

St. Luke the
Evangelist
Catholic Church

LOVE GOD | LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR | MAKE DISCIPLES
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

2757 Alderman Rd Palm Harbor, FL 34684 Ph: 727-786-3648
Fax: 727-789-9556 Email: officeMgr@stlukealderman.org

Website: stlukealderman.org

Christmas Eve
Thur Dec 24th

4:00pm

6:00pm



Fri 25th

8:00am

10:00am

12 noon

Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord



COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel* *Vivir VALIENTEMENTE el Evangelio*

12-20-20 4th Sunday Advent **Have the Faith and Trust to Follow in God's Will**

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" – Luke 1:38

This weekend, the Church celebrates the 4th and final Sunday of Advent. This Sunday's Gospel passage from Saint Luke is the account of the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to the Savior.

Just imagine for a moment how this young teenage girl must have felt at that moment. The scripture tells her that she was "greatly troubled" at the angel's greeting and wondered what it meant. Yet, the angel assures her that there is no need to be afraid for she has found favor with God. Then the angel says, "you will conceive and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus." Mary responds, "How can this be?" The angel says, paraphrasing, 'don't worry, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and God will make this possible. And, as proof of this, I tell you that your relative, Elizabeth, believed to be too old to have a child, is also expecting, because nothing is impossible with God.'

Most any woman would think this was a dream, that she must be hallucinating or imagining it. But Mary was no ordinary woman. She was favored by God and consented to His promises. Her faithful response, known as her fiat, was, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to your word."

How often do we question God and his motives? Is God really asking me to do what I think He's asking? All of us want the certainty that what we are doing is based on God's will. We may not have an angel sent to us to deliver the message as Mary did, but we do have the Holy Spirit in our hearts to guide us and give us assurance.

Ask the Lord today to give you a heart of trust, obedience and faith, a heart of discernment and prayer. For when you invite God into the decisions that you have to make, both big and small, He will lead you and guide you to do what's best. It takes faith and trust to follow God's will. This is just another way we can ***Courageously Live the Gospel***. May you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas!

Bishop Gregory Parkes

While we are at home, we can participate in Mass on your TV, radio, smart phone, or online. Please remember to mail your contributions. It may be convenient for you to contribute for the whole month with one check. For APA and building fund please send separate checks in the same envelope. One envelope but separate checks.

**Direct Mailing of Your Contributions:
St.Luke Catholic Church 2757 Alderman Rd
Palm Harbor, Florida 34684**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 [2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16](#) When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”

“It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29](#) R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.** The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.** “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.” R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.** “He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.” R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Reading 2 [ROM 16:25-27](#) Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia [LK 1:38](#) R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [LK 1:26-38](#) The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be

dosp.org

Christmas Eve Thur Dec 24th

4:00pm 6:00pm

Christmas Day Fri 25th

8:00am

10:00am

12 noon

Mon– Thur 8am Daily Mass

Fri Live Stream Mass at 6pm

4 pm Vigil Mass in the Church

Fri–Church Closed–

Sat–3 pm Confession

Sunday- 8am , 10am, 4pm



Christmas Letter 2020

Dear Parishioners:

With deep joy and gratitude, please accept my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas.

During this Advent Season, my prayer is that each of you find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus and His church. Christmas has a way of bringing to church those who have not been to mass or the sacrament for some time. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church. May we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together Our Lord's birth in our hearts.

In the midst of the challenges and concerns at this time, the love of God is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth." True peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. Take some time to count your blessings.

As in the past, at this Christmas time may I request each family donate an additional \$150.00 to our parish. I understand that times are difficult for many of us. Some parishioners are not able to come to church but continue to contribute towards the upkeep of our parish while other parishioners have stopped contributing altogether. Let us stand together and strengthen one another to overcome the present financial challenges. I will continue to be a meticulous and faithful steward of this parish, which we all love.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, your families and loved ones. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Father Paul*

Estate planning mistakes

Misconceptions that you may want to understand and address.

- 1.) "I already have a will" A will doesn't improve with age. The passage of time presents unanticipated circumstances, such as changes in marital status, new children or grandchildren, revised tax laws, a move or fluctuations in assets. Revisit your will after major milestones or at least every couple of years.
- 2.) "Everything is joint" Joint ownership seems ideal because it avoids probate and expedites the survivor's access. But joint title may also inflict unnecessary tax burdens and upset your estate plan. To sidestep title traps, consult with an estate planning attorney.
- 3.) "I'm single, so I don't need an estate plan" But you may have siblings, children, grandchildren, other family members or good friends to consider. You may also want to remember St. Luke's in your plan. An organized estate plan is a gift to those you leave behind.

Stay tuned for three more in next week's bulletin.



