



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



Welcome to St. Luke

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Tues.	8:00 AM

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Please arrange with the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 PM
and by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Saturday wedding schedule: 1:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call to arrange

Devotions

Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesday.....6:30 PM

Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tues. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
After hours for emergencies requiring a Priest
(262) 782-0032 ext.102

Membership

People new to the area are invited to register at St. Luke by contacting the Parish Office or stopping at the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

We welcome you to journey with us in faith!

When we stopped celebrating public Masses, we had intentions allocated for many of the days of the year. While the Sunday Masses 'for the people' were fulfilled with our "virtual Mass", a significant backlog exists. In order to catch up, we are not accepting new intentions at this time. Once existing intentions are fulfilled, we will advise all of this fact. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00	PM	†	Joe Huber and Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria
8:00	AM	†	Bob & Julie Jaworski
10:30	AM	†	Chad Misko

Monday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

No Morning Mass

Tuesday December 15

Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

8:00 AM † Patricia Piette

Wednesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

No Morning Mass

Friday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

No Morning Mass

Saturday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Eucharists for the Lord's Day

5:00	PM	†	Jerry Morawski
8:00	AM	†	Marie & Robert Guidinger
10:30	AM	†	Lou Celebre / Parishioners of St. Luke & St. Pius X, Nigeria

Guests? Possible New Members? Have you been worshipping with us and thinking about joining us? 'Sign-up' as members of St. Luke at the 'NEW MEMBERS TABLE' after Mass. WELCOME! JOIN US!

This Week at St. Luke

- Sun., December 13** Faith Formation Classes
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Mon., December 15**..... Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Church
- Mon., December 15**..... St. Vincent de Paul Society
7:00 PM Activity Center
- Tues., December 15**..... Perpetual Help Devotions
6:30 PM Chapel
- Tues., December 15**..... Luke's Literary Ladies
7:00 PM Narthex Meeting Room
- Thurs., December 17**..... Evening of Recollection
7:00 PM (sponsored by Opus Dei) ... Chapel/Church/NMR
- Sat., December 19** 1st Reconciliation Preparation
9:00 AM..... Room 204
- Sun., December 20** Faith Formation Classes
9:15 - 10:15 AM Classrooms
- Sun., December 20** Grocery Collections

Bulletin Deadlines

Please note due to our publisher's holiday printing schedule, bulletins articles for the next three Sundays are due in the parish office 10 days prior to the publication date. Thank you!



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have what they need can share in the blessings of Christmas.

2020 Contribution Reminder

In order to be included in your 2020 Contribution Statement, all donations to St. Luke must be received in the Parish Office by December 31, 2020. Thank you.

2020 / 2021 Stewardship

November received:	
November budgeted	\$37,390.00
November Envelopes / Offertory	\$33,333.00
Monthly over / short	-\$4,057.00
Year To Date Budgeted	\$183,618.00
Year To Date Received	\$153,005.00
Year To Date over / short	-\$30,613.00

"What return shall we make to the Lord
for all God's goodness to us?"

Our Stewardship of time, talent and financial treasure is essential to our Gospel Mission as Saint Luke Parish!
Thanks to all who are faithfully contributing!

Justice Corner



Give Celebrating Christmas

Isaiah reminds us that justice is vital to God. Our world is filled with twisted priorities that lead to greed, sickness, imprisonment, poverty, and countless injustices.

John the Baptist reminds us to "Make straight the way of the Lord." God calls you and me to work together to build a just society with life and dignity for all the children of earth.

Christmas makes no sense if we do not connect it with people who are poor or in need in our world. God asks us to sacrifice our selfish desires so we can give more to people who lack the basic necessities for daily living.

Ask your loved ones to make a donation in your honor to help people who are struggling. Treasure the satisfaction of knowing that your decision will bring someone happiness.

In Southeastern Wisconsin thousands of people will rely on Catholic Charities to bring joy this Christmas. You can make a difference by donating at www.ccmke.org

Please remember in prayer **Monica Drinan**, who has died. Monica is the mother of Gary (Maxine) Drinan, of St. Luke .



