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# Saint Luke's

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January 09, 2022

Feast of  
the Baptism  
of the Lord

Confessions  
Saturdays from 1:00-2:00

## MISSION STATEMENT

To reach out in love  
to all God's people  
by living the healing  
ministry of Jesus Christ  
and St. Luke as a caring  
faith community fed  
by the Eucharist and  
led by the Holy Spirit.

AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN:  
"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 1:11



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## Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
Daily M-F	9:00 am

## St. Luke's Is Served By...

Rev. James M. Manos ----- Pastor  
John McKeon ----- Deacon  
Rev. Eugene Gniewyk ----- In Residence  
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Sr. Lois Jablonski, S.S.J. ----- Pastoral Associate  
Sr. Eileen Ivory, O.P. ----- Pastoral Associate  
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Christine Ferreri --- Director of Religious Education  
Paul Petersen ----- Pastoral Associate

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Courtney Calacione ----- Cemetery Administrator  
Patrick Logue ----- Safety Manager  
Peter Mastandrea ----- Parish Trustee  
Maureen Menakis ----- Parish Trustee  
Ed Hayes ----- Pastoral Council President  
Glenn Schuck ----- Finance Council Chair

*Mass Intentions  
For  
the Week of January 9*

**2022**  
*happy new year*

**Saturday, January 8**

**5:00 pm** Leonard Ampe  
Mary & Thomas Clarke  
Barry Steven Himmelhoch

**Sunday, January 9**

*Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

**8:00 am** Patricia Callas Ladd  
**10:00 am** Faust Tassan  
**12:00 pm** Elaine Pagano

**Monday, January 10**

**9:00 am** Paul Conway

**Tuesday, January 11**

**9:00 am** Emily O'Connor

**Wednesday, January 12**

**9:00 am** Richard Saporito

**Thursday, January 13**

**9:00 am** Barbara Mitchell

**Friday, January 14**

**9:00 am** Kathy D'Amico

**Saturday, January 15**

**5:00 pm** Charles & Teresa Campbell  
Jean Rydh  
House & Clarke Families

**Sunday, January 16**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 am** Patricia Ladd  
**10:00 am** Anthony & Patricia Capelli  
**12:00 pm** Dolly & Frank Hamill

God bless you and your loved ones as you head into the new year. Have a blessed and bountiful 2022!



We remember those who are ill, and those who are in need of prayer especially Elisabetta

DeCesare, Nancy Arcieri, Pat Manente, Fr James Whelan, Bob Thoelen, Cindy Joy, Marian Campanelli, Msgr Robert Slipe, Tim O'Hare, Adam DeAngelis, Cole McKeon, Curtis Daniels, Charles Lavin, healthcare workers, funeral home personnel, first responders, and all those who have recently died especially Edward Sandve, Rosalie Mirti, Timothy Sugrue, Nellie Roche, Joseph Colavita & Edward Castner.

The January Lucan Meeting scheduled for January 13 has been cancelled. Hope to see you in February. Stay well!



Due to shipping delays, we will start our Oremus program via Zoom on Thursday, January 20 thru March 17 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Cost is \$25. Register by calling the church office or contact Deacon John at 444.0272 ext 13 for further information.

**Can you predict the events of 2022 with accuracy?**

Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring... unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our donation bins. We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Thank you.



## Invitation to Synod 2021-2023



At the invitation of Pope Francis we have all been called to participation in a churchwide synod. A synod is a gathering, traditionally of bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the same direction. The word synod itself comes from Greek meaning "the same way" or the "same path." Synods were common in the first few centuries of Christianity providing bishops with the opportunity to meet and discuss issues of importance for the life of the Church. Most recently universal gatherings of bishops, experts and delegates have taken place every two or three years and have focused on various topics.

This synod is different from those which have gone before. Spread over a period of two years, this synodal process is for the entire People of God. It is a synod that aims on giving the entire Church a lived experience of synodality. Fundamentally, this is about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God.

Concretely, being "synodal" is a way of working together that takes a more grassroots, collaborative approach. It highlights the fact that we all have something vital to contribute to the Body of Christ. Simply put, a "synodal Church" is a Church that listens.

Through this synod, the Church is saying: the voice of **EVERYONE** matters...not only bishops, priests, deacons, sisters or brothers but **ALL OF US!**

In the weeks ahead, there will be opportunities to listen to one another on the parish level and to share the results of that listening as a diocese and ultimately as part of the universal Church.

