

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

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### *Weekend Mass Schedule:*

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

### *Daily Mass Schedule:*

Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm, Thurs. 8:30 am,

Fri. 8:30 am, First Sat. 9:30 am

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation:*

Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

### *Parish Office Hours:*

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

### *Bulletin Announcements:*

Due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin:  
[communications@stlrnc.org](mailto:communications@stlrnc.org)

### *Baptism:*

Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Parish Office at 919-848-1533 for more information.

### *Sacrament of Anointing:*

Please call the Parish Office at 919-848-1533

### *Marriage:*

Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time in the formation of the sacrament. Please contact Barbara Bower at [weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org](mailto:weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org) for additional information.

### *Sacrament of Holy Orders:*

If anyone is discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact the Parish Office at 919-848-1533 for additional information.

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*St. Luke's Vision Statement: Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 2025** *Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:00 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30, 2025** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM †Nancy Coleman  
 by Mears Family  
 11:00 AM †Mark Soisson  
 by Rosemary Herhold

**MONDAY, DEC. 1, 2025**  
 No Daily Mass

**TUESDAY, DEC. 2, 2025**

5:30 PM †Joan Tullo  
 by Greg Tullo

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 2025** *St. Francis Xavier*

12:00 PM †Walt Ostack  
 by Mike & Ginny Byrne

**THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 2025** *St. John Damascene*

8:30 AM †Kathy Hosey  
 by Gene & Cecile Hosey

**FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 2025** *First Friday*

8:30 AM †Walt Ostack  
 by Mike & Susan Young

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 2025** *First Saturday St. Nicholas*

9:30 AM Mass Pro Populo  
 4:00 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM †William Clark  
 by Friends

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo  
 11:00 AM †Mark Soisson  
 by Ann Soisson

# PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 2025** *Blessed Virgin Mary*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM  
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
 VIGIL MASS .....5:30 PM

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30, 2025** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
 MASSES .....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**MONDAY, DEC. 1, 2025**

LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM

**TUESDAY, DEC. 2, 2025**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (TMBS)...9:15 AM  
 EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM  
 CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM  
 SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 2025** *St. Francis Xavier*

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM  
 WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD.....6:15 PM  
 OCIA.....6:30 PM  
 KofC COUNCIL MEETING.....6:30 PM

**THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 2025** *St. John Damascene*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM  
 GIFTS.....9:30 AM

**FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 2025** *First Friday*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM  
 ADORATION.....9:00 AM  
 FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION...9:00 AM  
 RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM  
 BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT..4:00 PM

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 2025** *First Saturday St. Nicholas*

FIRST SATURDAY MASS.....9:30 AM  
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM  
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
 VIGIL MASS .....5:30 PM

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
 MASSES .....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
 CONFIRMATION PREP.....9:45 AM  
 ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION.....9:45 AM

ADORATION OF  
 THE EUCHARIST:

FRIDAYS 9AM - 4PM



**SCAM ALERT**

Scammers are once again sending fake emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our Pastor, Staff or Bishop asking for a "favor" or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on these emails — mark them as spam or delete them right away.

**WEEKLY READINGS: NOV. 30-DEC. 7**

**Sunday 11/30:** Isa 2:1-5 / Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

**Monday 12/1:** Is 4:2-6 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday 12/2:** Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday 12/3:** Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday 12/4:** Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday 12/5:** Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday 12/6:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday 12/7:** Isa 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12



Liturgy & Prayer			
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G.I.F.T.S.	Peggy Miller	501-762-1635	peg.miller@outlook.com
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Homebound	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
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Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	Please Call
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlrc.org
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Legion of Mary	Tammy Huffman	919-744-6998	Please Call
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**Mary's Corner**

*"The clients of this most merciful Mother are very fortunate. She helps them both in this life and in the next, consoling them and sponsoring their cause in Purgatory."*

*- St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Please Pray For Our Family, Our Friends and Our Parish**

If you'd like to add or remove a name from our prayer list, please email [communications@stlrc.org](mailto:communications@stlrc.org).

