



# ST. LUKE Catholic Church

10682 Old Nashville Hwy.  
Smyrna, TN 37167

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Friday - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
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### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m. - English  
7:30 p.m. - Spanish

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. - English  
12:00 Noon - Bilingual

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### Monday

6:30 p.m. - Bilingual

#### Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - English

#### Misa en Español

Jueves 7:00 p.m.  
Sabado 7:30 p.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
until

Friday 8:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### Saturday

3:10 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - English  
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Bilingual

#### Wednesday

After 8:30 Mass  
or by appointment

### ANUNCIOS PERMANENTES

#### Clases Pre-Bautismales

Necesita pre-registrarse. Para ello tiene que comunicarse con la persona encargada al número de teléfono 615-444-9394. Niños menores de 7 años. Copia del certificado de nacimiento. Los padrinos por lo menos uno, tiene que ser mayor de 16 años. Tener: **Bautismo, Primera comunión y Confirmación.** Si son dos padrinos tiene que ser **hombre y mujer, no se aceptan niños** durante las pláticas. Si no tiene alternativa favor de hablar con el director de Educación Religiosa (información en el boletín). Gracias por su cooperación y muchas bendiciones

#### Grupo Mujeres de Fátima

Lunes a las 6:30 p.m.

#### Grupo de Parejas

Martes a las 6:30 p.m.

#### Misa Mensual de Fieles Difuntos

4.º Jueves de cada mes a las 7 p.m.

#### Adoración Eucarística continua de 24 Hrs

Jueves a las 8 a.m. hasta Viernes 8 a.m.

#### Renovación Carismática

Viernes a las 7:30 p.m.

#### Ministerio de la Adoración Nocturna

3º Sábado del mes, de 9:30 p.m.

#### Llama de Amor

Rosario - 2.º y 4.º Sábado del mes después de misa de 7:30 p.m.

Vigilia mensual - 1er Sábado del mes después de misa de 7:30 p.m.

#### Programa de Educación Religiosa

Miércoles, Sábados y Domingos



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 28**

4:00 p.m. † Kelly Provencher-Young - by Tony and Kris Wynn  
7:30 p.m. † Grogorio Ledezma - by the Ledezma Family

**Sunday, December 29**

8:00 a.m. † Jane Doe - by St. Luke Women of Faith  
10:00 a.m. † Ed Perona - by St. Luke Women of Faith  
12:00 p.m. † Julia Azocar - by the Pinero Mora Family

**Monday, December 30**

6:30 p.m. Healing for Yolanda Arbildo

**Tuesday, December 31 - New Years Eve**

4:00 p.m. For all St. Luke Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

10:00 a.m. † Ron Stoudt - by Pam and Louis Cuccia  
12:00 p.m. For all St. Luke Parishioners

**Thursday, January 2**

8:30 a.m. † Tommy Morrell  
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Friday, January 3**

8:30 a.m. Audrey and George Eisenhardt

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR PARISH NEEDS AND GENERAL OPERATIONS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2024.**

\$ 26,793.91 - Weekly Collection for Parish needs and general operations (includes online giving)

\$ 24,619.00 - Weekly Expenses for Parish needs and general operations

\$ 2,174.91 = **Weekly surplus (deficit) for Parish**

**WEEKLY DESIGNATED DONATIONS:**

\$ 1,480.00 Restricted Designated Donations (Includes online giving).

\$ 662.40 Last Resource Deposit (Includes online giving)

\$ 608.54 Food Pantry Deposit (includes online giving)

\$ 29,544.85 **Total revenue collected** (general operations & designated donations)

\$ 59,330.00 - Weekly Overall Goal for Parish (see formula below)

\$ -29,785.15 = Overall weekly goal surplus (deficit) for Parish.

(Goal is based on 7.5% of average family income of \$47,000 x 875 families.)

**LET US PRAY**

**For the Health & Recovery of our Parish Family**

III Kit and Ernie Gartung, IIIII Jim McCabe, IIIII Nancy Polakiewicz, IIIII Paula Stanley, IIII Richard Marcrum, IIII Brenda Fentress

\*Names remain on this list for 6 weeks. Please call the office at 615-459-9672 or e-mail the [frontoffice@stlukekn.org](mailto:frontoffice@stlukekn.org) to add or remove someone on this list.