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

R./And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R./ Amen.

Luke's Literary Ladies



Luke's Literary Ladies will meet on Tuesday December 15th. The book selected is: *Dashing Through the Snow* by Mary Higgins Clark. We will meet with masks on and sit socially distant in the Narthex Meeting room at 7:00pm. Please join us if you feel healthy and safe.

Human Concerns Grocery Collection

At all Masses for Sunday, December 20th, we will be collecting needed groceries for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach Program, the Mini Vinnies and the Waukesha Food Pantry. The collection is a week early this month so our donations are available to our neighbors in need before Christmas.



Please drop off your donation in the Narthex. We will leave tables outside of the Narthex between 9:30 and 10:15 AM for those not comfortable entering the building. You may drop monetary donations in the Poor Box.

We are especially grateful to all of our St. Luke parishioners and friends for your ongoing support and kindness. Thank you and may you have a blessed Advent/Christmas season.

December—Intergenerational / Whole Parish Catechesis

Our Intergenerational / Whole Parish Catechesis session is today, Sunday, December 13. The topic of the session is **Justice**. We are blessed to have a parishioner and student of Social Justice, **Edmund Nuñez** be our guest speaker. You will be able to find this recorded session on the Christian Faith Formation tab of the St. Luke Webpage. If you have any additional questions, please contact Cathy Smith.

“O” Antiphons

Yes, you read the title right. That’s “O” the letter of the alphabet that most reminds us of breakfast cereal, tires, doughnuts, hula-hoops, no-hitters, and Advent.

In many parishes, “O” is the first word said in the new Church year. Actually, we sing it in Advent’s most popular song, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” It announces the season that anticipates the coming of Christ at Christmas.

This hymn, which tells us Advent is starting, used to announce that Advent was ending.

The last eight days of Advent form a little “season” all by themselves. As the Church prepares for the birthday of Christ, the liturgy gets more intense. At daily Mass, the Gospels relate the events leading up to the first Christmas. At Evening Prayer, we have a special series of antiphons that beckon the Messiah to come. Each night gives him a new name, drawn from the Old Testament. “O Wisdom,” “O Sacred Lord,” “O Flower of Jesse’s Stem,” “O Key of David,” “O Radiant Dawn,” “O King of All Nations,” and the greatest of them all, “O Emmanuel,” a name that means “God is with us.”

For reasons that will be immediately obvious, we call that group of refrains the *O Antiphons*, a hallmark of Advent, and a collection of music our church has treasured for many generations. The Mass now includes a version of them as the alleluia verses for the same eight days before Christmas.

By the Middle Ages, those seven antiphons got strung together into a popular hymn. The last one became verse one, and “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” was born. Thus, the antiphon originally established for the last evening before Christmas Eve is now often sung to begin Advent.

That “O,” of course, simply tells us that we’re talking to someone. It’s like saying, “Hey, you.” Only more politely. But “O” reminds us of much more. It makes us think of something having no beginning and no end. Like love or an Advent wreath. It resembles the shape of our mouth and the sound we make when we face a mystery we cannot fully comprehend.

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Prepare the (digital) way of the Lord during the rest of Advent season

By John Grosso | Catholic News Service

As we approach the halfway point of Advent, we are likely busy with our preparations for a Christmas that will look different this year.

How do we manage all of that? How can we be the voice crying out in the wilderness when we can’t even leave our homes? Put simply: What can we do to prepare this Advent?

The answer: We take to the (digital) streets.

I could easily list the many ways you can enter into this season online: You could participate in a digital rosary, attend a prayer group on Zoom or sign up for Eucharistic adoration in one of the late night hours when no one is there.

You can make your crèche the centerpiece of your Christmas decorations instead of your tree, you might even try a “reverse Advent calendar” for Catholic Charities. You can do all these things — and they would be fulfilling and an important way to prepare for Christmas.

But when looking at the readings for this Second Week of Advent, one can’t help but be struck by the exhortation to go and prepare the way of the Lord.

I can think of no place that needs that more than social media.