Mary's Dream (Transcript)

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

©LPi



<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>	<i>Office</i>
Sat, 12/19	4:00pm	† Joseph Mello † Anne Kelly	Closed
Sun, 12/20	8:00am	† Anthony Palma † James Flynn	Closed
	10:00am	† Ellen & Bill Hilberer † Catherine Kelly	
	4:00pm	Parish Family	
Mon, 12/21	8:00am	† Thomas Burke Sr & Family † Haney Counts	8:30am-12pm
Tues, 12/22	8:00am	† Rosalie Cartassi † Rudolph Cartassi	8:30am-12pm
Wed, 12/23	8:00am	† John Murphy † Peter Grennan	8:30am-12pm
Thurs, 12/24	4:00pm	† Renato Costabile † Living & Deceased Members of Crane Family	8:30am-12pm
	6:00pm	† Peter Wilmarth	
Fri, 12/25	8:00am	For the Parish Family	Closed
	10:00am	For the Parish Family	
	12noon	For the Parish Family	
Sat, 12/26	4:00pm	† Thomas Hanley † Francis Weiss	Closed

Year End Gift Reminders

~We know your decision to support St. Luke comes from the heart because you believe our mission matters. But there are also many ways you can benefit from your generosity. Consider how you can get more from your year-end giving.

~Make a cash gift. As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed earlier this year, cash contributions to qualified nonprofits such as St. Luke can be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year. The Act also expanded charitable giving incentives and allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 of charitable contributions to qualified nonprofits this year. To qualify, you must make your gift before Dec. 31.

~Contribute to your donor advised fund. If you have a donor advised fund which we have discussed here before you can contribute cash or stock to it before Dec. 31 and enjoy tax savings in that amount when you itemize on your tax return in the spring. When you're ready, you recommend distributions be made to support the organizations you care about most.

~Give **from your IRA**. Despite the CARES Act's temporary suspension of required minimum distributions for 2020, giving to St. Luke directly from your IRA is still a great way to support the Parish while enjoying tax savings for those 70½ or older. Through a qualified charitable distribution, you pay no income taxes on your gift. You also gain the satisfaction of knowing your gift can be put to use today, allowing you to see the impact of your generosity. For your gift to count in the 2020 calendar year, **we must receive it by Dec. 31**. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, please **mail your check by Dec. 18** to allow time to process your gift. You can also do a Qualified Charitable Deduction to move money directly from your IRA. Contact Meegan Wright at (727) 344 1611 Ext 5337 for more details.

While Attending Mass During this Difficult time

- * Wear a Mask while in the church
- * Please sanitize your hands
- * If you are a family please occupy a pew
- * Be kind and considerate
- * Please keep distance
- * Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- * If you are one person please occupy one seat/ chair

Support our advertisers, without them, our bulletin would not be possible



FLORIDA CANCER SPECIALISTS
SPECIALISTS
& Research Institute

David T. Wenk, MD
ABIM Board Certified:
Medical Oncology • Hematology • Internal Medicine
8763 River Crossing Boulevard, New Port Richey, FL 34655

(727) 842.8411 • FAX: (727) 847.2923 • FLCancer.com/Wenk

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Your Community is Looking!

1-800-477-4574



DAVE HEINOLD'S UPHOLSTERY
Furniture, Auto, Boats, & RVs
A Wide Selection of Fabrics
Window Treatments • Since 1977
Free Estimates • Free Pick-up & Delivery
1230 LADY MARION LANE, DUNEDIN • (727) 734-3273

Plumbing Repairs R Us, Inc.
Owner Operated
Free Estimates

727-487-3645
Licensed & Insured • CFC 1429611 Parish Member
Happiness is Having Good Plumbing!

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPI.com
www.4LPI.com/careers

This Space
is Available

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin
emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



LET US PLACE
YOUR AD HERE.



Dr. John R. Hamill, Jr., M.D.
Parish Member - St. Luke's
BOARD CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGISTS

7547 Jacque Road • Hudson, FL 34667
(727) 862-8561 • 1-800-282-3629
34918 U.S. Hwy 19 N. • Palm Harbor, FL 34684
(727) 772-7360

Skin Cancer | Diseases of the Skin, Hair Nails | Rashes & Acne

CLEARWATER PLUMBING

\$1000 OFF ANY SERVICE

Limit One Per Customer Not Valid With Any Other Offer

727-446-8355
clearwaterplumbing.com
Lic # CFC033600

INJURY LAW

THE FRAN HAASCH LAW GROUP

727-784-8191 www.LawFran.com



INJURY LAW

THE FRAN HAASCH LAW GROUP

727-784-8191 www.LawFran.com

Main Office Palm Harbor

Kevin D. Kiley, D.D.S., P.A.
 Family Dentistry
 727-787-7800
 CORNERSTONE CENTRE
 3820 Tampa Rd. • Suite 201 • Palm Harbor, FL 34684
 kevinkilevdds.com Parishioner