**For Those on Active Duty in the Military**

Benjamin Anderson, Cody Hopper, Charles Lane, Michael Leaver, Jeremy Minner, Manuel Pineda, Mike Plouff, Johnathan Stark, Dylan Williams, Matthew Moshea, Alek Nochowicz, Patrick Rissler, Hailey Rissler, Jeff Hineman, Carl Templeton, Justin Laprise, Liam Smith, Logan Garrett, Jeb Sloan, Tom Janssen, Cole Liko, Kevin Gael Rodriguez, Peyton Oates, Grant Holland, Michael Mounce, Greg Kilpatrick, Miss Dorris



**There will be a 2nd collection on the last weekend of every month for the Bishop's Annual Appeal / Legacy Campaign.**

**LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST CONTROL YOUR HEARTS.**

Our readings today point to the importance of reverencing one another with respect and charity. We are to honor our parents and let the peace of Christ control [our] hearts. We are to put on love and strive always to live with gratitude.

**NASHVILLE CATHOLIC: ANYWHERE YOU ARE, IT'S HERE**

Check out [NashvilleCatholic.org](http://NashvilleCatholic.org) for the latest articles, videos, podcasts, and other fun and exciting content from the Diocese of Nashville.



If you have completed Cursillo and want to be part of a new group meeting at St. Luke Parish, please contact Ann Strode at (615) 424-4248 for more information. [www.nashvillecursillo.com](http://www.nashvillecursillo.com)

**New to the Parish? WELCOME!**

To register as a parishioner of St. Luke Catholic Church, Please contact the church office 615-459-9672 or visit our website at: <https://www.saintlukesmyrnatn.com>

To make a quick Online Donation just scan this QR code for Vanco, to the right, with your smart phone!



You may also make a donation by PayPal — just scan this QR code to your left, or log in to your PayPal account and search for [stluke123@comcast.net](mailto:stluke123@comcast.net)



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 31, 2024 & JAN. 1, 2025**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 p.m. Lily and Graham Claytor, Emmerson Rost  
10:00 a.m. Dominic Opie, William, Joseph and Joshua Krog

**LECTORS**

4:00 p.m. Patrick Reina, Diane Holcomb  
10:00 a.m. Pat McKown, Tracie Henry

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. Jim and Debbie Knost, Jerilyn Rost, (Needing 3 Subs.)  
10:00 a.m. T. Henry, M. Fell, C. & J. Noyes, S. Legaspi, A. Strode

**USHERS / GREETERS**

4:00 p.m. Craig Rost, (Needing 3 Subs.)  
10:00 a.m. (Needing 4 Subs.)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 4 & 5, 2025**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 p.m. Jacob, Lucas, and Nicholas Barnard  
8:00 a.m. Samuel Jones, Owen Guidry, Gabe Stanley  
10:00 a.m. Graham Claytor, Eli Bueche, Jackson Strain, Dominic Opie

**LECTORS**

4:00 p.m. Judith Nochowicz, Elizabeth Bohan  
8:00 a.m. Katie Carney, Don Tillet  
10:00 a.m. Stephanie Nordhoff, Lori Kendall

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. D. & J. Spehn, P. Muenich, C. & K. Daugherty, C. Daugherty  
8:00 a.m. M. & E. Dauerer, J. Ezzell, M. Fell, D. Francescon, C. Gartung  
10:00 a.m. J. Bowman, R. Macaspac, S. Nordhoff, A. Mellette, J. & C. Noyes

**USHERS / GREETERS**

4:00 p.m. Mark Moshea, Jack Payne, James and Karen Perkins  
8:00 a.m. Ken and Marian Jordan, Ken and Jean Mills  
10:00 a.m. Bob and Jojie Domingo, Jake Erisman, Stephanie Ramirez

**PRIMERA LECTURA**

**SIR 3, 3-7. 14-17A**

El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole. El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado; y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre. Quien honra a su padre, encontrará alegría en sus hijos y su oración será escuchada; el que enaltece a su padre, tendrá larga vida y el que obedece al Señor, es consuelo de su madre. Hijo, cuida de tu padre en la vejez y en su vida no le causes tristeza; aunque se debilite su razón, ten paciencia con él y no lo menosprecies por estar tú en pleno vigor. El bien hecho al padre no quedará en el olvido y se tomará a cuenta de tus pecados.

