



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

March 11, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

As Easter approaches, our readings and prayers at Mass have to do with Baptism and the forgiveness of sin. Baptism, of course, forgives all sin and welcomes us into a new life with God. Paul writes to the Ephesians 2:4-10 referring mainly to Baptism. This little passage is well worth a careful read. Before Baptism, we were dead in our transgressions. Baptism brings us to life with Christ. “Grace” here is “Sanctifying Grace” — our sharing in God’s own life given to us by God. Sharing in God’s life is salvation. By grace, we have been saved through faith, and this is not from us — it is God’s gift to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus that “Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert”. Review in your Bible the short chapters 20 & 21 of the Book of Numbers. God sent serpents with biting pain to the Israelites to remind them that God is the one who will relieve pain for those who turn to Him. Note that God ordered Moses to do this — Moses acts for God. Also, Moses makes “a visible sign” — a snake on a cross. This visible sign conveys an “invisible grace” — the healing from their illness. The people cannot see how the snake on the cross gives them healing, but it really does help them. This use of the term “grace” is an example of “actual grace”. Actual grace is a particular help in a particular circumstance.

In Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, we receive “Sanctifying Grace” — a share in the life of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Confession and the Anointing of the Sick, God gives us particular help in particular circumstances, “Actual Grace”, that can restore injury done to our relationship with God — Sanctifying Grace.

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	3/11	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>Deceased members of Moll Family</i> Sr. High Youth Mtg. Jr. High Youth Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross
Mon	3/12	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross
Tue	3/13	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	3/14	12:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass @Holy Cross <i>Beth Hambleton</i> Religious Education (grades 1-6) Adult Bible Study
Thu	3/15	12:15 PM	Mass
Fri	3/16	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	3/17	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross <i>Andrew Watts</i> Mass
Sun	3/18	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>+Patricia Bida</i> Eucharistic Adoration Confirmation Class CWO Mtg. Mass @Holy Cross

Readings for Week of March 12

Mon	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tue	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thu	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Wis 2:1A, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Stewardship Report

March 3-4 \$3,933
Online Giving \$1,260

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Holy Thursday Garden: Help us turn Annunciation Hall into a reminder of the garden of Gethsemane. If you have artificial trees or shrubs that you can loan to the parish, please mark the item(s) with your name and bring to Stations of the Cross on March 16 or call the office.

40 Days for Life: It is not too late to participate in *40 Days for Life*. The hope is to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. **Closing Celebration** – Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, public right-of way, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road.

St. Luke Parish Square Dance: Have you given up on looking for a *FREE, family-oriented activity* on a Saturday night? Look no further! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 7th after the 6 PM Mass**. Bring your children and your relatives to experience a real country square dance where you can learn the moves along with everyone else. A professional caller will lead the dances. Worried about dinner?

The Catholic Miscellany Newspaper: Please call the office if you would like to add or cancel a subscription. Payment may be made using the envelope provided in the June packet.

Capital Campaign/Construction Cost Update as of 3/6/2018

From Long Term Savings	\$550,000
Interest Income Savings	\$ 46,999
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$552,387</u>
Raised to date:	\$1,149,386
Building Costs	\$1,238,471
<u>Loan Interest</u>	<u>\$ 10,703</u>
Total Cost to date	\$1,249,174
Need to raise	\$ 99,787
<u>Pledges</u>	<u>\$ 65,897</u>
Unpledged Needs	\$ 33,890