



First Sunday in Advent | November 30th, 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

First Sunday of Advent Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely. The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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Primer Domingo de Adviento Haz lo que puedes

La primera lectura del profeta Isaías contiene una predicción notable: el fin de las guerras entre las naciones (Isaías 2,4). Si bien la mayoría de las buenas predicciones de los profetas se cumplieron en Jesús, aún esperamos el fin de todas las guerras. Entonces, ¿por qué esa no se ha cumplido? Podemos consultar la segunda lectura y el Evangelio para obtener algunas pistas.

Ambas lecturas hablan de estar despiertos y preparados para nuestra salvación (Romanos 13,12) o para la venida del Hijo del Hombre (Mateo 24,39). Estar despierto no significa tomar mucho café ni subir el volumen de la música al máximo. Pablo dice: "Revístanse más bien, de nuestro Señor Jesucristo" como un soldado se pondría la armadura antes de una batalla. Incluso menciona la rivalidad y los celos como actitudes que debemos evitar. Ambos vicios han sido la causa de muchas guerras en nuestra historia. ¿Qué pasaría si no solo los evitáramos, sino que también enseñáramos a nuestros hijos a evitarlos? ¿Qué pasaría si todos aprendiéramos a no ser celosos ni odiosos?

Estamos muy lejos de acabar con todas las guerras. Todavía hay quienes inculcan el odio a los pobres en lugar de alimentarlos. Todavía hay quienes se enriquecen vendiendo armas de guerra. Esto nos lleva de vuelta a la primera lectura, donde Isaías habla de convertir las espadas en arados. ¿Tenemos suficiente fe en el amor de Dios para dejar de fabricar armas y usar esos recursos para alimentar a los hambrientos o curar enfermedades en países desfavorecidos? Hasta que no convirtamos a todos a seguir a Jesús, eso no es probable. El Evangelio nos llama a estar preparados. Tal vez debamos estar dispuestos a compartir nuestra fe. Tal vez debamos estar atentos a cualquier oportunidad para mostrar el amor de Dios a quienes nos rodean. ¿Nos da miedo ofrecernos a orar por alguien necesitado? Tal vez debamos ponernos las "armas de la luz", como la llama San Pablo. En lugar de intentar detener todas las guerras, ¿podríamos al menos perdonar a quien nos ha hecho daño?

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday, November 29**

4:30 pm † Marilyn Hanna

Sunday, November 30: The First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Charles Knott

10:00 am For the People

4:30 pm Misa en español

Tuesday, December 2

12:00 pm †Fr. Bush

Wednesday, December 3

12:00 pm †Catherine Dillman

Thursday, December 4

12:00 pm †Marquita Stafford

Friday December 5

12:00 pm †Crane Family L&D

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

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

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 15/16)....\$10,854

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

Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development.....\$411
Attendance.....452

Capital Campaign

Goal: 4.1 million

Pledged: \$3,435,396

Parish Calendar of Events

Calendario de eventos parroquiales

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

1:00pm Millions of Monicas
7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 3

7:00pm Fiat

Thursday, December 4

1:00pm Women's Group
6:30pm Young Adults

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

5:30pm DAR
6:00pm Parish Penance Service

Thursday, December 11

6:30pm Young Adult Group

Friday, December 12

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

and Dinner Celebration

Lunes 1 de diciembre

18:00h Estudio bíblico en español
18:30h OCIA
9:00h Magnify

Martes 2 de diciembre

13:00h Millones de Mónicas
17:00h Caballeros de Colón

Miércoles 3 de diciembre

19:00h Fiat
13:00h Grupo de Mujeres

Jueves 4 de diciembre

18:30h Jóvenes adultos
19:00h Magnify

Lunes 8 de diciembre

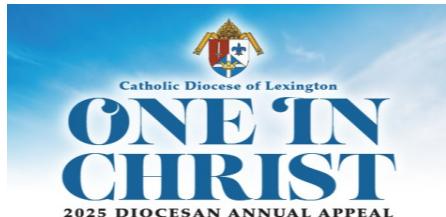
18:00h Estudio bíblico en español
18:30h OCIA
9:00h Magnify

Martes 9 de diciembre

17:30h DAR
18:00h Servicio penitencial parroquial

Jueves 11 de diciembre

18:30h Grupo de jóvenes adultos
18:00h Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y cena de celebración



Goal - \$34,850

Pledged - \$16,500

Participation Goal – 229 families

Current Participation – 59 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 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 2 at 1:00pm

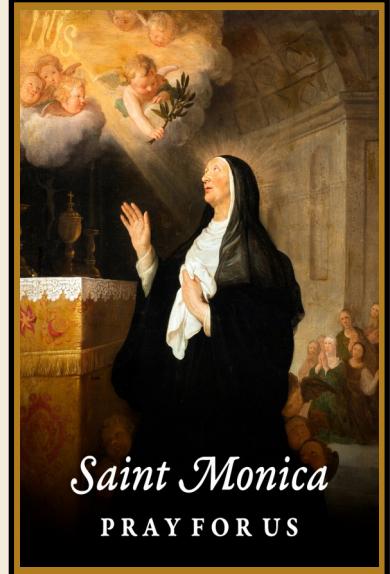
Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00pm

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 2 de diciembre a las 13:00 horas

Martes 16 de diciembre 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

November 30: No classes will be meeting.