We start by changing the way we react and talk to one another on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and beyond. Remember the person on the other end of that comment is in fact, a person, with a family, with dreams, with fears.

Assume good intentions instead of acting on the impulse to attack. The best way we can prepare for Christ’s coming is by making the only space we can gather in as safe and loving as possible. We must start there, because people are watching.

Catholics can and should be the model for welcoming behavior on social media, but right now, we aren’t. Instead, the secular world looks at how we treat each other online and snickers at our alleged hypocrisy. We can do better, and there is no time like this Advent to try.

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Dear People of St. Luke and Guests—Advent People—ALL!

Well, with this Third Sunday of Advent, we are well on our way through the somewhat ‘messy, untidy yet beautiful season of Advent.

In many different ways we have been; are today and will be tomorrow, encouraged to **Be awake! Be Alert! Be Watchful**; willing to live as children of light/people of the day and use our gifts as we prepare for Christ’s coming.

Something that has been glaringly absent from our Celebrations of Eucharist during these COVID-19 times and our Advent journey has been the wealth of hymns texts. Certainly the Scriptures are paramount as to message but hymn texts, based on Scripture and inspired by the poet’s imagination also open our minds and hearts to the reality of God’s love and how we, through Baptismal living, reveal God’s love and make a difference in our world. I know Shawn Rochon, our Director of Music and Liturgy, feels the same way. We have talked about not only ‘COVID-19 Fatigue,’ ‘skin malnutrition’ from gloves and air hugs, but also ‘hymn text and vocal music deprivation’ due to COVID-19 gathering safety protocols.

Due to COVID-19 we are only singing the refrain of “Christ, circle ‘round us.” Shawn recommends taking the worship aid home to reflect on and pray over the Scripturally inspired ‘O Antiphons.’ (*O Wisdom, O Sacred Lord, O Flower of Jesse’s Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of Nations, O Emmanuel*). Certainly I miss the Advent favorite “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” Again the verses are based on the ‘O Antiphons.’ Then there are “On Jordan’s Bank,” and “Come, O Long Expected Jesus,” “Lo, How A Rose” and others. I find myself singing in my heart, hymn texts as Shawn plays the hymn tunes and variations on the piano and organ, or when the Handbell Choir rings out familiar melodies.

Since for many reasons (hand sanitizing; mask manipulation; reducing airborne aerosol, etc.) we are not singing the Communion Processional and I really miss “God of Our Journeys.”

With our Advent Wreath—a symbol of Eternity—an ever growing brightness as candles are lighted each Sunday of Advent, we as Advent People reflect in our hearts and pray that our Journeying God may lead us and guide us. I offer the full text of “God of Our Journeys” by Marty Haugen for our prayerful reflection and ‘domestic church’ home prayer.

God of Our Journeys

God of our jour-neys, day-break to night; Lead us to jus-tice and light. Grant us com - pas-sion,
strength for the day, wis-dom to walk in your way.

Verses

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love, make us your people of goodness and light
2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love, open our hearts to the glory of God.
3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the wounded walk,
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.
4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind, “Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gentle” and “Kind.”
5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.
6. Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

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As we continue our Advent Journey with our interesting and challenging mix of scripture readings assigned for this season and our crazy life pace, complicated this year even more than other years due to COVID-19 restrictions, I offer a reflection entitled: **“Pointing to the Star”** by S. Joan Chittister, OSB and Thomas Nelson.

Advent is the season of waiting. Its function is to remind us what we’re waiting for as we go through life too busy with things that do not matter to remember the things that do. When year after year we hear the same scriptures and the same hymns of longing for the life to come, of which this is only its shadow, it becomes impossible to forget the refrains of the soul.

Advent relieves us of our commitment to the frenetic in a fast-paced world. It slows us down. It makes us think. It makes us look beyond today to the “great tomorrow” of life. Without Advent, moved only by the race to nowhere that exhausts the world around us, we could be so frantic with trying to consume and control this life that we fail to develop within ourselves a taste for the spirit that does not die and will not slip through our fingers like melted snow.