The path to a Church that listens and walks together starts with you and me! If you would like to be part of a committee to help all of us at St Luke to walk forward together contact Sister Eileen at the Parish Office or by email at [eivory@caldwellop.org](mailto:eivory@caldwellop.org).



**With gratitude for their service,  
let us keep those who serve in our military in our prayers including**



Eric Rydh, US Navy  
Nicholas Oravetz, US Navy  
Capt William Mulkeen, US Army  
Major Sean Fox, USAF  
Capt David Gatti, US Army  
Lance Cpl Patrick Gordon, USMC  
Major Frank Toomey, US Army  
Arnauld Tarbangdo, US Marines  
Nicole Cunneely, US Navy

James Ryan, US Navy  
1st Lt Christopher Forst, USAF  
Colin Lynch, US Navy  
Staff Sgt Brandon Ritter, USAF  
Capt Conrad Polys, US Marines  
MSG James Leonard, NJ Natl Guard  
Capt Brendan Cahill, US Army  
SPC Logan Costello, US Army





Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2022

St. Luke Church

## One Minute Meditations

### Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.



### Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



## Who needs Jesus?

Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

**Truth.** The truth is in Christ, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

**Life.** The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father,

but by me" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

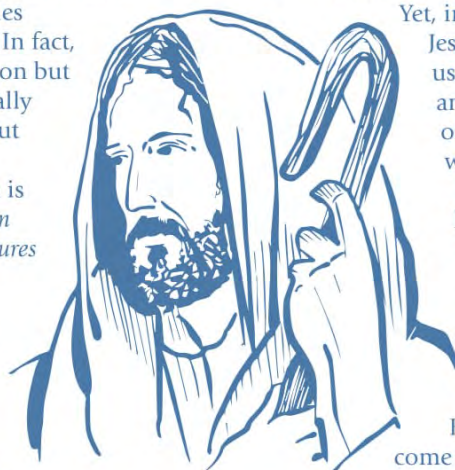
**Death.** None of us escapes death.

Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

**Sin.** Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He "gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept

His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

**Suffering.** Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



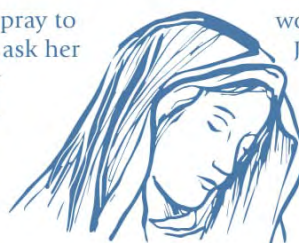
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer.

While we don't

worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.





## Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, **St. Teresa of Avila**. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

**Become aware of God's presence.** It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

**Bring a good book.** St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture,



Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

**Be honest.** It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "*Do whatever he tells you*" (John 2:5).

### from Scripture

#### Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to

cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst.

God's will can surprise us. For

example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include

Gentiles, who were

considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.



### Feasts & Celebrations

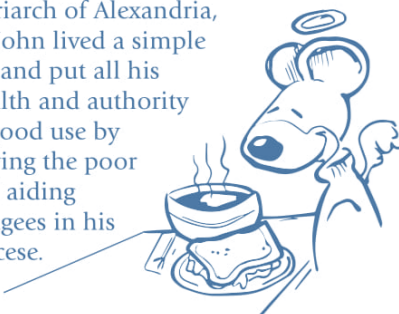
**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

**Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*" (Matthew 3:17).

**Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340).** St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

**Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616).** Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



### Q & A

#### Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "*Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

**Daily prayer.** God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

**Weekly Mass.** The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "*For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him*" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

**Monthly Confession.** Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.



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*Saint Luke Church*  
*Christmas Pageant*  
*Saturday, December 18, 2021*

THE CCD CAST OF THE SAINT LUKE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WISHES ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS! WE PRAY THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES BRIGHTLY WITHIN THE HEARTS OF ALL FAMILIES, NOW AND ALWAYS! "FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD." LUKE 1:37

**CAST**

Narrator	Jonathan Menichino
St. Luke	Sebastian Aparicio
St. Matthew	Dylan Ferrara
Zechariah	Anthony Calacione
Angel Gabriel	Ava Schuck
Mary	Sophia Riccobono
Elizabeth	Kailyn Rejent

**Nativity Players**

Mary	Harper Alter
Joseph	Brady Doyle
Angels	Valerie Calacione
	Vanessa Haake
	Brianne Truhn
	Chloe Truhn
Shepherds	Benjamín Riccobono
	Desi Rodriguez
	Elise Rodriguez
Three Kings	Christopher Kanawati
	Matthew Rejent
	Thad Truhn