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

SPREAD THE WORD
 A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

CARE PLACEMENT
 Home Health Agency
 Caring is Our Business
 Assist with Personal Care
 Meal Preparation • Respite Care
 Light Housekeeping
 Transportation to Appointments

 Ruth Fanovich
 RN, LHRM, Owner
 Parishioner
 727-787-8677
 Long Term Care Insurance, Visa & MC accepted
 License #29992330

Dr. Paul's Promise...
 To those who walk through our door...
 We Pledge Care

Paul L. Caputo D.D.S.
 Excellence In Comprehensive Dentistry
 3490 East Lake Rd. • Palm Harbor 34685
 727-789-1333
www.DrPaulCaputo.com

Orthodontics
 for Children, Teens & Adults
 & Pediatric Dentistry

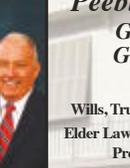
 Dr. William Kochenour
 Orthodontic Specialist
 for Children & Adults
 727-796-2456
 www.DrKochenourandAssociates.com

 Dr. Jenny Naom
 Pediatric
 Dental Specialist
 727-789-6347

RMF
 Care Management, Inc.
 Problem Solver for the Elderly
Patient & Family Advocacy
Care Management
Placement Services
 (Skilled & Assisted Living Facilities)

 Ruth Fanovich
 RN, LHRM, Owner
 Parishioner
 727-787-8677 www.RMFHomeCare.com

Peebles & Gracy, P.A.
 G. Andrew Gracy
 Gregory D. Gracy
 Areas of Practice
 Wills, Trusts, Estates & Estate Planning,
 Elder Law, Business, Corporations & Real
 Property, Landlord/Tenant


 826 Broadway Phone (727) 736-1411
 Dunedin, FL 34698 www.peeblesandgracy.com
 Serving the Dunedin Area Since 1926

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact Greg Maurer to place an ad today!
 gmaurer@4Lpi.com or (941) 243-3206

Woodlands Medical Center
 Accepting Medicare & Humana
Annie Thomas, MD - Family Medicine
Sushil George, MD - Internal Medicine
Manuel Lopez, MD - Internal Medicine
Kavita Thomas, MD - Rheumatology
 3684 Tampa Road
Phone 813 818 4516
 Languages: English, Spanish, Hindi

"Create a legacy that will echo in your community.
 Let me tailor a plan for you."

RAYMOND JAMES
 MARY HAYES, Financial Advisor
 2138 Alternate 19, Suite D // Palm Harbor, FL 34683
 727.784.2300
 mary.hayes@raymondjames.com // yourpalmharboradvisor.com
©2020 Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC. Investment advisory services offered through Raymond James Financial Services Advisors, Inc. Raymond James is a registered trademark of Raymond James Financial, Inc. 20-BRAKK-0005 TA 6/20

Trinity Office: 727-937-4177
 Palm Harbor Office: 727-781-5444
 www.wollinka.com
 325 Belcher Rd N. Clearwater, FL 33765
 3204 Alt. 19 N. Palm Harbor, FL 34683
 10015 Trinity Blvd, Suite 101 A, Trinity, FL 34655

Wollinka & Wollinka
 Attorneys at Law
 Est. 1971

 Estate Planning
 Elder Law
 Real Estate Law
 Power of Attorney, Wills, Trusts
 Medicaid, Probate, Guardianship
 Contracts, Closings, Title Ins.

Too Sick for Mass?
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
 Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
 right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com


NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !
 Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin
 emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com


Bill's Automotive Repair
 Tires & Mobil Gas
FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE HOME
 Corner of Alt. 19 & Florida Ave.
 Corner of Tampa Rd. & U.S. 19
787-5588 787-8472
 Parishioner
5% Discount on all Repairs W/Ad

INGRAM INJURY LAW
 Attorneys at Law
 Injured? Call Us! 727-723-9800

 Attorney Tim Ingram Sr.
 Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer
 Trial Practice - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

 Attorney Tim Ingram Jr.
 Graduated from the UF Levin College of Law
 and Passed the Florida Bar Exam in July, 2019.

Curlew Hills
FUNERAL HOME • CEMETERY • CREMATORY
 1750 Curlew Road • Palm Harbor • 727.789.2000
 MEMORY GARDENS
 CurlewHills.com • CurlewHillsPetCemetery.com


Curlew Hills
FUNERAL HOME • CEMETERY • CREMATORY
 1750 Curlew Road • Palm Harbor • 727.789.2000
 MEMORY GARDENS
 CurlewHills.com • CurlewHillsPetCemetery.com