



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 • Easley, SC 29642

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Last week the bulletin listed the five precepts of the Church, along with a sixth precept necessary for Catholics who marry. This week, I will add a few details about "Participating in the Mass in a Catholic Church every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation."

"Participating in the Mass" is meant to unite us to the loving self-sacrifice of Jesus. We need to grow close to the Lord, lift our hearts to the Lord, and to give thanks to the Lord our God. We can best begin to do this by entering the church several minutes before Mass and considering our closeness to Jesus. Since my last Mass, have I allowed the Lord to be with me by putting the need of another before my own desire? Is there any way my heart is burdened? I need to let God help me lift up my heart to the Lord, and to give God all of my attention during this Mass. For what am I most grateful since my last Mass? For that, let me give God thanks and praise!

"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Jesus gave Himself as a supreme thanks to God the Father. We, as members of the body of Jesus, are called to offer ourselves as a thanksgiving to the Father -- that's what we really do when we participate at Mass.

At Mass, we are offered an opportunity to receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus by consuming the Blessed Sacrament. Of course, we dare to receive the host only when we are living in accord with the Church's teachings, and have prepared ourselves properly with fasting and prayer. Even when we are not free to receive the host, we should stay in the church after Mass to thank Jesus for offering Himself for our sake.

The Catholic Church is the one and only community established by Jesus Himself that really does show the world a sign -- marred by sin but enduring nonetheless -- of unified faith and worship. Faithful Catholics attend only Catholic Churches except for rare occasions.

There is much more to "participating at Mass every Sunday and Holy Day" than I can put into one bulletin letter -- we all need to keep learning more and more about the faith and how to live it joyfully.

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 8/5	9 AM	Mass +Bill Beebe
	10 AM	Blood Drive/ Pancake Breakfast
	11:30 AM	Mass @Holy Cross For the People
Mon 8/6	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Rodney Villano
Wed 8/8	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Anna Ferraro
Thu 8/9	9 AM	Catholic Outreach @Holy Cross
	12:15 PM	Mass Priest Intention
Fri 8/10	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Jim Villano
Sat 8/11	2:30 PM	Confession @Holy Cross
	4 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Joseph Christ
	6 PM	Mass For the People
Sun 8/12	9 AM	Mass +Miguel Fernandez
	11:30 AM	Mass @Holy Cross For the People

Readings for Week of August 6

Mon	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
Tue	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
Wed	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thu	Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Fri	2Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Sat	Hab 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Sun	1Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Stewardship Report

July 28-29 \$2,542
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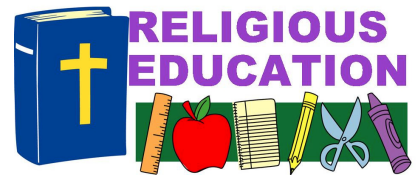
Blood Drive: Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, August 5 from 10 AM to 2 PM. **All donors will receive a \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card!** A **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the The Knights of Columbus will take place during the blood drive.

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary: The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. A vigil Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross on Tuesday, August 14 at 5:30 PM. On Wednesday, August 15, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross at 12:15 PM and at St. Luke at 7 PM.

Rachel's Vineyard: Do you keep thinking about your abortion experience? Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith to individuals who have had or participated in an abortion. Our next retreat is August 10-12, 2018 in Charleston, SC. For info or to register: call Christy 803-554-6088 or Kathy 803-546-6010 or email grace4healing@gmail.com, www.rachelsvineyard.org.

6th Marian Eucharistic Conference: Sat., November 10 – Sun., November 11 at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville. General admission is \$80/adults, \$40/youth and includes a buffet lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Register by October 27 by mail. Registration after Oct. 27: \$90. *We offer gluten free meals.* For more information, call (864)354-7160 or go to www.meconferencesc.net

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Registration for grades 1-12 is now open. You may register online at www.holycrossstluke.org or pick up a form in the entrance to the church. Classes for grades 1-6 meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM beginning September 12. Info about youth groups (7/8 and 9-12) meetings will be announced shortly.



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