**SEGUNDA LECTURA**

**COL 3, 12-21**

Hermanos: Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro, como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes. Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión. Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo, esa paz a la que han sido llamados, como miembros de un solo cuerpo. Finalmente, sean agradecidos. Que la palabra de Cristo habite en ustedes con toda su riqueza. Enséñense y aconséjense unos a otros lo mejor que sepan. Con el corazón lleno de gratitud, alaben a Dios con salmos, himnos y cánticos espirituales; y todo lo que digan y todo lo que hagan, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dándole gracias a Dios Padre, por medio de Cristo. Mujeres, respeten la autoridad de sus maridos, como lo quiere el Señor. Maridos, amen a sus esposas y no sean rudos con ellas. Hijos, obedezcan en todo a sus padres, porque eso es agradable al Señor. Padres, no exijan demasiado a sus hijos, para que no se depriman.

**ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO**

**CFR HECHOS 16, 14B**

*R. Aleluya, aleluya.*

Abre, Señor, nuestros corazones, para que aceptemos las palabras de tu Hijo.  
*R. Aleluya.*

**EVANGELIO**

**LC 2, 41-52**

Los padres de Jesús solían ir cada año a Jerusalén para las festividades de la Pascua. Cuando el niño cumplió doce años, fueron a la fiesta, según la costumbre. Pasados aquellos días, se volvieron, pero el niño Jesús se quedó en Jerusalén, sin que sus padres lo supieran. Creyendo que iba en la caravana, hicieron un día de camino; entonces lo buscaron, y al no encontrarlo, regresaron a Jerusalén en su busca. Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. Al verlo, sus padres se quedaron atónitos y su madre le dijo: "Hijo mío, ¿por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando llenos de angustia". Él les respondió: "¿Por qué me andaban buscando? ¿No sabían que debo ocuparme en las cosas de mi Padre?" Ellos no entendieron la respuesta que les dio. Entonces volvió con ellos a Nazaret y siguió sujeto a su autoridad. Su madre conservaba en su corazón todas aquellas cosas. Jesús iba creciendo en saber, en estatura y en el favor de Dios y de los hombres.

**SALMO RESPONSORIAL SALMO 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10**

*R. (cf. 5a) Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa.*

Anhelando los atrios del Señor  
se consume mi alma.

Todo mi ser de gozo se estremece  
y el Dios vivo es la causa. R.

*R. Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa.*

Dichosos los que viven en tu casa,  
te alabarán para siempre;

dichosos los que encuentran en ti su fuerza  
y la esperanza de su corazón. R.

*R. Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa.*

Escucha mi oración, Señor de los ejércitos;  
Dios de Jacob, atiéndeme.

Míranos, Dios y protector nuestro,

y contempla el rostro de tu Mesías. R.

*R. Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa.*

**PROFESIÓN DE FE**

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo,

*y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;*

y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas. Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén



**MISA DE APERTURA DEL AÑO JUBILAR DE LA ESPERANZA**

Está invitado a asistir a la Misa de apertura del Año Jubilar de la Esperanza en la Diócesis de Nashville con el Obispo Spalding el domingo 29 de diciembre a las 11:00 a. m. en la Catedral de la Encarnación. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Puede

encontrar más información sobre el Año Jubilar en

[nashvillefaithformation.com/jubilee](http://nashvillefaithformation.com/jubilee).

**PROGRAMA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA**

Divisiones Domingos, Miercoles y Sabados:

**División Domingo:**

**NO HABRA CLASES** el 22 y 29 de Diciembre y 5 de Enero, 2025 por la Navidad y Año Nuevo. Las Clases Regresan el 12 de Enero, 2025

**División Miercoles: Par estudiantes de Con24**

- El Primer día de Clase (CON25) será el Miércoles 22 de Enero, 2025 a las 6:30 p.m. ¡Disfruten sus días festivos!
- También, la primer Junta de Papás será el 22 de Enero a las 6:50 p.m. en la Iglesia. Es una junta importante de atender. Hablaremos de las expectativas y fechas importantes.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL RIGHT

Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

*All: For we have sinned against you.*

Celebrant: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

*All: And grant us your salvation.*

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*Amen.*

READING I SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

READING II COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

ALLELUIA CF. ACTS 16:14B

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL LK 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.

*R. (cf. 5a) Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

*R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Happy they who dwell in your house!

Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

*R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

*R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten son of God, born of the father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*



Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Text: Irregular with refrain: John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

SILENT NIGHT (STILLE NACHT)

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES/Gerard Chiusano/Mary Hochman

What child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with athens sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

This child is born the Prince of Peace  
To all whose hearts are broken.  
To love and heal the wounded soul,  
God's mighty Word is spoken.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king, to own him;  
The Kings of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Text: Refrain and verses 1, 5, William C. Dix. Verses 2-4 text © 2005, 2006, Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: English melody.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1-2, Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913; Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt. Music: Attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

Text: 06 06 76 06; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893, alt. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 96:4-9; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

SUNDAY GOSPEL  
WORD SEARCH

The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph

Word search grid with letters and hidden words. Includes a word list on the left and a search key on the right.

WORD LIST

- AGE
- FATHER
- FAVOR
- FIND
- HOUSE
- JERUSALEM
- JESUS
- JOSEPH

- LOOK
- MARY
- OBEDIENT
- RELATIVES
- TEMPLE
- WISDOM
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### ST LUKE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS

St. Luke Knights of Columbus Council 9168 is beginning its annual Coats for Kids collection drive. We are asking parishioners to donate new or clean and gently used coats (or heavy hoodies) to benefit needy school children in the Rutherford County School System. Coats can be placed in the Knights Of Columbus box located in the narthex. If you want to donate coats but cannot deliver them to St. Luke, please contact Joe Kisor at (812) 584-7143. Our drive will continue through January 31. God bless you for your generosity!

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - English Mass  
12:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

### New COR Website

Click the QR to see the new Cor website.  
(Or enter the URL 9168cor.com in your browser)

Send us your Feedback!



### WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The office will be closed December 30, 31, and January 1, for the New Year's holiday. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.



### LAST RESOURCE

Last Resource is one of our St. Luke Ministries that helps members of our parish & community with utility expenses in the Smyrna and LaVergne area that are in need due to unforeseen circumstances. Last Resource needs your help!! Please consider giving to this ministry by using our Last Resource envelopes, online giving or simply dropping your donation in the box which is located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations.

### FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the Food Pantry! What is needed especially now is: Instant potatoes, pancake mix, pancake Syrup & Jelly. Other items are canned fruit, canned applesauce, soups, chicken bouillon, rice, oatmeal, canned pastas (like Ravioli for kids), pasta, pasta sauce, canned chicken, dry or canned beans, sugar, salt, flour, instant coffee, cooking oil, maseca, canned jalapeño's, chipotles (\*\*please no glass jars\*\*)! Please only give what you can financially afford. All food donations are greatly appreciated!

THE FOOD PANTRY DOES NOT ACCEPT CLOTHES! PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM OFF IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

### LEGION OF MARY

December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Our Lady of Light, invites everyone to pray the rosary every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We meet in the cry room. We also pray the rosary every weekday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Join us for our weekly meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. We meet in the adult education Classroom B. *Visitors are welcome.*

### LADIES AUXILIARY OF COUNCIL #9168

Calling all ladies! There is a new opportunity to connect with and/or participate in parish life at St. Luke. The next meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary of Council 9168 will be held on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Kirk room. For more information - contact Frances Ezzell by sending a message to [ladiesof9168@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesof9168@gmail.com). We're looking forward to seeing you there!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Sunday Division

~ There will be NO CLASSES on December 22, 29, and January 5, 2025 due to Christmas and New Years. Classes Return on January 12, 2025.



#### Wednesday Division: For our CON25 Students only

- First Day of CON25 will be on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. **Enjoy the holidays!**
- First Parent Meeting will be on 1-22-2025 at 6:50 p.m. in the Church. It is an important meeting to attend. We will mention expectations and important dates.

Please join us in prayer for these expectant mothers in our parish.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Gigi Holland               | Stephanie Hamilton |
| Maria Padilla              | Cristina Ocano     |
| Joanna Espinoza            | Sarah Herod        |
| Maddie Francescon-Washburn | Maida Hernandez    |



If you are expecting a baby, we would love to pray for you! Please call Joanne Speer at 615-300-8656 or email her at: [joanne.speer@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.speer@comcast.net) to be added to the expectant mothers prayer list.

### NASHVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NDCCW)

The NDCCW Winter Meeting will be Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Christ the King Church, 3001 Belmont Blvd. in Nashville. (Please enter through door at rear of school under portico.) Cost, which includes lunch, is \$15. Registration is at 8 - 9 a.m. followed with Mass at 9 a.m. Lunch will be at 12 noon. The speaker will be Amelia Sweeny. Amelia will be speaking about "How a Grieving Mother Keeps Her Faith in the Dark Times of Her Life". Please contact Laura Nota for more information at [lnota615@gmail.com](mailto:lnota615@gmail.com).

### WORD MARRIAGE DAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join Bishop Spalding for the 2025 World Marriage Day Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. All married couples celebrating any anniversary year are invited to attend. There will be a special recognition for couples celebrating milestones of 25, 50, or 60+ years. Please RSVP at [nashvillefaithformation.com](http://nashvillefaithformation.com) or call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 615-645-9752.



### ST. LUKE HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

St. Luke Homeschool Ministry is for homeschool families to meet the first Wednesday morning of every month from September to May with the goal of attending morning Mass, celebrating the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year, and participating in various clubs and activities. We use Kendra Tierney's Catholic All Year Compendium to guide our monthly events & celebrations. We also have separate clubs & peer-group activities to finish our morning together. Interested families do not have to be a member of St Luke parish to attend & we have all ages including teens participating each month. Please email [htqpartyof8@gmail.com](mailto:htqpartyof8@gmail.com) for more details.



St. Michael Academy is opening up their middle school for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications for Preschool-8th grade will open on October 1 and can be completed on their Website: [stmichaeltn.org](http://stmichaeltn.org)

### FATHER RYAN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 Class of the Father Ryan Athletics Hall of Fame. Nominate an athlete, a coach, a team, or a contributor on line by March 1, 2025. Visit [fatherryan.org/hall-of-fame](http://fatherryan.org/hall-of-fame) for guidelines and to submit a nomination.

### SAINT ROSE SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL

Saint Rose School and Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year for children ages 2 years of age through 7th grade. **Spots are limited.** Applications can be submitted through the school website [www.school.saintrose.org](http://www.school.saintrose.org) under Admissions. For more information or to take a tour please contact: Staci Rose ~ Admissions ~ [admissions@saintrose.org](mailto:admissions@saintrose.org) ~ 615-898-0555 ext. 1017.



### ST. CECILIA ACADEMY WALK-IN-WEDNESDAYS

~ SCA Connect Join us for lunch and hear from our Principal, Sister Anna Laura, our admissions team, and students on their SCA experience. There are several dates to choose from to work with your schedule. It is the perfect time to ask questions, tour the school, and learn more about the St. Cecilia Academy community. Registration/select your date: [stcecilia.edu/experience](http://stcecilia.edu/experience).

~ Walk-In Wednesdays Stop by St. Cecilia Academy (Wednesdays), noon to 1 p.m., 4210 Harding Pike, Nashville. Tour our school and speak with the admissions team. No registration required.

### THY KINGDOM.COME WORKSHOP

St. Philip the Apostle Church in Franklin will host a free Thy Kingdom Come Workshop **January 17-18, 2025**, at the church. Jansen Bagwell will lead two days of transformational deliverance, healing, and restoration through Christ. While the workshop is free, attendance is limited. To reserve a spot, visit [thykingdomcomeworkshop.com/](http://thykingdomcomeworkshop.com/).

### RETOUVAILLE: A MARRIAGE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Retrouvaille, a marriage recovery program for struggling couples who are considering separation or divorce, is Catholic in origin and orientation but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. For confidential information about the program: 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or [nrv3043@gmail.com](mailto:nrv3043@gmail.com) or [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).

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TUESDAY: Fr. Rodolfo Rivera  
WEDNESDAY: Fr. Michael Roark  
THURSDAY: Fr. Jesuraj Samynathan  
FRIDAY: Fr. Mark Sappenfield  
SATURDAY: Fr. Marneni "Bala" Showraiah, O.F.M.  
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### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (INFANT - AGE 7)

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of this Sacrament. If this is your first child to be baptized, parents are encouraged to participate in a class before a date for the Baptism can be set.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15-3:50 p.m. (or following Saturday vigil Mass) and any time by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese of Nashville requires a minimum four month preparation period. Contact the office for details.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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