

# SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**TODAY:** **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
Saturday Feb 1 4:00 p.m. +Dean & Alice Adams  
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

**DAILY MASS**  
Thurs Feb 6 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya  
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

**NEXT WEEK:** **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Saturday Feb 8 4:00 p.m. Parishioner of St Luke's

+ Rest in Peace \* Holy Mass of the Living

## CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

## ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

**New Parishioners** – Please contact the parish office to register.

**RCIA:** Please contact the Parish Office at St Luke's for more information.

**Baptism Classes:** First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish office to schedule.

**Marriage Instructions:** Couples anticipating marriage must contact the Pastor 6 – 12 months in advance of the wedding. One person, of the couple, asking to be married must be a registered member of the Parish. Please contact the St Luke Parish Office to schedule.

*Web address: [www.saintlukebv.org](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

## **STEWARDSHIP for January 25, 2020**

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)*

Adult Envelopes \$ 715.00      Loose Collection \$ 13.00

## **Ministries:**

**Ushers for February:** John Humpal & Tom Humpal

**Lector:** February 1 – Dennis Hill February 8 – Joe Adams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** February 1 – S. Anderson, J. Humpal, B. Laluya  
February 8 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith

**Rosary Leader:** February – Frank Kowalczyk

## **St Luke News:**

**This weekend,** February 1 & 2, during Mass, there will be "Blessing of the Throats" – Feast of St Blaise. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

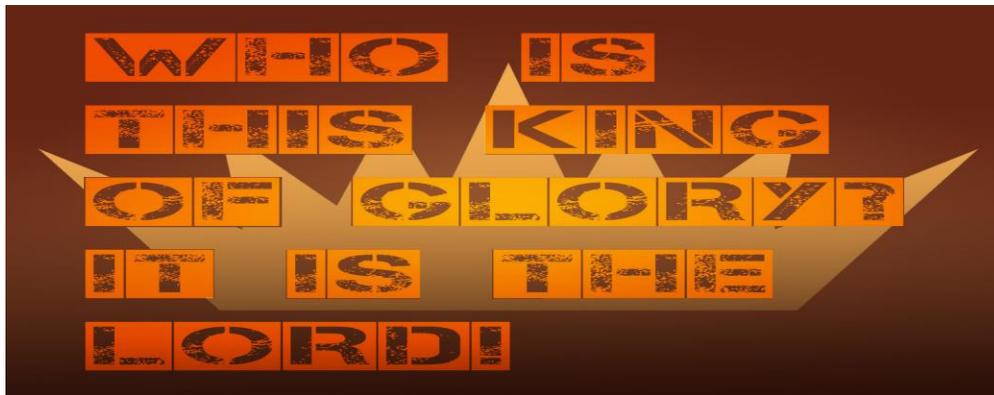
## **Other News:**

**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated the weekend of February 1-2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

**Winter Haven Volunteers Needed:** Winter Haven Warming Shelter is in need of volunteers in order to keep the shelter open through March 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Jill Seichter at 715-235-2920 ext. 3 or [communityconnect@steppingstones.org](mailto:communityconnect@steppingstones.org) to volunteer

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Right to Life Breakfast** will be held on *Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until Noon* in the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley. A free will offering will be accepted, proceeds going to support area women in need of pregnancy assistance.

West CAP Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their generosity. In response to the question, "What should I donate?" West CAP has compiled a suggested list of needed items which is posted on the bulletin board.



## **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast used to be called the Purification of Mary. A number of years ago the Church changed this feast from a Feast of Mary, the Purification, to a Feast of the Lord. Because Simeon called Jesus the Light of the Nations, this feast is also the day that candles are blessed. It is sometimes called Candle Mass.

In the Eastern Church, this feast was called the Feast of the Encounter, the first encounter of the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna and the Temple, with the New Testament, represented by the Lord. Jesus is presented in the Temple following the ancient Jewish laws. In the New Law of the Kingdom of God, Jesus' own body would become the New Temple.

The image that keeps occurring in this feast is that of a young mother and father and their new baby. They are so excited about the birth of their treasure, so grateful to God for this child that they brought the child before the Lord to thank God properly. Simeon, like all of us, wanted to hold the new baby. When he does, a spirit of prophecy comes upon him. He realizes that in this child he is in the presence of God's salvation, the Light of the Nations.

Simeon also prophesies the pains that Mary would have as she witnessed God's plan being worked out in this child. The devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary grew from this: the Prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the Three Days' Loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, Meeting Jesus with the Cross, the Crucifixion, the Taking Down from the Cross, the Burial. The encounter with the Lord would demand continual sacrifice from all including Mary. The reward of this encounter is great, the presence of the Savior.

The Lord is presented as an infant to the Temple, now the Temple will never more be the same. The abiding presence of God, the Holy of Holies, is now transferred from the inner sanctuary to the Child in Simeon's arms. We all were presented to the Church as infants for our baptism. The Church will never again be the same. Now a special presence of the Holy of Holies, the presence of God's intimate life, dwells within the newly baptized.

Every child born and baptized, every single one of us, presented to the Lord, carries within himself or herself a unique image of the Holy of Holies. Each one of us is called to seek that image within us, to develop it. We are called to allow God to take over our lives. This presentation with its resulting purification results in sorrow, for to follow the Lord means to sacrifice our own material inclinations and our physical desires for the sake of the cultivation of the spiritual within us. This presentation results in joy, for when we live with the Lord we have meaning in our lives.

*"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life."* The encounter with the Lord is a step into the spiritual. All that we have will be lost by the end of our lives, but Christ and his love and the way we love him in others, that is the life that is forever.

On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we ask God to transform us from people tied to the material to those whose encounter with Christ leads us to live for the spiritual.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

*Please pray for: Jayme Closs, Jim Smith - effects of chemo for colon cancer, Mark Hellmann - recovery from kidney cancer, David Buck - Cancer, Connie Sykora - recovery, The Boesl family during this time of grief, Corinne - sister of Dennis Hill who had a stroke, Terry Mohn's son-in-law who is dealing with leukemia, Bruce - cancer. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center*

*February 1-2, 2020*