



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 • Easley, SC 29642

August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

All practicing Catholics practice fasting and abstinence according to their age and health. These vary by age, and the first involves the fast before Communion. The bare minimum is to avoid food and beverages (other than water) for one hour before receiving the Eucharist in the form of bread or wine. For the sick, it is 15 minutes. For most Catholics in SC, we have a 15 minute trip to church and the Eucharist is offered between 45 and 55 minutes into the Mass -- so we could -- following the minimum, eat just before leaving for Mass and fit the letter of the law. Do you want minimal blessings? Do you offer God minimal sacrifice? Why fast? Two reasons: First, we don't want to risk being sick to the stomach when receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. Hence, the minimal 15 minutes for the sick. Second, we want the Eucharist to satisfy our spiritual and physical hunger -- so come hungry!

Starting at age 14, practicing Catholics avoid meat on Fridays. Meat is the flesh of warm blooded animals. This always applies during Lent, and on Ash Wednesday. In the US, on other Fridays we may do some other act of charity in place of abstinence. In Great Britain, the bishops found that this modification reduced a sense of Catholic identity, reduced attention to all Church customs, and reduced charity among Catholics.... Personally, I find it quite easy to make the deliberate effort to avoid meat on Fridays. Little known, when a Solemnity falls on a Friday -- we never fast, making some Fridays fun!

Between the ages of 18 and 59, Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means avoiding snacks between meals and having only one normal sized meal, while eating at two other times a total no more than one regular meal. Why fast? Because Jesus did -- and He told us that by prayer and fasting we can defeat demons that prayer alone will not defeat!

All of these practices involve giving up something intrinsically good to unite ourselves to Jesus.

Even though these practices are not required of every Catholic, many young children will gladly accept a challenge to act like adults. Of course, food and beverages should never be brought to church.

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 8/12	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass +Miguel Fernandez Mass @Holy Cross For the People
Tue 8/14	5:30 PM	Assumption Vigil Mass @Holy Cross John Villano
Wed 8/15	12:15 PM 7 PM	Assumption Mass @Holy Cross +Leo Pollick Sr Assumption Mass For the People
Thu 8/16	12:15 PM	Mass Priest Intention
Fri 8/17	12:15 PM	Mass w/Anointing of Sick @Holy Cross
Sat 8/18	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross +Lt. Evan Robert Callahan Mass For the People
Sun 8/19	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass +Julia Furr Mass @Holy Cross For the People

There will be NO MASS at Holy Cross on Monday, August 13.

Readings for Week of August 13

Mon	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28C; Mt 17:22-27
Tue	Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed	Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thu	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
Sat	Ez 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sun	Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Stewardship Report

August 4-5 \$2,439
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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.

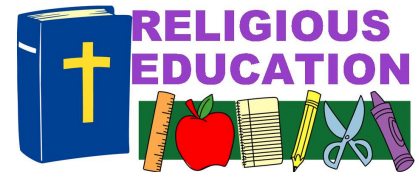
August 24 Weekday Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke at 12:15 PM in honor of Don and Ruth Thurlow's 50th wedding anniversary. A reception will be held in Annunciation Hall after Mass and all are welcome and invited to attend.

THANK YOU for the great turn out at our blood drive last Sunday! We had 21 complete units donated! Please mark your calendars for our next drive on November 4. To reduce wait times and ensure The Blood Connection sends enough staff, please make an appointment prior to the day of the blood drive by contacting the office or going online to The Blood Connection.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We have many prayer shawls/blankets available for those in need. If you or someone you know would benefit from one please contact the church office, Janis Parsons, or Nancy Mawhinney. Recipients of prayer shawls/blankets do not need to be members of the parish.

CPR Certification Class is scheduled for September 20 at 6:30 PM with Don Clardy at the Pelzer Rescue Squad station, 125 North Highway 20 in Pelzer. Anyone who wishes to sign up should contact Aggie King at 864-360-1877 or aggiern@gmail.com before September 7. Cost is \$25/person which includes certification card.

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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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