St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Paul Kochu  
Assisting Priest: Rev. Fr. Matteo Rizzo
Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Dennis Cronk, Rev. Mr. Joe Reid, Rev. Mr. Mike Waldron

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
5:30 PM
1 PM (Spanish)

Confessions:
Saturday
3 PM - 3:45 PM

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

The Rejection at Nazareth

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (Candlemas Day)

This date will mark the end of the Year of the Consecrated Life. Let us pray and show our appreciation and gratitude to the religious men and women whom we know and love.

On this day before the 8 am Mass there will be a blessing of the candles. We can also have a short procession with lighted candles as we approach the Altar for the celebration the Mass. The Mass will take a little more time than other weekdays.

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise.

This day we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of the throats will take place after the 8 am Mass and on Friday after the 11 am Healing Mass.

Ash Wednesday is February 10th

It is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

We will have 3 Masses:
8am, 11:30am and 7pm.

Participating in one of the Masses is a great way to begin the Lent. Please find time during Lent to come for the daily Mass and the Stations of the Cross etc. Confession schedules for Lent will be made known later on.

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Greetings and prayers dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome to the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Last week we began our reflection on the Holy Father’s Year of Mercy Letter in which he outlines how to receive an Indulgence in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Last week we reflected on the faithful who are able to make the pilgrimage to the designated Holy Door of Mercy (which in our diocese is located at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle) and perform the associated prayers and rites while there (outlined last week). In his Letter, Pope Francis addresses those who, for various reasons, it will be impossible to enter a Holy Door of Mercy, for example, the incarcerated and “particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, often confined to home”. He outlines that a Jubilee Indulgence can be also obtained for the deceased. “This Jubilee Year of Mercy excludes no one” he says.

For the sick and elderly, often confined to home, Pope Francis says “For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness. Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.”

For the incarcerated (imprisoned), the Holy Father continues with “My thoughts also turn to those incarcerated, whose freedom is limited. The Jubilee Year has always constituted an opportunity for great amnesty, which is intended to include the many people who, despite deserving punishment, have become conscious of the injustice they worked and sincerely wish to re-enter society and make their honest contribution to it. May they all be touched in a tangible way by the mercy of the Father who wants to be close to those who have the greatest need of his forgiveness. They may obtain the Indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom.”

Obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence for the deceased “…Furthermore, the Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased. We are bound to them by the witness of faith and charity that they have left us. Thus, as we remember them in the Eucharistic celebration, thus we can, in the great mystery of the Communion of Saints, pray for them, that the merciful Face of the Father free them of every remnant of fault and strongly embrace them in the unending beatitude.”

For all, he goes on to say “I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy so as to obtain the grace of complete and exhaustive forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father who excludes no one. The Jubilee Indulgence is thus full, the fruit of the very event which is to be celebrated and experienced with faith, hope and charity.” So, in this Year of Mercy, anyone entering the Holy Door of Mercy and fulfilling the rites outlined by Pope Francis while inside the Cathedral (mentioned last week) - or - by performing corporal or spiritual works of mercy, will receive the Jubilee Indulgence. The Jubilee Year concludes on Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2016. 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, as do many other sites.

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

~ Father Paul
The Feeling of Being Overwhelmed

Moses’ job description from God:
• Negotiate the release of two million Hebrew slaves and lead them across a barren wilderness to invade an occupied nation.
• Prepare people with no military experience for warfare against powerful enemies
• Serve as the Lord’s spokesperson for the Hebrews
• Perform miracles as needed

Since Moses’ experience was as a shepherd and exiled prince, to say that he was overwhelmed by his new responsibilities is an absurd understatement. He asked God to send someone else. To ease his mind, God said he could take along his brother, Aaron, to confront Pharaoh and demand release of the Hebrews.

Aside from Jesus, probably no one in the Bible was asked to do more than Moses. If it weren’t for his strategy to deal with those responsibilities they might have taken a serious toll on his health.