Names are kept on the list for 3 weeks. Contact us to extend or update. Thank you!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



***Those Who Are Sick:***

Carolyn Barbarito, Peter Le, Daniel Nisbeth, Joseph Rothengast Sr., Daniel Ritchie

***Rest of the Soul:***

Edward Yatta, Douglas Wipperman, Tim White, William (Bill) Schultz, Walt Ostack, Terry Miner

***Those Who Are Actively Serving In The Military:***

Nathan Thomas, Brendon Burns, Bret Marrow, Brad Miller, Lane Wade, Madeline Chafin, Nico Muzo, James Boland, Caroline Todd, Isaac Cade

# Parish Finance Report

## November 30, 2025

FY25-26 Weekly YOY					
Oct-25		Oct-24			
299,580.54		296,282.12			
Current Year (FY 2025)		Prior Year (FY 2024)		Difference	
Nov-25	Total FY 2026	Nov-24	Total FY 2025	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY
2nd	17,161.88	3rd	20,745.63	(3,583.75)	-17%
9th	27,932.13	10th	14,790.95	13,141.18	89%
16th	13,775.79	17th	18,466.07	(4,690.28)	-25%
23rd	0.00	24th	18,357.60	(18,357.60)	-100%
30th	0.00	25th-29th	2,562.71	(2,562.71)	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,869.80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>74,922.96</b>	<b>(16,053.16)</b>	<b>-21%</b>
Thru Nov-25		Thru Nov-24	371,205.08	(12,754.74)	-3%

Budget Comparison		
Nov-25	Mo Budget	83,967.17
	Actual	58,869.80
	Over Under	(25,097.37)
	YTD Budget	419,835.85
	YTD Actual	358,450.34
	Over/Under	(61,385.51)
	Budget	-14.62%

### Upcoming Second Collections



**December 14, 2025**  
 Please put your donations in the basket when it is passed. Envelopes will be available in the gathering spaces.  
 Thank you!

If you have moved recently, please let us know by emailing [secretary@stlrnc.org](mailto:secretary@stlrnc.org) so we can update your records.  
 Thank you!

**Our Church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission, ministries, and programs. Your generosity and support make our church's work possible!**

Make offertory donations and 2nd collections and other payments to our church via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving Link by visiting our website: [stlukesraleigh.org](http://stlukesraleigh.org) (click on Give).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cyndy Aremia in the accounting office 919-848-1533 or email: [accountant@stlrnc.org](mailto:accountant@stlrnc.org).

**Thank you for your continued support!!**

### Offertory Counting Ministry

### Volunteers Needed!

Our volunteers record weekly offertory collections. The time commitment is small but the support to St. Luke's Parish and staff is HUGE! As the new year approaches, we are in need of at least 6 new volunteers.

If you are called to help, please contact Cyndy Aremia by email: [Accountant@stlrnc.org](mailto:Accountant@stlrnc.org) or call between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays: 919-848-1533.

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining our team.**

# At St. Luke's

## St. Luke's Saturday Morning Men's Group

Fall Sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month through 12-13-2025

The Search-Episode #6

Saturday, December 6, 7:30 AM - 9AM



*Am I Saved? It's a question that all Faithful have pondered. What does the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' say?*

Join fellow men of St. Luke's Parish and impact your Faith Journey!  
Contact Grand Knight Rick at (919) 418-0845 or [stlukegk12455@gmail.com](mailto:stlukegk12455@gmail.com)

*A time for fellowship... A time for discussion...  
A time to Seek and Find God in our lives!*



The Knights of Columbus have a few large outdoor Nativities still available for purchase.

Handcrafted by St. Luke parishioners, these painted wood Nativities will help you share the true meaning of Christmas in your neighborhood.

Delivery will be arranged.

Contact Keith Kosinski at [keithkosinski@gmail.com](mailto:keithkosinski@gmail.com) or call 919-622-0585



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to residents at the nursing home (Litchford, Perry Creek and TerraBella).

If you're interested in serving, please contact Rick Beebe at (919) 418-0845 or [stlukegk12455@gmail.com](mailto:stlukegk12455@gmail.com).

### CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

#### November Feed-A-Family Food Drive Donations

"...I was hungry and you and you gave me food...  
Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Mat 25:35-40

**\$16,465—MONETARY DONATIONS!**

**2,818—POUNDS OF FOOD!**

(Nearly 3X past food donations!)

