon	12/18	12:15 PM	Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b>
Tue	12/19	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	12/20	12:15 PM	Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b>
Thu	12/21	12:15 PM	Mass
Fri	12/22	12:15 PM	Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b>
Sat	12/23	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @ <b>Holy Cross</b> Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b> Mass + <i>Alex King</i>
Sun	12/24	9 AM 11:30 AM 4 PM 7 PM	Mass Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b> Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass @ <b>Holy Cross</b>

### Stewardship Report

Dec 9-10                      \$3,457  
Online Giving                \$1,017

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

*Give the gift that keeps on giving and helps our church  
continue living! Please remember our church this  
Christmas with a tax deductible gift.*

### Readings for Week of December 18

**Mon** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Tue** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25A; Lk 1:5-25  
**Wed** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Thu** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18A; Lk 1:39-45  
**Fri** 1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Sat** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
**Sun** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
*Christmas Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;  
Mt 1:1-25 OR Mt 1:18-25

➤ **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. Guglielmo, 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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