Moses strategy is still applicable today:

1. Delegate responsibilities. Moses tried to be all things to all people. His father-in-law helped him realize there was nothing admirable about trying to do everything himself. So Moses recruited capable people to oversee certain areas so that he could concentrate on the big picture.
2. Lean on people you trust. Moses’ brother, Aaron, and sister, Miriam, became his trusted advisors.
3. Pour out your feelings and frustrations to the Lord. Only God could truly empathize with Moses, so that’s where he turned to vent and get his marching orders.

Theresa Capricci

Scripture Readings for the Week

Today’s Readings: January 24, 2016
3rd 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

Monday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26 - SS. Timothy and Titus
2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,13-17; Ps 51:3-7,10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday’s Readings:
January 31, 2016 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

First Reading – God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm – I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading – Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13).

Gospel – When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarene synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).
Our Spanish Ministry has a new email address: liaison.stluke@gmail.com

St. Luke has been a growing Parish for the past 30 years. Help us create a beautiful memory by having your photo taken. The final dates to sign up to get your family in the Parish Photo Album are below. Every family that signs up will receive one free 8x10 photo. Please take the time to register online at stlukealderman.org or by calling the office at 727-789-6348, and we can schedule your session for you. Thank you for being part of St. Luke Family.

Final Dates:

- Tue. Feb. 16, 1-8pm
- Wed. Feb. 17, 9am-4pm
- Thu. Feb. 18, 9am-4pm
- Fri. Feb. 19, 1-8pm
- Sat. Feb. 20, 9am-3pm.

Amber Moore
Church Office Assistant
St. Luke Catholic Church

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:

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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.

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 Tuesday, 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.
**This Week at St. Luke’s**

### January 24 – Sunday
- **7:30am** Morning Mass  
  Church
- **9:15am** Choir Mass  
  Church
- **10:20am-11:20am** School of Faith – Faith Formation Classes  
  MB
- **10:20am-11:20am** School of Faith – Confirmation Class  
  AR
- **11:30am** Children’s Mass  
  Church
- **1:30pm** Spanish Mass  
  Church
- **5:30pm** Evening Mass  
  Church

### January 25 – Monday
- **Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm**

### January 26 – Tuesday
- **Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm**

### January 27 – Wednesday
- **Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm**

### January 28 – Thursday
- **Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm**

### January 29 – Friday
- **Parish Office Hours 8:30am-4pm**

### January 30 – Saturday
- **3:00pm-3:45pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)  
  Church
- **4:00pm** Vigil Mass  
  Church

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 23**
- **4:00 pm** Dennis & Helen Antioco  
  (Living) 50th Wedding Anniversary  
  † Rosemary Kelly

**Sunday, January 24**
- **7:30 am** St. Luke Parish Family  
  † Ann Milosovic
- **9:15 am** † Lenny Churchill  
  † Richard Hammerer
- **11:30 am** † Louise Rush
- **1:30 pm** † Gustavo Adolfo Paz
- **5:30 pm** † Gilde Testa

**Monday, January 25**
- **8:00 am** † Edward Murphy

**Tuesday, January 26**
- **8:00 am** † Ella Mae Hess

**Wednesday, January 27**
- **8:00 am** † John Lupinsky & Chris Lupinsky  
  † Irma Crotty

**Thursday, January 28**
- **8:00 am** † Robert Crotty

**Friday, January 29**
- **8:00 am** † Julie Smith  
  † Liliana Goodwin

**Saturday, January 30**
- **4:00 pm** Sr. Vigy – Birthday (Living)  
  † Barbara McMahon

**Sunday, January 31**
- **7:30 am** St. Luke Parish Family  
  † Ann Milosovic
- **9:15 am** Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
- **11:30 am** † Rocco Nicoletti
- **1:30 pm** † Sofia & Jose Segura
- **5:30 pm** † Brian Cisek  
  † Luise Lusardi

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### '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/](http://dosp.org/life/) (Upcoming Events) or contact the Office of Life Ministry: 727-344-1611; sab@dosp.org.

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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. Hearts for Mercy 8-week support groups beginning in February throughout the diocese. Phone 813-924-4173 or go to projectrachel@ccdosp.org.
Your Parish Support
January 17, 2016

Offertory .................. $ 9,534.10
Outreach .................. $ 571.00

Total Offertory .......... $ 10,105.10

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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