



Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 21st, 2025



St. Luke Catholic Church

Iglesia Catolica 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.

304 South Main Street
Nicholasville, KY 40356

859-885-4892

www.stlukenicholasville.org

[f](#) [St. Luke Nicholasville](#)

[ig](#) [St. Luke Catholic Church](#)

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

Rev. Aldrin Tayag, Pastor

502.471.6241

atayag@cdlex.org

Deacon David James

859.619.9722

djames@cdlex.org

Deacon Gary Rudemiller

859.325.5323

grudemiller@cdlex.org

Margie Maloney, DRE

859.327.1623

margiemaloney5@gmail.com

**Daniela Torres-Gomez,
Youth Minister**

dtorresgomez@cdlex.org

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Emmanuel

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23) The gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, is under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help, instead of relying on God. He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus.

In the gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary was pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and afterwards in raising Jesus.

So now we have to choose who we rely on: Do I act like Ahaz, relying on the worldly powers, or like Joseph who trusted the Lord? If I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions? Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God IS with us, in the Baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is and let others see in our actions, that Jesus is Emmanuel.

Tom Schmidt

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Emmanuel

En este último domingo antes de Navidad, vemos que el nacimiento de Jesús es el cumplimiento de la promesa de Emmanuel, que significa "Dios está con nosotros" (Mt 1,23). El evangelio se refiere a la primera lectura de Isaías. Allí vemos que Ajaz, el rey de Judá, está siendo atacado por los reyes de Siria e Israel. Quiere pedir ayuda a los asirios, en lugar de confiar en Dios. Teme admitir su falta de fe. Así que, la debilidad de Ajaz nos da la maravillosa profecía del nacimiento de Jesús.

En el evangelio, José tampoco entiende cómo María quedó embarazada. Pero a diferencia de Ajaz, José sí tuvo fe en Dios y en el mensaje del ángel. Tomó a María por esposa y la ayudó durante su embarazo y después en la crianza de Jesús.

Así que ahora debemos elegir en quién confiamos: ¿Actúo como Ajaz, confiando en los poderes mundanos, o como José, que confió en el Señor? Si analizo mis acciones y prioridades, podría parecerme más a Ajaz de lo que quiero admitir.

¿Cuánto tiempo dedico a ver la televisión (sobre todo ahora que es en HD) en comparación con el tiempo que dedico a la oración? ¿Cuánto tiempo dedico a leer las Escrituras en comparación con el periódico o las revistas? Si de verdad creo que "Dios está con nosotros", que es precisamente lo que representa la Navidad, ¿la gente puede ver a Dios en mis acciones? Tal vez si tuviéramos presente esa promesa de que Dios ESTÁ con nosotros en nuestro esposo o nuestros padres, podríamos ver cuán cerca está Dios realmente y dejar que los demás vean en nuestras acciones que Jesús es Emmanuel.

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

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 time.

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday, December 20**

4:30 pm † Imogene Blakeley

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 Ints. of Matt and Celeste Moore

10:00 am For the People

4:30 pm Misa en español

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 pm Ints. of Helen Palmer

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 pm † Puisima Gazo Pierce

Thursday, December 25, The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

12:00 am † Crane Family L&D

10:00 am For the People

Friday December 26

12:00 pm † Harry Hoffman

Saturday, December 27

4:30 pm † Janice Clayton Smith

Sunday, December 28 The Feast Day of the Holy Family

7:30 † Marquita Stafford

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

Steve Sheiko

Tyler Greenhouse

Carolyn Large

Joe Leach

Tom McDermott

Skip Stoen

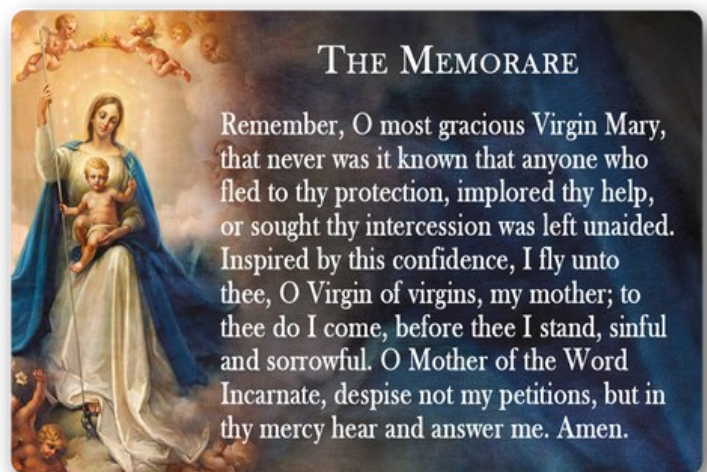
St. Anthony Perpetual Adoration Chapel*Could you not watch with me one hour? (Mt 26:40)***Available Hours:**

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.

Saint Luke Catholic Church

Our Stewardship



Sunday Collection Dec. 6/7 and Immaculate Conception..... \$10,840

You can make your donations online at: osvhub.com/stlukenicholasville/giving/funds.

