

Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 • Easley, SC 29642

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

Saturday 6 PM

Sunday 9 AM

Thursday 12:15 PM

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HOW TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

REPORT IMMEDIATELY!

**REMEMBER: YOUR ROLE IS
TO REPORT. THERE IS TO BE
NO INVESTIGATION BY YOU
OR ANYONE ELSE AT THE
PARISH/SCHOOL LEVEL**

**If you suspect abuse has occurred
within a family:**

Contact the Department of
Social Services within the
county the abuse took place.
Contact the Diocese, to report
status at (843) 261-0430.

**If you suspect an abuse has
occurred that involved
diocesan personnel (priests,
deacons, teachers, employees
or volunteers) contact:**

The local police department
immediately.
Call the Victim Assistance
Coordinator at (843)856-0748
or (800)921-8122

Dear Parishioners,

From the beginning, Abel and Cain offered sacrifice to God. There was at the time only the family Church with the father of the family serving as priest — the one who offers sacrifice on behalf of the Church. Abel's pleased God, Cain's did not. So, we know that from the beginning not all gifts to God are pleasing. The burning of the sacrifice was the way they could "give" the animal, or plants, to God. It is a sign of trust in God's generosity, recognizing that God provides to us more than we really need to get by.

In the 14th chapter of Genesis, Melchizedek served as "a priest of God Most High" for Abraham by offering God a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Abraham gave Melchizedek — priest of the "church" as it was in those days — "a tenth of everything". This "tithe" became the standard offering to the priests of the Levite line.

At the start of the Catholic Church, documented in the 4th and 5th chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, we see that many sold all they owned and gave everything to the apostles to provide for the needs of all. At least one couple lied about their generosity — keeping some of the money for themselves while bragging that they had given all to the Church. Their lies cost them dearly....

A tithe is meant to be the minimum that we give to the Church. Our bishop has suggested that we give 5% to our parish, 2 or 3% to the various Bishop's collections, and 3 or 2% to other charities. Additionally, it is suitable to give the Church a gift on the occasion of the birth and baptism of a child, at a marriage, and at a death. There can be significant tax benefits to these gifts, and prudent people allow the laws to work to their benefit as intended by the lawmakers. But we should give even, and especially, when we get no benefit or publicity. The best blessings come from God, and God is never outdone in generosity.

And so we have the fifth precept of the Church: support the Church financially according to your ability.

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.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun 9/2	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>For the People</i> Mass @Holy Cross +Susan Gilstrap
Mon 9/3	9 AM 12:15 PM	Office Closed Mass @Holy Cross +Lawrence Ferainolo
Wed 9/5	12:15 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Vincent Maugeri
Thu 9/6	12:15 PM	Mass <i>Priest Intention</i>
Fri 9/7	12:15 PM 12:45 PM	Mass @Holy Cross +Peter T. Villano, Jr. Eucharistic Adoration @Holy Cross
Sat 9/8	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @Holy Cross Mass @Holy Cross +Andy Anderson Mass <i>For the People</i>
Sun 9/9	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass +Andrew Egendoerfer Jr. High Youth Mtg. (Ann. Hall) Sr. High Youth Mtg. (Ann. Hall) CWO Mtg. (6 th grade room/education wing) Mass @Holy Cross <i>For the People</i>



Registration for grades 1-12 is now open. You may register online at www.holycrossstluke.org, choose the *Education* tab then click 'Register My Child' at left of page or pick up a form in the entrance to the church.

First class meeting dates/locations:

Grades 1-6: Wed., Sep. 12 @ 6:30 pm
Classes meet in education wing.

Grades 7-8: Sun., Sep 9 @10 am
Meetings held in Annunciation Hall.

Grades 9-12: Sun., Sep 9 @10 am
Meetings held in Annunciation Hall.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED!!

ATTENTION ALL HS STUDENTS!! You are all invited to St. Luke's HS youth group! We will be having our first meeting on September 9th right after the 9 am mass in Annunciation Hall. (If you attend mass on Saturday evening, come back to join us at 10 am on Sunday). We will be enjoying some waffles and ice cream during our meet and greet session. This year we have planned several fun activities and would love to get all our HS students involved. Hope to see you all there!

Catholic Women's Organization of St. Luke: Organizational meeting Sunday, September 9 after the 9 AM Mass in the 6th grade classroom of the Education wing of the church. All women of the parish are invited. Come and meet the women of St. Luke!

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Peter said to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life". Discover God's plan for your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Feb 1-3, 2019 in COLUMBIA, SC and Nov 9-11, 2018 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Stewardship Report

August 15-19 \$2,307
Online Giving \$1,765

*Thank you for your generosity
and support!*

Readings for Week of September 3

Mon	1Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tue	1Cor 2:10B-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wed	1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thu	1Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Fri	1Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Sat	Mi 5:1-4A; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sun	Is 35:4-7A; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37