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# Saint Luke's

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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday  
of Advent

Confessions  
Saturdays from 1:00-2:00 pm

## 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.



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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  
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Christine Ferreri --- Director of Religious Education  
Paul Petersen ----- Pastoral Associate



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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 December 5*

**Saturday, December 4**

**5:00 pm** Katherine Karpovich  
Pietrina Magurno  
Jose (Chema) Maldonado  
Clarita Velasco  
Molly Pearson  
Richard Saporito  
Tony Sementilli  
Colin McCann  
Anna Marie Eilenberger

**Sunday, December 5**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**8:00 am** Jenny Clancy  
**10:00 am** Carmelanne Dilkes  
**12:00 pm** Theresa & Eugene DellaSala

**Monday, December 6**

**9:00 am** Barbara Allen

**Tuesday, December 7**

**9:00 am** Margaret Elwood

**Wednesday, December 8**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

**9:00 am** Girolomo & Massimina  
Antonelli

**Thursday, December 9**

**9:00 am** Richard Saporito

**Friday, December 10**

**9:00 am** Margaret "Peggy" Elwood

**Saturday, December 11**

**5:00 pm** Katherine Karpovich  
Margaret Chakonis  
The Velasco Family  
Alfredo & Elvira Gagliano  
Ettore & Pietrina Magurno  
Molly Pearson

**Sunday, December 12**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

**8:00 am** Mary Hayes  
**10:00 am** Susan E Miller  
**12:00 pm** Courtney & Gerneglia Families



We remember those who are ill, and those who are in need of prayer especially Joseph Colavita, Pat Manente, Fr James Whelan, Bob Thoelen, Elisabetta DeCesare, 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 Carmelina Biele and James Scott.

This week's  
Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
John Librie



**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 IT3  
1st Lt Christopher Forst, USAF  
Colin Lynch, US Navy  
Staff Sgt Brandon Ritter, USAF  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Conrad Polys, US Marines  
MSG James Leonard, NJ Natl Guard  
Capt Brendan Cahill, US Army



**Stewardship of Treasure**



The collection amount for the weekends of November 20/21 & November 27/28 amounted to \$7,076 and \$9,716. We are so grateful for your kindness, stewardship and generosity.



**Mass and Anointing**  
**Saturday, December 11, 11:00 AM**  
**All are welcome**

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' love and compassion. He reaches out time and again to bring healing and peace to those who suffer. Each of us at some time knows physical, emotional or spiritual pain.

Saint Luke's invites you to join together to be touched by Jesus' love and compassion in the Sacrament of Anointing. All are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by Fr James.



**Advent Reflection**

To help us prepare for Our Lord's birth, we will offer Exposition and a short reflection each Sunday of Advent at 3 pm in Church. The reflection will be by Fr Mark Toups and taken from his video: ***REJOICE! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story.***

Please join us! During this very hectic season, what better way to unite ourselves to Jesus than by spending some time in His presence.

**Christmas Outreach**  
**St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, Florida**



Many have asked about our Christmas outreach for St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, Florida. We are again asking for donations of gift cards to be sent to the people of St Philip Benizi parish. Most helpful would be cards, in any denomination and quantity, for any of the following merchants: Walmart, Walgreen's, CVS, Target, Kohl's, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Home Depot, Staples, McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, or Visa gift cards. Please drop your cards in the collection basket so we can deliver them before Christmas. Your generosity is truly a blessing.





# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

December 2021

**St. Luke Church**

## One Minute Meditations

### The gift of Advent

The season of Advent began on November 28 and continues until

Christmas Eve.

The Church offers us this time as a gift to slow down, quiet down, and reflect on God's love for us. Consider setting aside quiet time each day to be with Him.



### Celebrate birth

December is the month in which we celebrate the birth of the infant King. This has become a time to reaffirm our respect for life from conception to natural death. We pray that all babies are given the gift of life.