**THANK YOU for your awesome generosity!**

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

Please select a gift tag from the tree and return it with your unwrapped gift. Thank you! These gifts help support those in need in our community.



## ST. LUKE'S

Family Fun Corner

### Advent Word Search

W	E	G	T	H	M	K	I	C	X	J	Q
R	W	R	E	A	T	H	S	A	Z	O	C
M	P	E	K	D	J	E	S	N	B	Y	A
A	Y	A	D	V	I	M	P	D	H	O	P
R	J	O	S	E	P	H	E	L	O	V	E
Y	E	B	A	N	C	O	A	E	O	G	A
P	S	X	G	T	H	P	C	S	P	K	C
Z	U	G	M	L	O	E	Z	E	A	Y	E
Y	S	Q	P	U	R	P	L	E	X	R	A

Words to Find:

- Advent
- Candles
- Hope
- Jesus
- Joseph
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Peace
- Purple
- Wreath

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

### Altar Server Ministry

Altar Serving is an important liturgical ministry in our parish. Altar servers have special tasks to perform during liturgies, especially the Eucharist (Mass), which is the central worship we give to God. As an altar server, one serves in the following ways:

- Serving the parish family by helping everyone worship and celebrate the best way possible
- Serving God through worship and prayer
- Serving the priest by helping him preside over the liturgy

Altar servers serve at weekend masses, Holy Day masses, liturgies during Holy Week and Christmas, and at wedding and funeral masses. Altar serving is a very important ministry in the Catholic Church. Participation in this ministry brings additional heavenly graces to the altar server.

Any boy or girl in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade who has received their First Communion and shows an interest and willingness to serve at the Altar is eligible to participate in the St. Luke Altar Server Ministry. Training is provided to new altar servers before they are scheduled to serve for the first time.

If you are interested in joining St. Luke's Altar Server Ministry, please contact Mr. David Sofra at (919) 847-9978 or [dsofra@bellsouth.net](mailto:dsofra@bellsouth.net).

# At St. Luke's



## Children & Youth Religious Education

*Elementary Catechesis & Sacrament Prep*

*Sundays at 9:45a.m.*

**Calendars:** [www.stlukesraleigh.org/elementary-faith-formation](http://www.stlukesraleigh.org/elementary-faith-formation)

*Teen Confirmation Prep*

*Sundays at 9:45a.m.*

**Calendar:** [www.stlukesraleigh.org/youth-confirmation](http://www.stlukesraleigh.org/youth-confirmation)

## Adult Religious Education

### **Current Studies**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

*The Case for Jesus*

**Wednesdays in the Word**

*EPIC: The Protestant Reformation & Counter Reformation*

**Knights of Columbus Saturday Men's Group**

*The Search*

*\*All Fall Studies are Underway.*

*For more information on how to join upcoming studies, please contact Director of Religious Education, Lydia Tatum at [dre@stlmc.org](mailto:dre@stlmc.org).*

## Upcoming Youth Activities

### **December 6 & 7**

*Pecan & Poinsettia Sales after ALL Weekend Masses*  
**YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

### **Sunday, December 7**

*Adopt-a-Family Shopping*  
2:00-3:00p.m. at Six Forks Station  
Target

### **Saturday, December 13**

*Adopt-a-Family Wrapping Party & Christmas Potluck*  
6:30-10:00p.m.

## Youth Pecan & Poinsettia Fundraiser

### **ONLINE SALES BEGIN 11/8**

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### **IN-PERSON SALES**

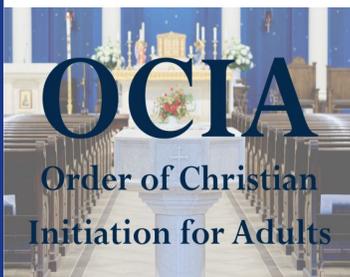
*December 6 & 7 After All Masses*

#### **PECAN MENU:**

- Mammoth Shelled Pecan Halves,
- Milk Chocolate Covered Pecans,
- Cinnamon Glazed Pecans,
- Glazed Pecans,
- Milk Chocolate Caramel Pecan Clusters

#### **POINSETTIA MENU:**

- 6.5" pot with 4-6 blooms, available in RED only (*This is the size we've sold in past years. Same price, too!*)
- 8" pot with 9-12 blooms, available in RED, WHITE, and RED GLITTER



## **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** **Classes Underway!**

*Wednesdays—6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.*

*Interested in Learning more about the Catholic faith?*

***Inquiry: [Cecile Hosey cawalc@gmail.com](mailto:Cecile.Hosey.cawalc@gmail.com)***

# Around the Diocese

During this holy season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take this opportunity to return to the Lord and receive His healing grace and peace in the mercy of the Lord.