It is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God, Advent after Advent, that we come to realize that its coming depends on us. What we do will either hasten or slow, sharpen or dim our own commitment to do our part to bring it.

Advent stands before us, within us, pointing to the star for which the wise ones from the East are only icons of ourselves. We all want something more. Advent asks the question, what is it for which you are spending your life? What is the star you are following now? And where is that star in its present radiance in your life leading you? Is it a place that is really comprehensive enough to equal the breadth of the human soul?

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A Blessed Advent, Fr. Augustine

Holy Mary Society

Ladies of the parish--it just doesn't seem like December! We hope you are well and safe as we navigate these uncertain and different times.

We are not going to try to have a "stop in and say hello" time between masses next week. What we will all continue to do is keep each other in our prayers during this Advent season. Once again this year we have purchased the Matthew Kelly books for the parish. This year there are two selections. Please be sure to get yours! They will be available at the Christmas Masses and anytime after that. If you cannot come to the church to pick them up, please call & let us know. We will find a way to get them to you! We wish everyone a healthy and blessed Christmas season.

Naming God: Atlas or Advent?

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Some years ago, when I was the pastor of a large city parish, I was having dinner with some parishioners. At one point, one of the family members said that when it comes down to it, all religions are the same. "They all share the same purpose and goal: to help people come to God," he said. "Yes," I responded, "there may be some truth to that, but Christianity actually turns that around, because at the core of our belief is not so much that we come to God, but that God comes to us."

And so, it is no wonder that Christians begin the new year of our worship cycle with a season called Advent, celebrating the coming of God. In fact, the oldest title for Jesus in the church's liturgy is "The Coming One" or "He Who Is to Come." Jesus reveals God as the one who takes the initiative, who breaks through the barrier between time and eternity, the divine and created world. This is the linchpin that holds together the entire Christian faith.

We need Advent to remind us why we do what we do as Christians. The Eucharist is not a celebration of what we do for God, but what God is doing for us, coming again into our lives as the people of God, nourishing us to take up the journey of discipleship together with fresh energy and commitment.

Our outreach to those in need is prompted not by sympathy or guilt, but by the desire to meet the God who has decided to be fully present to human life with all of its limitations. We are moved to be close to those who suffer by a desire to testify to Emmanuel, God-with-us. And we carry on in the face of daunting challenges, setbacks and hardships, not out of stubborn resolve to avoid defeat, but the resolve that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death itself.

Advent reminds us who we are and why we do what we do. It upends the myth that we are on our own when it comes to being safe and saved, that everything depends on us.

I am reminded this time of the year of a how this contrasting view of life is on full display in Midtown Manhattan. Towering over the plaza at Rockefeller Center is the 45-foot, six-and-a half-ton bronze statue of Atlas. He carries the world on his shoulders under great strain. While his legs buckle, he manages to hold the globe aloft, thus celebrating the indomitable spirit of human industry and mastery — as the savior of humanity.

Yet, just across the street in St. Patrick's Cathedral is another statue featuring another who is holding and saving the world. It is the Christ child, cradled in his mother's arms. He effortlessly and serenely clasps the world's sphere in his tiny hand.

The contrast between these two competing views of human life and salvation could not be starker. The question is, what inspires us and what shapes our lives? Is it the image of humanity saving itself by organizing life around the pursuit of human productivity and material success? Or do we stand in wonder and awe, ever watchful and attentive to how, time and again, God comes to save us all, a God, as the spiritual reminds us, who has the whole world in his hands?

Which one of these two scenes inspires us, gives us hope, and which one do we believe in? Or to put it another way, what name do we give to God — Atlas or Advent?

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Christmas Memorials 2020

St. Luke would appreciate your donations to help in purchasing Christmas decorations. Sadly, we are unable to have instrumentalists this year because of the pandemic. Please fill out the form below. This is a special way to remember a loved one or a special event. Your memorials will be published in the parish bulletin at the conclusion of the Christmas Season.

Please return this form, along with your donation, in an envelope marked "Christmas Memorials".

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