Attendance.....458

Capital Campaign

Goal: 4.1 million

Pledged: \$3,506,191

Parish Calendar of Events *Calendario de eventos parroquiales*

Saturday, December 20

10:00am Christmas Pageant Practice

7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Monday, December 22

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study

6:30pm OCIA

7pm Magnify

Wednesday, December 24

3:30pm Christmas Pageant

4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

12:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

Monday, December 29

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study

6:30pm OCIA

7pm Magnify

Wednesday, December 31

6:30 PM, Solemnity of Mary, Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

10:00am Mass

6:30pm Young Adults

Saturday, December 20 Sábado 20 de diciembre

10:00am Ensayo de la obra de teatro navideña

7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Lunes 22 de diciembre

6:00pm Estudio bíblico en español

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

Miércoles 24 de diciembre

3:30pm Espectáculo navideño

4:30pm Misa de Nochebuena

Jueves 25 de diciembre

12:00am Misa

10:00am Misa

Lunes, 29 de diciembre

6:00pm Estudio bíblico en español

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

Miércoles 31 de diciembre

6:30pm Solemnidad de María, Misa de vigilia

Jueves, 1 de enero

10:00am Misa

6:30pm Adultos jóvenes



Goal - \$34,850

Pledged - \$31,747

Participation Goal – 229 families

Current Participation – 73 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.

January 6, 1:00 pm

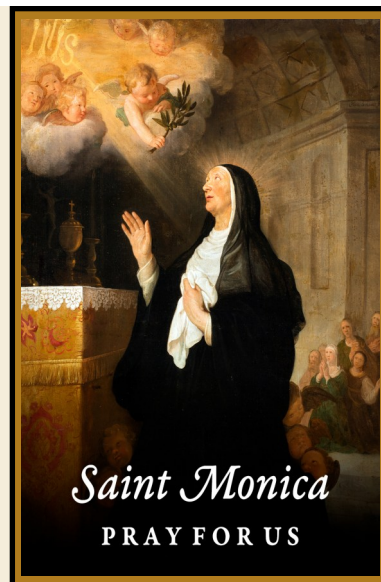
January 20 1:00pm

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.

6 de enero, 1:00pm

20 de enero, 1:00pm



Religion Classes (CCD/OCIC/Youth Group)

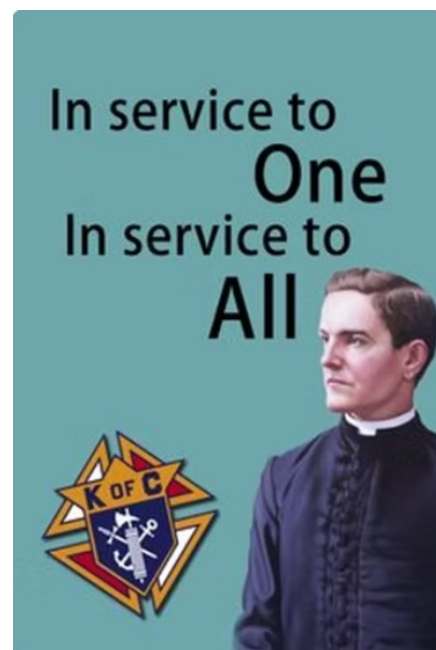
Clases de religión (CCD/OCIC/Grupo de jóvenes)

All classes, including preschool/ kindergarten during 10:00 mass, elementary 8:30-9:30am & Confirmation/ OCIC 5:30pm - 6:15pm followed by Youth Group, will resume on January 11th.

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 se reanudará el 11 de enero.

Blessings on Your Birthday!

12/22 Jessica Horsley, Joe Lee, Andrew Lindsey
 12/23 Ruben Gonzalez-Locker, Joey Whelan
 12/24 Luca Branham
 12/25 Kathryn Atkins, Keisha Brown
 12/26 Emmanuel Alvarez, Joannie Brown, Crystal Torres Carmona, Lisa Fields
 12/27 George Njiaka Amin, Cataleya Meza, Shelley Partridge



St. Luke Women's Group News

Noticias del Grupo de Mujeres de San Lucas

The January meeting of the Women's Group will be held on the second Thursday of the month, January 8, as the first Thursday falls on a holiday. The business meeting will be at **1pm** and then we will prep a meal for the homeless shelter at **2pm**. Future meetings will take place on the first Thursday each month. All ladies are welcome and we hope you will start 2026 with a resolution to become one of the meeting and/or meal prep members.

Our officers for 2026 are: Kim Binzer, President; Rosemary McCrady, VP; Suzy Rupp, Secretary; Leesa Rogers, Treasurer.

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.