## Raleigh Deanery Advent Penance Services



December 2 | 7 pm

St. Eugene - Wendell  
English & Spanish

December 3 | 7 pm

St. Andrew & St. Mary Magdalene - Apex  
English

December 4 | 7 pm

St. Michael & Mother Teresa - Cary  
English & Spanish

December 5 | 7 pm

Our Lady of Vang - Raleigh  
English

December 9 | 11 am

Our Lady of Lourdes - Raleigh  
English & Spanish

December 9 | 7 pm

St. Bernadette - Fuquay-Varina  
English & Spanish

December 10 | 7 pm

St. Catherine of Siena - Wake Forest  
English & Spanish

December 11 | 10 am

St. Catherine of Siena - Wake Forest  
English & Spanish

December 11 | 6:30 pm

St. Lukes - Raleigh  
English

December 16 | 10:30 am

St. Bernadette - Fuquay-Varina  
English & Spanish

December 16 | 7 pm

Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Mary,  
& NCSU - Raleigh  
English & Spanish

December 17 | 7 pm

St. Raphael - Raleigh  
English & Spanish

December 18 | 10 am

St. Michael - Cary  
English & Spanish

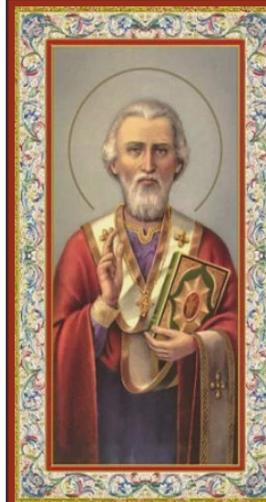
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION



6:00 pm Holy Mass to  
Honor the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus

7:00 pm Holy Hour in reparation  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
Rosary to defend the Sanctity of  
Life



ST. NICHOLAS  
FEAST DAY

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>



CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

## ANNUAL Homeschool MASS

Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
10:00 am

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  
715 Nazareth Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**Registration:**

ARCH Members: Please register to help with planning  
and to receive a gift.  
Non-ARCH Members: Email Cynthia Wallace at  
cynthiawallace77@gmail.com with your attendance details.





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### From Pope Benedict XVI, Saint Peter's Square, Second Sunday of Advent, 4 December 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this season of Advent, while the Ecclesial Community is preparing for and celebrating the great mystery of the Incarnation, it is invited to rediscover and deepen its own personal relationship with God. The Latin word "adventus" refers to the coming of Christ and brings to the fore God's movement towards humanity, to which each is called to respond with openness, expectation, seeking and attachment. And as God is sovereignly free in revealing and giving himself because he is motivated solely by love, so the human person is also free in giving his or her own, even dutiful, assent: God expects a response of love.

In these days, the liturgy presents to us as a perfect model of this response the Virgin Mary, whom this 8 December we will contemplate in the mystery of the Immaculate Conception. The Virgin is the One who continues to listen, always ready to do the Lord's will; she is an example for the believer who lives in search of God...

"It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with reason and free will..., are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth" (Dignitatis Humanae, no. 2)...

Religious liberty is indeed very far from being effectively guaranteed everywhere: in certain cases it is denied for religious or ideological reasons; at other times, although it may be recognizable on paper, it is hindered in effect by political power or, more cunningly, by the cultural predomination of agnosticism and relativism.

Let us pray that all human beings may completely fulfill the religious vocation they bear engraved in their being. May Mary help us to recognize in the face of the Child of Bethlehem, conceived in her virginal womb, the divine Redeemer who came into the world to reveal to us the authentic face of God.

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