



Sunday in Advent | December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025



# St. Luke Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica de San Lucas



### Mission Statement

As Catholics committed to a sacramental life, we are called to be disciples of Christ and help one another as we journey to Heaven under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints.

Guided by St. Luke, we evangelize by showing God's love, mercy, and generosity, through the traditions of the Catholic Church. We grow the faith through our love for the Eucharist and community outreach.

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### Welcome!

We are glad you are here to worship with us. Whether you are a cradle Catholic, or this is your first time at a Catholic Mass; whether you are a lifelong member of St. Luke or a visitor to our parish we are blessed by your presence. If you are new to our parish or a visitor, be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Aldrin, Deacon Gary, or Deacon David on your way out of Mass. If you are interested in joining our parish, please visit our website to register or registration cards may be found in the vestibule.

## This Week's Reflection

### Reflexión De Esta Semana

#### Second Sunday of Advent

##### Gifts of the Spirit

Part of Isaiah's hopeful description of the Messiah contains the traditional seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to His coming in glory, let's take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is the gift of seeing God in his creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, Understanding, follows from Wisdom: we understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us to know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from Understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act; for example, Understanding can lead us to love others. Counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist shows that gift in the gospel. It gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift (seventh in Isaiah's text: "delight in the Lord") of Piety, a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to Him in prayer.

The final gift, Fear of the Lord, is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much he loves us, and so how much we want to stay close to Him. The desire to be close to God leads back to Wisdom, where we see God in his creation.

Tom Schmidt

#### Reconciliation

Confessions are heard for 30 minutes before each weekend Mass time and may be heard upon request. Please call Fr. Aldrin to make an appointment.

#### Baptism

Parents must be registered parishioners and must also attend instruction prior to Baptism. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

#### Segundo Domingo de Adviento

##### Los dones del Espíritu Santo

Parte de la esperanzadora descripción que Isaías hace del Mesías contiene los siete dones tradicionales del Espíritu Santo. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el nacimiento del Mesías y esperamos con ansias su venida en la gloria, analicemos estos dones y veamos cómo podemos utilizarlos.

La sabiduría es el don de ver a Dios en su creación. Significa que valoramos las cosas de este mundo solo si nos ayudan a conocer y amar más a Dios. El segundo don, el entendimiento, se deriva de la sabiduría: comprendemos lo que Dios espera de nosotros en nuestra relación con la creación y con los demás. Este don nos ayuda a saber cómo actuar en un mundo que parece ignorar a Dios.

El consejo se deriva del entendimiento como el don de tomar decisiones correctas sobre cómo actuar; por ejemplo, el entendimiento nos lleva a amar a los demás. El consejo nos guía a amarlos de manera apropiada.

La fortaleza es el don que nos permite hacer las cosas inspirados por el entendimiento y el consejo, incluso si son difíciles. Juan el Bautista muestra ese don en el Evangelio. Le dio el valor de morir por su fe. El conocimiento es semejante al consejo en el sentido de que comenzamos a ver lo que Dios quiere para nosotros en este mundo. El conocimiento nos lleva a revelaciones más profundas de las verdades de nuestra fe. Esto puede conducir al sexto don (séptimo en el texto de Isaías: "deleitarse en el Señor"), la piedad, la disposición a adorar y amar a Dios, el deseo de estar cerca de Él en la oración.

El último don, el temor del Señor, es la admiración y el asombro de reconocer cuán grande es Dios, cuánto nos ama y, por lo tanto, cuánto deseamos estar cerca de Él. El deseo de estar cerca de Dios nos lleva de nuevo a la sabiduría, donde vemos a Dios en su creación.

Tom Schmidt

A program of formation and information (OCIA) is offered each year beginning in September. Call or email the office for more information.