December 7: 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.

30 de noviembre: No habrá clases.

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

Frequently Asked Questions about St. Luke's Giving Tree

1. Where do we get the names that appear on the tags?

Groups participating this year include the following: Rose Terrace-Nursing Home, Veterans Center, Social Services and church referrals.

2. Who decides what is asked for?

Each group determines who is included.

3. Why is it so important to keep the original gift tag?

The picture/shape determines what agency it represents.

Tree—Rose Terrace Lodge - place gifts in gift bags except community items
Angel—Veterans Center - place gifts in gift bags except community items

Mitten—Church Referrals – Please contact the church office – Wrap
Jesus & Santa—Social Services of Jessamine Co. - Wrap



ALL COMMUNITY ITEMS should be placed in a plastic/garbage bag with the tag attached. Do not wrap. Please DO NOT attach bows to any gifts. Most get ripped off as the gifts are stacked and unstacked causing the paper to be ripped.

4. Can I buy more than what is on the tag?

You are more than welcome to purchase additional items if you'd like. Please be certain to indicate on the additional gift package the tag picture/shape and the number or secure the packages with the one gift tag attached.

5. Can I select more than one tag? There is no limit to the number of tags you can select.

6. Do I have to buy all the items listed on the tag? No. These are just suggestions.

7. How are the packages delivered?

Packages are delivered to each group. The early due date allows each group enough time to deliver all the packages to each individual before Christmas.

8. How can I participate?

Select a tag(s) from the tree. Return the bagged/wrapped present, with the original gift tag attached, to the vestibule any time but final drop off is the weekend of December 6th & 7th.

9. I'd like to help but I'd rather not do the shopping. Can I donate money instead?

Yes. Each year we have a need for extra funds to make last-minute purchases. You can help by placing cash or a check (Made payable to St. Luke Church) in an envelope and marking it "Giving Tree" and placing it in the collection basket.

Questions? Kim Binzer 859-619-2306 (Angels)
Amy Frebis 859-333-2815 (Jesus & Santa, Mittens and Trees)

All Giving Tree gifts are due back December 6th and 7th.

St. Luke Women's Group News

Noticias del Grupo de Mujeres de San Lucas

Women's Group will meet on Thursday December 4 at 1:00pm for their business meeting and at 2:00pm to prepare a meal for the homeless shelter. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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 grupo de mujeres se reunirá el jueves 4 de diciembre a la 13:00 para su reunión de trabajo y a las 14:00 para preparar la comida para el albergue de personas sin hogar. Todas las mujeres están invitadas a asistir.

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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JANET PIECHOWSKI

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 AT 9:00 AM TO NOON

WHERE: CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL, HEHMAN HALL, 299
COLONY BLVD, LEXINGTON, KY. MASS AT 8 AM

Janet is a cradle Catholic, married and the mother of two, who attends Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Lexington. At an early age she discerned joining the Sisters of Mercy religious community; however, she married her husband Otto in 1981. They both worked at St. Peter and Paul Church in Danville, KY. Since moving to Lexington, she has been involved in teaching adult formation scripture classes, directing the ACTS retreat program, and the Walking with Moms in Need ministry. She also sponsors and supports women in recovery, often at the Hope Center and in other 12 Step programs, which ties in with a life-altering experience she had in 1980. What was that? Come and See!

Please contact Pat Hunt by email: magnificatsvp@gmail.com. by December 3 to reserve a spot. Catered by Suggins. Payment of \$15.00 may be made at the breakfast for those with reservations. Questions? Contact Pat Hunt at pwhun27@aol.com

FUTURE BREAKFASTS: February 7, 2026 and April 25, 2026

Blessings on Your Birthday!

- 11/30 Kaden Lee
- 12/1 Sheila Bodnar, Keith Dziki, Terry Thoroughman, Paul Zink
- 12/2 Jesse Miller
- 12/4 Edgar Gonzalez Vasquez, Vanessa Hernandez, Ariana Lara Longinos
- 12/5 Theresa Reynolds
- 12/6 Heidi Klug, Scott McDonald, Fredis Rodriguez

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

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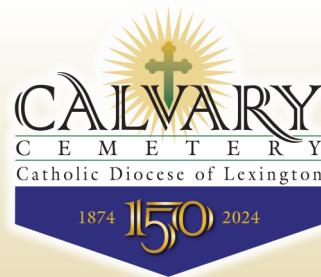
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Calvary's annual "candlelight at calvary" will be held
on Saturday, December 6, at 5pm.

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 November 30th, 2025

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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