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

(Our Lady to St. Juan Diego, December 9, 1531)



## Make this Christmas your own

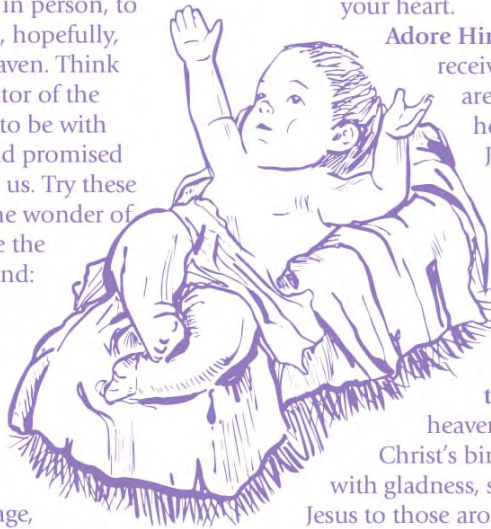
Each year at Christmas, we celebrate an amazing truth. God came to Earth, in person, to be with us and, hopefully, bring us to Heaven. Think of it – the Creator of the universe came to be with you and me and promised to remain with us. Try these ways to keep the wonder of Christmas alive the whole year round:

**Receive Him with Mary's open heart.** When the angel Gabriel delivered God's stunning message, Mary accepted God's will completely. She kept her heart open to His will throughout her life. We can imitate her by letting nothing come between us and God. Go to

Confession regularly. Pray daily. Attend Mass at least weekly. Receive Jesus in your heart.

**Adore Him like the Magi.** After receiving Communion, you are literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. Thank Him, praise Him, or just rest in Him. Give Him the gift of your full attention. Receive the graces of His love.

**Proclaim Him like the Angels.** Just as the heavenly host announced Christ's birth to the shepherds with gladness, so we are to proclaim Jesus to those around us. We do this when we join in worship at Mass each Sunday, and give Him credit for our blessings and gifts. His presence in our hearts becomes evident when we live with love and Christmas joy.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe Jesus really came?

That Jesus lived in first century Israel is well documented by both Christian sources and non-Christian sources. The Old Testament, which was known to Jews many years before Christ's birth, predicted the coming of the Messiah.



Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection fulfilled those prophecies. The Gospels name eyewitnesses as sources for the miracles Jesus worked. Another compelling argument for Jesus' reality, however, is the witness of the martyrs through the centuries, who remained faithful to Christ even to death.



## Develop an Advent frame of mind

The holiday season can seem more like a test of endurance than preparation for a celebration. In the midst of the seasonal stress, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. It may help to remember that the real reason for the season is the celebration of unimaginable Love.

**Try to see with a Father's eye.** Our Heavenly Father delights in our creation and loves us for exactly who we are. During Advent, try to see yourself through His eyes. Not the flawed human visible to



humanity, but the spectacular product of God's divine love and the reflection of His glory.

**Prepare your gift.** Make your gift to Jesus an open heart, ready to receive the love He has for you. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

Anticipating an eternity of unimaginable love is absolutely the right Advent frame of mind.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 2:41-52, Finding in the Temple

The Feast of the Holy Family (December 26) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple, a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that His parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was



questioning the priests and amazing them with his understanding. However, Mary asked how He could have caused

His parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Though they were puzzled by His answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He

remained there in obedience to His parents until it was time for his public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in authority over us.

### Q & A

#### Do we have to return to Mass in person?

When we love someone, we don't want to just call or send an email. We want to be together in person, growing in love and friendship. Then, too, when we love Jesus, we want to be with Him



in body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. "It is a substantial presence by which Christ...makes

himself wholly and entirely present" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374).

The Eucharist is a gift we can only fully receive in person. It is spiritual food for the journey. In it we receive not just graces, but Jesus, Himself. Nowhere else on Earth and in no other way can we be so closely united to Him who loves us most.

It is possible – and required – to attend Mass in person unless there is a grave reason to stay away. Still, let nothing keep you from Jesus in the Eucharist. Go to Confession regularly and never miss Mass. Do whatever you can to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**December 2 – St. Bibiana (363).** Virgin and martyr, St. Bibiana was the daughter of a Roman official who converted to Christianity and was martyred for his faith. Bibiana was tortured and executed for her Christianity, as well.

**December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way

to celebrate.