#### Marriage

Six months notice and completion of the diocesan marriage preparation program is required. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday, December 6**

8 am      †Imogene Blakeley  
4:30 pm    Ints. of Charlotte Webb

**Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30      †Al & Dorothy Mazur  
10:00 am   For the People  
4:30 pm    Misa en español

**Tuesday, December 9**

12:00 pm   †Ints. of Helen Palmer

**Wednesday, December 10**

12:00 pm   †Janice Clayton Smith

**Thursday, December 11**

12:00 pm   †Leo Dillman

**Friday December 12**

12:00 pm   † Imogene Blakeley

**Saturday, December 13**

4:30 pm    Ints. of Bryan James

**Sunday, December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am    † Howard Deane  
10:00 am   For the People  
4:30 pm    Misa en español

**Prayer for Our Troops**

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Please keep in your prayers those in the Military— **Amanda and John Boone**, daughter and son-in-law of Chuck and Pam Kelly, both in the Air Force and stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California; **Joshua Bottom**, National Guard stationed in Lexington, Ky, **Michelle Bottom**, National Guard, stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky., son and daughter-in-law of Rosemary McCrady; Air Force 1st LT **Keith Brinkman**, Peterson SFB Colorado Springs, 1st LT **Wes Brinkman**, son of Tab and Julie Brinkman and his wife 1st LT **Elizabeth Fantini** are both serving in England, **Maddie Buncher**, daughter of Mark and Cathy Buncher, is in the US Navy; **Zachary Lee**, Rich and Jan Berger's grandson, is stationed at Fr. Campbell; **Suzanne (Miller) and husband Jack Tully**, USAF, have been assigned to the 492nd Fighter Squadron in England; **Nick Roman**, grandson of Jim LaFountain, is in the Air Force; **CDR Dan Roseman**, son of Ken and Mary Roseman, in Japan; and **Patrick McGrath (and family)**, son of Bob McGrath, serving as the Army Assistant Military Attache in Stockholm, Sweden.

**Please Pray  
For:**

Gertie Deeken

Steve White

Gilda McCowan

Rosa Hernandez

Francis Barber

Steve Sheiko

Tyler Greenhouse

Carolyn Large

Robert Lootens

Joe Leach

Tom McDermott

David Gulley

**St. Anthony Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

*Could you not watch with me one hour? (Mt 26:40)*

**Available Hours:**

Monday at 2am, Friday at 12am AND 1am, Saturday at 11am AND 1pm

**Prayer Partner  
Needed:**

Thursday at 2am, Saturday at 12pm AND 3pm



If you are interested in taking or sharing in an hour with Our Blessed Lord, or would like to be a substitute, call Heidi Klug, 859-536-9214 or the office at 859-885-4892.

**THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions****December: For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## Our Stewardship

Sunday Collection (Nov 22/23)....\$8,119  
*You can make your donations online at: osvhub.com/stlukenicholasville/giving/funds.*  
 Attendance.....436

## Capital Campaign

**Goal:** 4.1 million  
**Pledged:** \$3,445,939

## Parish Calendar of Events

*Calendario de eventos parroquiales*

### Monday, December 8

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study  
 6:30pm OCIA  
 7pm Magnify

