Mass Schedule

**Weekdays:**
Monday - Friday:
8 AM

**Weekends:**
Saturday Vigil:
4 PM

Sunday:
7:30 AM
9:15 AM
11:30 AM
1:30 PM (Spanish)
5:30 PM

**Confessions:**
Saturday
3 PM - 3:45 PM

St. Luke Mission Statement:
The people of God in the parish of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, in union with our pastor and parish staff, are centered on the Eucharist and are a welcoming and diverse community. We are committed to proclaim the Good News of God’s love by developing the spiritual growth of our parish family, encouraging active participation, personal stewardship and community outreach.

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday:
8:30am - 1:00 pm

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Dennis Cronk, Rev. Mr. Joe Reid, Rev. Mr. Mike Waldron

The Wedding at Cana

**2nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN**

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100

**January 22, 2016**

“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”

John 2:7-8

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Greetings and prayers dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome to the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This first period of Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar will be short this year with the start of Lenten Season and the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 10, twenty-four days away.

Tomorrow our nation celebrates the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as we take time to remember and honor his achievements in the advancement of diversity, civil rights and racial equality. It is a day for all to take pause, reflect, and pray for an end to discrimination as we pray for unity, social justice, and peace. Reminder, this is a federal holiday and government offices and banks will be closed tomorrow in observance, as will the parish office.

Last week we reflected on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and spoke of special indulgences announced by Pope Francis through the duration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which will conclude on November 20, 2016, on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Below are some excerpts from the Holy Father’s letter on the Jubilee Indulgence.

In his letter, the Holy Father asks us to “rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.” He describes how the faithful may receive an indulgence, which he calls the Jubilee Indulgence. “I would like to focus on several points which I believe require attention to enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.” (bolding = emphasis added)

His letter continues with “My thought first of all goes to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee. I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God’s mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed. To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion. Likewise, I dispose that the Indulgence may be obtained in the Shrines in which the Door of Mercy is open and in the churches which traditionally are identified as Jubilee Churches. It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.” (bolding = emphasis added)

In our Diocese, our Holy Door of Mercy is located at the Cathedral – The Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg (5815 5th Ave N). The designated Holy Door is located on the northwest side of the Cathedral, along the covered, circular, drop-off driveway.

The above is for those who are able to make a pilgrimage. The Holy Father also addresses those who, for various reasons, it will be impossible to enter a Holy Door “particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, often confined to home” and those who are incarcerated. He also includes indulgences for the deceased. These will be outlined next week. In the meantime, if you would like to read the Holy Father’s letter in its entirety, it is located on the Vatican’s website. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website also has information.

Wishing you a week filled with God, His love and mercy.

~ Father Paul
As we begin our APA campaign for 2016, to those who pledged and gave to a record breaking APA 2015

- Thanks from the homeless of Pinellas County
- Thanks from the seminarians who will serve us soon
- Thanks from the retired priests who have served us so well
- Thanks from the school children getting a faith filled education
- Thanks from all those in prison who will find the Lord
- Thanks from all the unborn who will be born because of you
- Thanks from our Parish which benefited from APA economics

Scripture Readings for the Week
Prepare and Pray the Word of God

Today’s Readings: January 17, 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 18
1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19
1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20 - St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday, January 23 - St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday’s Readings:
January 24, 2016 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Ps 19:8-10,15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14,27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

First Reading – Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm – Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading – As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel – While attending worship in the Nazarene synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).
The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Annual
Spaghetti Dinner - **Thursday, January 21, 5pm to 7:30pm**

Tickets are $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children under 12 years. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on January 9 & 10 and 16 & 17. They may also be purchased by calling Carol Murray at 784-3386 or Bob Justiana at 786-5343. There is a limited amount of tickets, so please purchase yours early.

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**Passion and Purpose for Marriage**

**February 20, 2016, 9am to 1:30pm**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, 715 E. Orange St., Tarpon Springs. Discover key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage and take your relationship to a whole new level. Event features special author and speaker, Dr. Allen Hunt, and musical guest, George Lower. Order tickets online for $25 per person at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900. St. Luke’s parish contact: Rusty and Cathy Gunn, csgunn4@hotmail.com or 727-789-6391.

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**The Devastation of Abandonment**

Hagar was a slave owned by Abraham and Sarah. She had to do as she was told or face the consequences. When Sarah had trouble conceiving, she gave her husband Hagar as a surrogate.

Hagar conceived Abraham’s child, which gave her a little leverage for the first time in her life. That didn’t go over well with Sarah, who began to treat her abusively. Things got so bad that Hagar fled to the wilderness to escape. An angel of the Lord convinced her to return home, promising that many descendants would come from her son, who would be named Ishmael.

Years later, when Sarah gave birth to Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael discovered that they were expendable. Abraham sent them away and they found themselves in a desert wilderness with nowhere else to go and no one to care for them.

Tragically, a single mother and her son are abandoned by the very people who should have embraced and cared for them. Seeing no way to change their circumstances, they were resigned to the inevitable. That’s when God intervened. He opened their eyes to the resources around them including a well full of water. God did not fundamentally change their circumstances. Instead he took care of them where they were.

God blessed them with survival skills, and equipped them to thrive where most other people would wither. In the process he gave hope to believers throughout the centuries who have experienced the devastation of abandonment.

