



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

February 18, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last three Sundays, I emphasized the cardinal virtues of prudence, fortitude, and justice. On Ash Wednesday, we began a season of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving: a season where the virtue of temperance will be most helpful! The cardinal virtues benefit us on a merely physical level — but we are both physical and spiritual. The virtues become Christian when we allow God to be the motivation for a virtuous life, God to be the guide to our choices, God to be the One to strengthen us in every difficulty. Merely physical virtue helps us, but Christian virtue pleases God. Doing virtuous acts is always good, but for Christians we are called to put God first.

Why fast? Why avoid snacks and eat less on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? Why avoid meat on these days and the Fridays of Lent — or even every Friday? On the physical level, doctors tell us to fast before certain blood tests and medical procedures. All well and good, but without God's help no one can recognize the spiritual benefit to physical acts. Jesus said "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will." Why fasting and abstinence pleases God is one of these topics. If by chance you do not understand, ask God to help you — and trust that God wants you to know!

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	2/18	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Confirmation Class Sr. High Youth Mtg. CWO Mtg.-6 th grade classroom Mass @Holy Cross
Mon	2/19	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross
Tue	2/20	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	2/21	12:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross Religious Education (grades 1-6) Adult Bible Study
Thu	2/22	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach @Holy Cross Mass
Fri	2/23	12:15 PM 4:30-6 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross Sarah Christ Confessions @Holy Cross Stations of Cross/Meal @Holy Cross
Sat	2/24	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross Mass +Carolyn Dworak
Sun	2/25	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Sr. High Youth Mtg. Jr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross +James Moran

Readings for Week of February 19

Mon	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tue	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thu	1Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Fri	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sat	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sun	Gn 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31B-34; Mk 9:2-10

Stewardship Report

February 10-11	\$3,033
Online Giving	\$880

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Confirmation Class

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



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: Please join us in prayer. For more information, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville and www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville or contact *Ingrid Ireland* 864-329-0044. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

2018 Catholic Women's Conference - Keynote speaker, workshops, vendors, Mass and confession. Cost is \$35 if before Feb. 20. Includes breakfast and catered lunch. Join us this Lent to be renewed and refreshed. Saturday, March 3, 9:00-5:00, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Greenville. Sign-up now at www.SCCatholicWomensConference.com.

SC Catholic Men's Conference: March 3 – Our Lady of the Lake Church – Chapin, SC. Register online at www.sccatholicmensconf.org National speakers: Most Reverend Robert Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston, Gus Lloyd, Radio Host, and Tom Leopold, TV Comedy Writer.

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.



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