### Tuesday, December 9

5:30pm DAR

### Thursday, December 11

6:30pm Young Adult Group

### Friday, December 12

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Dinner Celebration

### Monday, December 15

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

### Tuesday, December 16

1:00pm Millions of Monicas

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

7:00pm Simbang Gabi

### Wednesday, December 17

7:00pm Fiat

### Thursday, December 18

6:30pm Young Adults

### Lunes 8 de diciembre

18:00h Estudio bíblico en español  
 18:30h OCIA

9:00h Magnify

### Martes 9 de diciembre

17:30h DAR

### Jueves 11 de diciembre

18:30h Grupo de jóvenes adultos

### Viernes 12 de diciembre

18:00h Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y cena de celebración

### Lunes 15 de diciembre

18:00h Estudio bíblico en español  
 18:30h OCIA

9:00h Magnify

### Martes 16 de diciembre

13:00h Millones de Mónicas

17:00h Caballeros de Colón

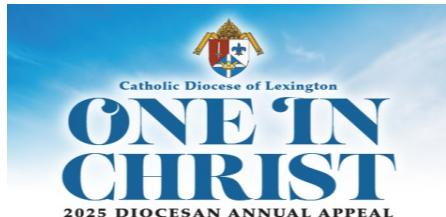
17:00h Simbang Gabi

### Miércoles 17 de diciembre

19:00h Fiat

### Jueves 18 de diciembre

18:30h Jóvenes adultos



Goal - \$34,850

Pledged - 28,360

Participation Goal – 229 families

Current Participation – 66 families

## Millions of Monicas (MOM) Meetings

*Reuniones de Millones de Mónicas (MOM)*

### ONE HOUR - ONE PURPOSE

Inspired by St. Monica, we gather with rosaries and open hearts to pray for our children's return to the Catholic faith. All women are welcome. Meetings are held twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm in the church. For more information text or call Mary Jo James at 859-619-9733 or Kathy Montgomery at 859-576-6801.

**Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00pm**

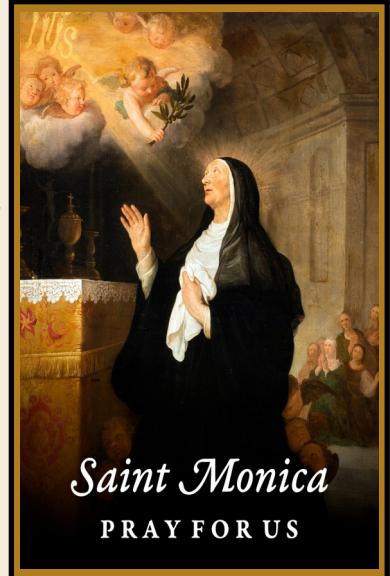
**Tuesday, January 6 at 1:00pm**

### UNA HORA - UN PROPÓSITO

Inspirados por Santa Mónica, nos reunimos con rosarios y corazones abiertos para orar por el regreso de nuestros hijos a la fe católica. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas. Las reuniones se realizan dos veces al mes: el primer martes y el tercer martes a la 13:00 en la iglesia. Para obtener más información, envíe un mensaje de texto o llame a Mary Jo James al 859-619-9733 o a Kathy Montgomery al 859-576-6801.

**Martes 16 de diciembre a las 13:00 horas**

**Martes 2 de enero a las 13:00 horas**



## Religion Classes (CCD/OCIC/Youth Group)

*Clases de religión (CCD/OCIC/Grupo de jóvenes)*

**All classes include: preschool/kindergarten during 10:00 mass, elementary 8:30-9:30am & Confirmation/OCIC 5:30pm - 6:15pm followed by Youth Group**

**December 14:** All classes will be meeting at their normal time.

**December 21:** All classes will be meeting at their normal time.

**Todas las clases incluyen: preescolar/jardín infantil (misa de 10:00 a. m.), primaria (8:30h a 9:30 h) y Confirmación/OCIC (17:30h a 18:15h), seguida del grupo de jóvenes.**

**14 de diciembre:** Todas las clases se reunirán en su horario habitual.

**7 de diciembre:** Todas las clases se reunirán en su horario habitual.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday Masses this weekend.

## HAPPY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY St Anthony of Padua Adoration Chapel!

On December 17th, St Luke's will be celebrating a milestone in the life of our parish community: the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our St Anthony of Padua Perpetual Adoration Chapel! That's over 260,000 hours of prayer and adoration in honor of our Lord!

Come and celebrate with us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 14th after the 10:00 Mass with an International Food Fair pot luck hosted by the St Luke's Women's Group and supported by our diverse international parish community. Listen to the sharing of chapel stories, socialize, and see the 'big reveal' and blessing of our new chapel sign. Who has been there the longest? How many religious vocations have we had from the chapel? Hear comments of favors granted or other 'chapel fruit'!

