



The Feast of the Holy Family | December 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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*

#### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

##### Loving Obedience

One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents "in everything." And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life.

St. Paul shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other.

Parents might look at the gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Families can learn that stressing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God's law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God's law enables us to live more freely.

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#### *La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José*

##### Obediencia Amorosa

Un tema común en las tres lecturas de hoy es la obediencia. La lectura de Eclesiástico elogia al hijo que obedece a su padre. Luego San Pablo les dice a los hijos que obedezcan a sus padres "en todo". Y el Evangelio muestra a José obediente a las advertencias del ángel. Sin embargo, los tres consideran a la obediencia en términos de una relación más amplia.

Eclesiástico afirma que la obediencia forma parte de la felicidad familiar. Los hijos confían en que sus padres tienen buenas razones para decirles que hagan algo. Los hijos también aprenden disciplina y a contribuir a la vida familiar.

San Pablo muestra cómo el amor de Cristo transforma una familia. Cuando habla de que las esposas deben ser subordinadas y los esposos deben amarlas, quiere decir que ambos deben respetarse y amarse mutuamente.

Los padres pueden buscar apoyo en el Evangelio para fomentar la obediencia. Las familias pueden aprender que enfatizar la obediencia puede proteger al niño, además de enseñarle. Los padres también pueden recordarles a sus hijos que Dios pide obediencia para nuestro bien, no por capricho. Cuando obedecemos la ley de Dios, aprendemos a confiar más profundamente en Dios y a valorar que la ley de Dios nos permite vivir más libremente.

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### **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 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

**Tuesday, December 30**

12:00 pm Word & Communion

**Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve**

6:30 pm † Jerry Parker

**Thursday, January 1 The Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

10:00 am For the People

**Friday January 2**

12:00 pm Word & Communion

**Saturday, January 3**

4:30 pm † Marjorie Partin

**Sunday, January 4, The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 William Bell

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; **Patrick McGrath (and family)**, son of Bob McGrath, serving as the Army Assistant Military Attache in Stockholm, Sweden, and **1st Lt Garand Fields**, son of Brian and Lisa Fields and son-in-law of Brenden and Eileen Fitzpatrick, stationed in Camp Pendleton

## 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:

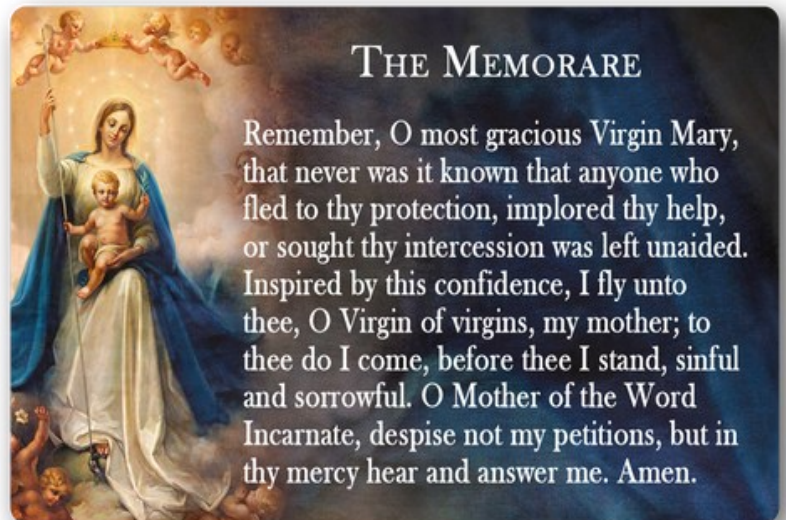
Thursday at 2am, Saturday at 12pm AND 3pm

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.



## Saint Luke Catholic Church

### Our Stewardship



Sunday Collection Dec. 13/14 and Our Lady of Guadalupe..... \$11,217

Second Collection: CCS.....\$1,070

You can make your donations online at: [osvhub.com/stlukenicholasville/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stlukenicholasville/giving/funds).

Attendance.....366

### Capital Campaign

**Goal:** 4.1 million

**Pledged:** \$3,506,191

### Parish Calendar of Events *Calendario de eventos parroquiales*

#### 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

#### Monday, January 5

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study

6:30pm OCIA

7pm Magnify

#### Tuesday, January 6

1:00pm Millions of Monicas

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

#### Wednesday, January 7

7:00pm Fiat Group

#### Thursday, January 8

1:00 pm Women's Group

6:30pm Young Adult Group

#### 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

#### Lunes 5 de enero

6:00pm Estudio bíblico en español

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

#### Martes, 6 de enero

1:00pm Millones de MónicasKnights

7:00pm Caballeros de Colón

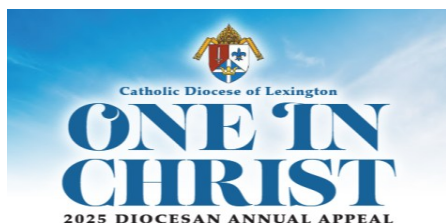
#### Miércoles, 7 de enero

7:00pm Fiat

#### Jueves, 8 de enero

1:00pm Grupo de mujeres

6:30pm Grupo de jóvenes adultos



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 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

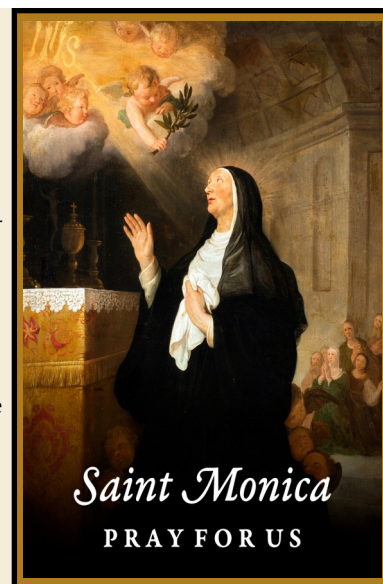
January 20 1:00pm

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**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!