La reunión de enero del Grupo de Mujeres se celebrará el segundo jueves del mes, el 8 de enero, ya que el primer jueves coincide con un día festivo. La reunión de trabajo será a la 1:00 p. m. y, a continuación, prepararemos una comida para el albergue de personas sin hogar a las 2:00 p. m. Las futuras reuniones se celebrarán el primer jueves de cada mes. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas y esperamos que comiencen el 2026 con el propósito de unirse a nuestro grupo, ya sea participando en las reuniones o ayudando en la preparación de las comidas. Nuestros directivos para 2026 son: Kim Binzer, Presidenta; Rosemary McCrady, Vicepresidenta; Suzy Rupp, Secretaria; Leesa Rogers, Tesorera.

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.

Priests, Religious, and Deacons

Rev. Aldrin Tayag
304 S. Main Street
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Bday: August 17
Ordained: 06-29-2019

Rev. John Moriarty
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502
Bday: February 23
Ordained: 06-01-1991

Rev. Andres Ramirez
117 W. Main Str.
Danville, KY 40422
Bday: November 25
Ordained: 11-25-2005

Fr. Tony Stephens
4047 Chapel Dr.
Champion, WI 54229
Bday: December 13
Ordained: 06-04-2005

Rev. Nick Pagano
1348 Copperfield Ct.
Lexington, KY 40514
Bday: April 24
Ordained: 05-20-2006

Rev. Patrick C. Fitzsimons
14544 Lebanon Rd.
Old Hickory, TN 37138
Bday: November 19
Ordained: 05-19-2001

Rev. Richard Watson
501 W. Short Str.
Lexington, KY 40507
Bday: January 1
Ordained: 05-21-2011

Fr. Frank Sherry
300 Berry Ave.
Versailles, KY 40383
Bday: September 23
Ordained: 12-22-1989

Rev. John Dane
193 Barnsley Rd.
Wombwell, Barnsley
South Yorkshire S73 8DR
United Kingdom
Bday: December 12
Ordained: 02-16-1991

Rev. Brandon Bigham
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502
Bday: January 6
Ordained: 05-20-2017

Rev. Danny Taylor
799 State Highway 1947
Grayson, KY 41143
Bday: March 30
Ordained: 06-13-2020

Rev. Chris Shofner
503 North 4th Street
LeSueur, MN 56058
Bday: August 7
Ordained: 05-28-2005

Rev. Rob Adams
137 Bryan Street
Pikeville, KY 41501
Bday: July 2
Ordained: 05-21-2016

Dc. Gary & Doris Rudemiller
107 Yates Court
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Bday: September 7
Ordained: 06-04-2016

Dc. David & Mary Jo James
109 Emma Katherine Lane
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Bday: September 12
Ordained: 06-06-2020

Dc. David & Cathy Hanson
231 Brickling Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063
Bday: December 27
Ordained: 02-2004

Dc. Marco & Kathy Rajkovich
11990 Market St. #1117
Reston, VA 20190
Bday: November 22
Ordained: 06-02-2012

Dc. Mark & Cathy Averett
1104 Arnicar St.
Danville, KY 40422
Bday: May 9
Ordained: 06-04-2016

Sister Marie Therese of Christ's Redeeming Mercy (Theresa Zink)
3721 Belmont Road
Birmingham, AL 35210
Bday: January 10

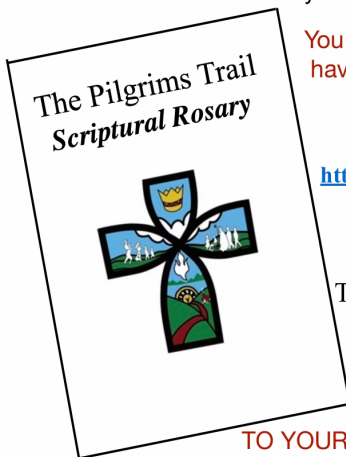
Sister Mary Faustina of the Divine Redeemer (Katie Byrd)
3721 Belmont Road

Are you committed to daily prayer?

Join Catholics across
the Diocese of Lexington in the use of
The Pilgrims Trail Scriptural Rosary.

Pray daily,
meditate as you read the scripture
with your family, friends or by yourself.

Be astonished by what scripture reveals to you and as
you pray the Scriptural Rosary.



You don't need a booklet if you
have a smart phone, computer
or iPad.
Just LOG IN

<https://cdlex.org/the-pilgrims-trail/>

to download

The Pilgrims Trail
Scriptural Rosary.

CLICK ON TOP RIGHT
CORNER AND SAVE
TO YOUR, DESKTOP FILES OR TABS



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday	The Nativity of the Lord <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 <i>Mass during the Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-1462:11-12; Ps <i>Mass at Dawn:</i> Is 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Each Christmas, we decorate the altar with the beauty of poinsettias to accentuate the joyfulness of the Christmas season, the birth of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. You are invited to help make this a particularly beautiful season by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one who has gone before us. Each poinsettia is \$25, please provide the name of the person to be remembered. We will read the names of these loved ones prior to each Christmas Mass. You can bring your payment and name to the parish office, or, you can leave an envelope titled "Christmas Flowers" with your donation and name of your loved ones in the collection basket. Names and donations due by December 23.

**SHE WILL BEAR A SON &
YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