Learn more about how YOU can become part of this important ministry and celebrate with the many 'adorers' we've been blessed with over the years. For additional information, to submit a story or volunteer the share a 'favor granted', please contact Dan or Heidi Klug. If you'd like to bring your favorite family dish for sharing, please contact Kathy Montgomery or any member of the St Luke's Woman's Group.

## Blessings on Your Birthday!

12/7 George Njiaka Amin, Alex Brown

12/8 Nick Snyder, Thom Wilson

12/9 Zenith Reichmuth, Emmett Riley, Emmett Thomas-Ewing

12/10 Lily Caudill, Thomas Lewis, Kylie Poage, Holly Reynolds

12/11 Katelyn Ramirez

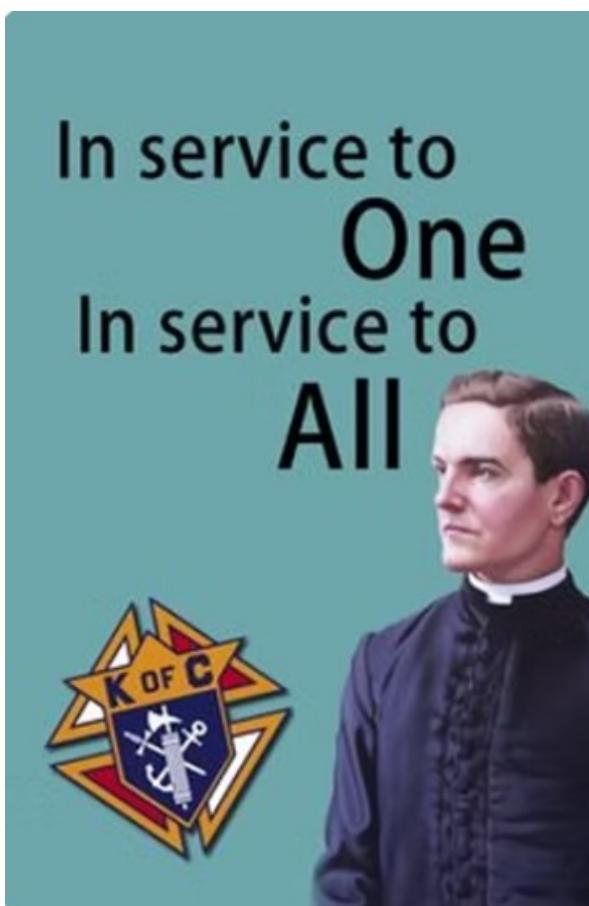
12/12 Sofia Abbondante, Jacob Couch, Elaine Hagan

## St. Luke Women's Group News

*Noticias del Grupo de Mujeres de San Lucas*

Breakfast Food Donations for East Jessamine Middle School will continue. Thanks to all for your generosity. We deliver on the 3rd Thursday each month of the school year.

El programa de desayunos para la escuela secundaria East Jessamine Middle School continuará. Gracias a todos por su generosidad. Realizamos las entregas el tercer jueves de cada mes durante el año escolar.