**December 12 – Gaudete Sunday.** This Sunday marks the halfway point of Advent. We light the rose candle in the Advent wreath for joy. During the last two weeks of Advent, the Church prepares to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

**December 29 – St. Thomas Becket (1170).** As Archbishop of Canterbury, King Henry II tried to pressure him and the other bishops into agreeing to unjust laws, but St. Thomas refused to sign his approval for them. He was eventually martyred for his faith.



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## SAINT LUKE CHURCH CCD




I am Blessed and Thankful for...

The Children of the Fall Session of CCD write what they are Blessed and Thankful for as we approached Thanksgiving. Their responses include, family, friends, shelter, teachers, food, pets, God and Jesus saving me and my family, Church, the Earth, and life.







# O r e m u s

## A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

### Reinvigorate Your Prayer Life

An Inspiring Eight-Part Study Featuring Fr. Mark Touns



### Dates, Times, Location

St. Luke Church offers this wonderful experience of Prayer called OREMUS  
(in Latin, it is translated "Let us Pray".)

Beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Every Thursday evening thru March 3,

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—Nancy D.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*  
*Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ*

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 5, 2021**

**“I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus... My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may have to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ.”**

Paul's words of encouragement can be considered the best wish for any Christmas card. It is easy to presume one's well wishes, but he tells us this is his prayer, yes, even his prayer for us at this moment.

May we take just a moment to consider 'what really matters' and address ourselves as we live this second week of advent.

What in my opinion really matters? Politicians make their pitch. Educators define certain goals. Business executives look at bottom lines and profit. How few reflect on the state of their souls, their relationship with God and what He expects of them.

I am sure that the last mentioned is what really matters. Don't you agree?



## Going Through A Difficult Time, Don't Suffer Alone . . .



We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others - and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're grieving or sad or struggling with a difficult situation in life, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Here at St Luke's we have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time while maintaining confidentiality. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by emailing [admin@churchofstluke.org](mailto:admin@churchofstluke.org).

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Sunday

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

### Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

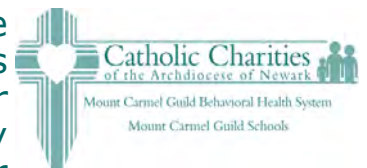
### Saturday

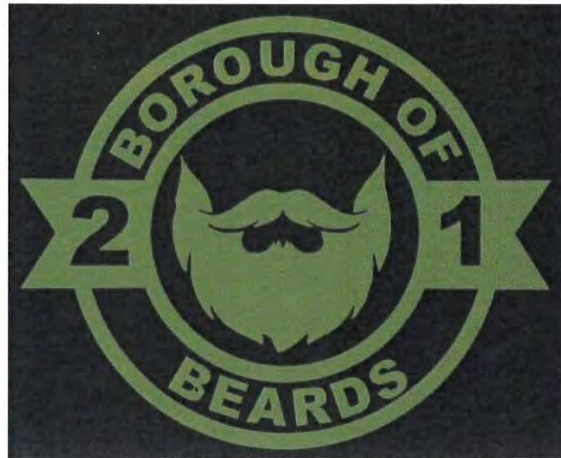
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## A Divine Child's birth gives hope – will you?

The birth of the infant Jesus represents hope for all humanity. Many people due to their impoverished conditions have difficulty finding hope in this joyous season.

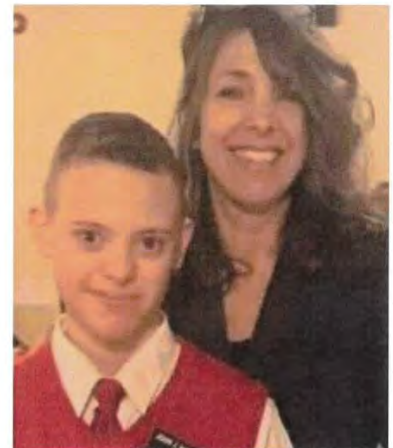
Please help Catholic Charities be a beacon of hope by giving items to our donation bins. We accept the following: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books are accepted. Thank you.





### **Benefitting the Bastante - Howard Family !**

Joanne Bastante-Howard is a single mother of a special needs 13 year old boy. Her son, diagnosed with Down Syndrome, is a student at ECLC School in Ho-Ho-Kus. Joanne is currently suffering from Breast Cancer, and is receiving treatment.



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