12/28 Yaneli Espinosa-Ramos

12/29 Mario Esparza

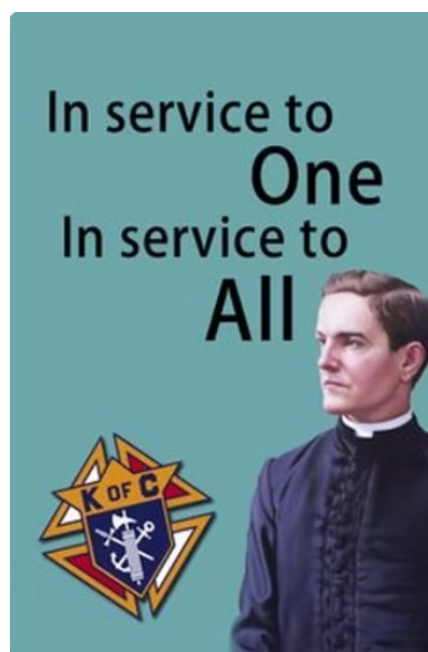
12/30 Ray Reffitt, DeAngelo Wiser

12/31 Skarlette Davis, Diane DeSpain, Silverstre Espinosa, Ryan Gugeler, Mark Maloney, Terri Ragland

1/1 Ruth Dennis, Betsy Hagan, Juan Moreno, Kim Tomaschko, Tobias Westhoff

1/2 Phil Worsley

1/3 Wiley Howard, Mark Stanley



## 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.



## Saint Luke Catholic Church

Dear parishioners,

For more than ten years, Saint Luke Church has prayerfully sought to purchase the empty lot adjacent to the church for future parking needs and possible expansion of our church spaces. Despite our efforts, the owner of that property has chosen not to sell.

Several years ago, one of our generous parishioners donated \$60,000 specifically for the purchase of property adjoining the church. These funds were designated solely for that purpose and could not have been used toward the capital campaign or anything else.

About a month ago, the owner of the property located behind Saint Luke Church, at 103 Brown Street, approached us with an offer to sell their land and home—which extends half the length of our church property—before listing it publicly. After careful discernment, I convened the Finance Council, our Parish Council president, and the Property Committee chairperson to review this opportunity. Together, we agreed that pursuing this purchase would be in the best interest of our parish.

Through God's providence and the generosity of our community:

- The parishioner who donated \$60,000 agreed that these funds should be used for this purchase.
- The property owners graciously reduced the sale price by \$30,000, effectively donating that amount to our church.
- Another parishioner has pledged \$40,000 exclusively for the property purchase.

With these blessings, the total cost to Saint Luke Church was **\$70,000**, which was drawn from our general fund. Please note we did NOT use capital campaign funds for the purchase and those funds remain dedicated solely to the projects reflected in the renderings displayed on the monitor at the back of the church.

Looking ahead, this property will serve our parish well. In the future, it will provide space for additional parking and storage. In the meantime, we will rent the house to a parishioner, generating income.

This is a moment of thanksgiving for our parish family. We are grateful to God for opening this door, and to our parishioners whose generosity and faithfulness make such opportunities possible.

Let us continue to pray that this new property will serve Saint Luke Church for generations to come.

*In opus ministerii,*

Fr. Aldrin

On the weekend of Jan. 4-5, Fr. Paul Prabell will celebrate the 4:30pm, 7:30am, and 10:00am Masses at St. Luke Church. Following each Mass, he will be signing copies of his recent book, *Seeing Jesus with our Third Eye: Meditations on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary*. Copies of the book will be available for \$20 each; cash, check or I.O.U. All proceeds go to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington.

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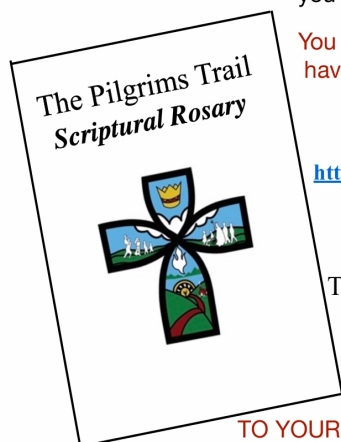
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### Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 28, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b> 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

Robert Lee Lootens, 86, died on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the home of his daughter in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Robert was born in Perry County, Kentucky, on August 28, 1939, the son of the late Joseph Lootens and Lorenze "Lora" Banks Lootens. He is survived by a daughter, Veronica Anne Becknell, and her husband, Greg; a son, Robert Lewis Lootens, and his wife, Trish; and five grandchildren, Bryan (Courtney) Becknell, Kelsy (Luca) Bicchieri, Cadyn (Aaron Best) Becknell, Jack Lootens, and Lily Becknell and three great grandchildren, Ella Becknell, Molly Becknell and Everett Best. The Funeral Mass was held at on Monday, December 15, 2025, at St. Luke Catholic Church. He was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery.

### 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.

They found Mary and  
Joseph, and the infant  
*lying in the manger*

LUKE 2:16