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*London Catholic Tour*

With Father Albert J. DeGiacomo, Chaplain      May 23 - 30, 2026

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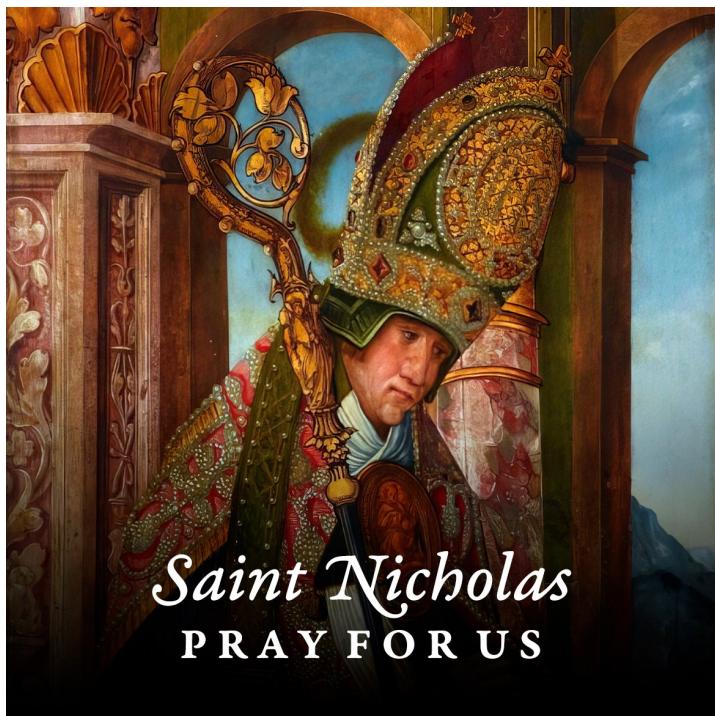


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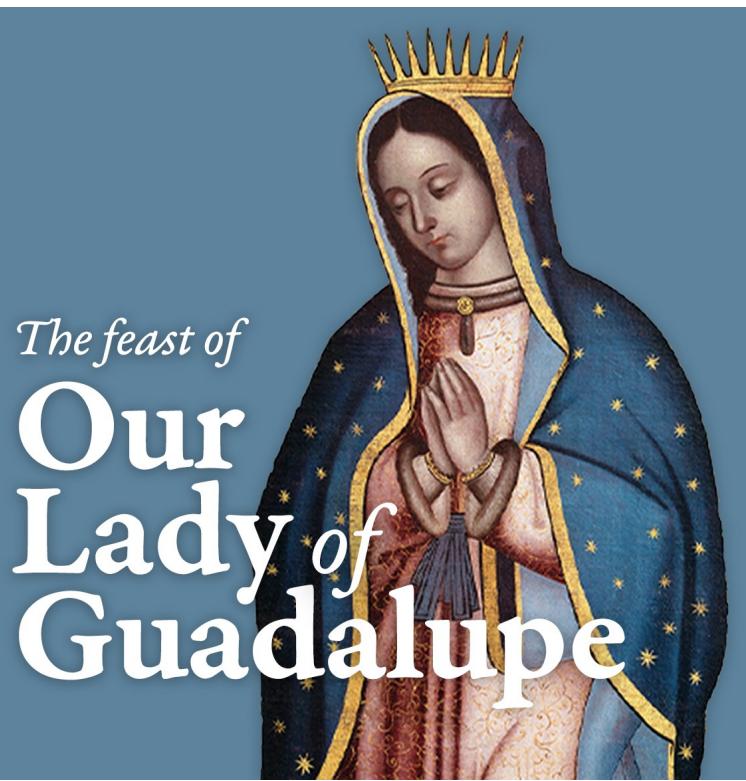
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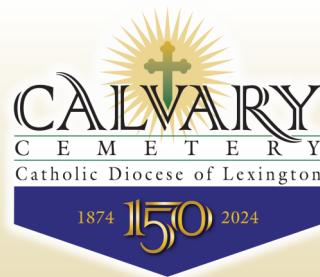


*“Advent is a time of hope. At Advent, we are reminded of the closeness of God who came down to dwell among us.”*

-St. John Paul II



**IN THIS PLACE, I WILL  
SHOW AND GIVE  
FORTH ALL MY **LOVE**,  
**COMPASSION & HELP****  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Calvary's annual "candlelight at calvary" will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 5pm.

Calvary Cemetery, 874 W. Main Street, Lexington, Ky.

*“Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.”*

-2 Maccabees 12:46



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28- 30
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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