~ Theresa Capricci

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**Attention 2016 Wedding Jubilarians**

The Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Robert Lynch honoring couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25, 50 or more years of marriage during 2016 will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on **Sunday, March 6th at 3:00pm**. If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office. **Registrations must be received by Tuesday, February 16th.**
You are invited:  
St. Luke Early Childhood Center  
presents  
One Enchanted Evening  

Friday, February 5, 2016  
6:30 - 9:30pm  

Casino Style Games, Music and Dancing,  
Coffee, Appetizers and Dessert Bar, Beer and Sangria  

Spectacular Raffle  
and Silent Auction Items  
50/50 Raffle, Music and Dancing!  

Adults: $20.00  
Please contact the Preschool  
for more information  
at 787-2914  

Our Guest MC  
Denis Phillips, Action News  

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Scholarship opportunities for qualified applicants  

Guardian Angels Catholic School will begin the application process for the 2016-2017 school year soon. Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment in the parish office during regular office hours beginning January 4, 2016.  

After meeting with the parish Pastor, the completed application packet must be returned to Guardian Angels for processing.  

We invite you to come and see your parish school! If you wish to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Cindy Malinski at cmalinski@gacsfl.com.  

All prospective families are invited to attend an Open House at Guardian Angels on Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 8:30-10:00 AM or Wednesday, February 9, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 PM.  

Stop by the school and see why providing a Catholic education at Guardian Angels is the best choice for your child.  

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Suncoast Catholic Ministries  
6th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference  
"Answering the Call" - Saturday, February 6, 2016  

Men...Seize the opportunity  
and bring others along with you!  

Take this day as an opportunity to learn from others and grow in virtue. Stand with other men in the battle to reclaim our families and culture for the glory of God! Don’t miss this opportunity to invigorate your life, raise your spirits and give yourself insights into overcoming today’s pressures. What better way to build friendship than bringing other guys with you to share in this experience!  

The Conference will be held at Higgins Hall St Lawrence Catholic Church, 5221 N. Himes Ave, Tampa on Saturday, March 7th from 6:30am to 3pm. Tickets include lunch and free parking. Cost is $30 with free admission for religious and clergy and a Father/Son discount.  

For tickets or more information contact your parish captain or visit the Conference web site at www.suncoastcatholicministries.com
This Week at St. Luke’s

January 17 – Sunday

Ladies Auxiliary Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales

7:30am  Morning Mass  Church
9:15am  Choir Mass  Church
11:30am  Children’s Mass  Church
1:30pm  Spanish Mass  Church
5:30pm  Evening Mass  Church

January 18 – Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  Parish Office CLOSED

8:00am  Daily Mass  Church
9:15am-12:00pm  ECC – KMO Program  St. Clare Bresee Room

January 19 – Tuesday

Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm

8:00am  Daily Mass  Church
9:15am-12:00pm  ECC – KMO Program  St. Clare Bresee Room
7:00pm-9:00pm  Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg  St. Clare Room1

January 20 – Wednesday

Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm

8:00am  Daily Mass  Church
9:15am-12:00pm  ECC – KMO Program  St. Clare Bresee Room
6:00pm-7:30pm  Adult Choir Practice  Music Room
6:30pm-8:30pm  Knights of Columbus 4th Deg. Mtg  St. Clare Room1
7:00pm-9:00pm  St. Luke Lay Apostles Meeting  St. Francis

January 21 – Thursday

Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm

8:00am  Daily Mass  Church
9:15am-12:00pm  ECC – KMO Program  St. Clare Bresee Room
5:00pm-7:30pm  Ladies Auxiliary Kof C Pasta Dinner  Parish Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm  Alcoholics Anonymous  St. Clare Room1

January 22 – Friday

Parish Office Hours 8:30am-1pm

8:00am  Daily Mass  Church
9:15am-12:00pm  ECC – KMO Program  St. Clare Bresee Room
5:00pm-7:30pm  St. Luke Lay Apostles Meeting  Parish Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm  Vigil Mass  Church

January 23 – Saturday

3:00pm-3:45pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)  Church
4:00pm  Vigil Mass  Church

Our Spanish Ministry has a new email address:
liaison.stluke@gmail.com

Have you had an abortion or know someone who has had an abortion? Help find God’s mercy through Project Rachel (ministry to those who have been impacted by an abortion decision – men, women, grandparents, siblings, friends). Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is Feb. 26-28. Living Well monthly support gatherings 7pm every third Thursday of the month (next one Jan. 21st). Hearts for Mercy 8-week support groups beginning in February throughout the diocese. Go to projectrachel@ccdosp.org or phone 813-924-4173 for details.

‘Round the Diocese

"To the ends of the Earth"

Ministry of Mercy Morning of Reflection & Meal Packing Event

Join us at Pinellas Hope in Clearwater on Saturday, February 6th for a morning of reflection on global hunger, a simple lunch and a hands-on event of packaging meals for Burkina Faso. Speakers from the Diocese and Catholic Relief Services. Great event for older youth and adults. Learn more and register at http://dosp.org/life/ (Upcoming Events) or contact the Office of Life Ministry: 727-344-1611; sab@dosp.org.
Your Parish Support
January 10, 2016

Offertory ...................... $ 10,755.10
Building Fund .............. $ 3,055.60
Outreach ..................... $ 74.00

Total Offertory .......... $ 13,884.70
Thank you for your stewardship!

Prague and Poland Pilgrimage
September 19, 2016

Join Father Paul Pecchie for a 10 Day Pilgrimage of Mercy to Prague and the Shrines of Poland. View the Infant Jesus of Prague, visit Krakow and its Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, the Homes of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolbe, Czestochowa, and Warsaw with the opportunity to go through four Holy Doors, and more for $3346 inclusive from Tampa. Register now for an Early Registration discount. For more info, contact Pilgrimage Coordinator, Margie, at 1-800-644-4659.

Inspirational Youth Bible Quote

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32

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