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First Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

Saturday, November 27th

4:00 pm - St. Luke: All Souls' intentions by the Q's

Sunday, November 28th - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Donald and Lorraine Danis by Jean and Kathy

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the Parishioners

Monday, November 29th

9:00 am - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 30th - St. Anthony

4:00 pm - 4:55 pm —Adoration w/ Confessions at St. Luke

5:00 pm - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Redding and Lecorchick families by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Wednesday, December 1st

9:00 am - Ascension: Sandy Cutting by Deb Irish

Thursday, December 2nd

9:00 am - St. Luke: Judi H. Varricchione by Jim Varricchione

Friday, December 3rd—Saint Francis Xavier

9:00 am - Ascension: Donna Varricchione by Jim Varricchione
Birthday Blessing for Katie Redding
By Mom and Dad

Saturday, December 4th— Saint John Damascene

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Redding and Lecorchick by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Sunday, December 5th - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Deceased members of the Danis family by Jean and Kathy
Ralph and Kathleen Pillsburg
By Michael and Carolyn Hill
Paul Cadieux
His Mom

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the Parishioners

Military News: Please pray for the safety and well-being of our military personnel, especially those who have been deployed: Sgt. Brion Houston, Maj. Christopher H. Stafford and Jonathon Modugno

November 28, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collections for the Weekend of November 21, 2021

St Luke: \$2,222.01 Human Development \$461.00

votive candles \$26.92

Ascension: \$1,406.50 Human Development \$278.00

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: www.stlukevt.org and click "Online Giving"

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There was a misprint in the recent Christ Our Hope Campaign goals listed for St. Luke. The goals should have been listed as: funding for spiritual growth activities, hospitality, community outreach (evangelization), and ministry to our young people.

Christ Our Hope Progress Report

| Parish | Goal | Pledged | % of Goal |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ascension | \$100,706.00 | \$40,702.00 | 40% |
| St. Luke | \$164,899.00 | \$72,268.00 | 44% |

CHRIST OUR HOPE: Building a Vibrant Church

Saint Luke is 44% to goal and Ascension is 40% to goal. We are grateful to all those who were able to contribute, and especially your prayers.

Next weekend, we will make an in-pew request to consider a gift to the campaign. We then ask you to consider our shared responsibility for the needs of our spiritual home, our parish, and the future of our Catholic Church in Vermont. Finally, we invite those who can give to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift beyond their usual offertory and bishop's Bishop's appeal contribution.

Please visit www.christourhopevt.org for more information.

Companions with the suffering Christ: Please pray for the ill or confined, and those in need of healing: James Austin, Brenda Barkyoub, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, George Bilodeau, Danielle & Pat Orioles, Clem Cardinal, Joanne Carey, Alice Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Charlotte, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, Infant Baby, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Ronald Morin, Ronald Morin, II, Lisa Ouimette, David Parisi, Kristy Pigeon, L Q., Joseph Q., Fr. Donald Ravey, Eleanore Sawyer, Mary St. Arnold, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Inmates of the NW Correctional Facility

The Feast Days of December remind us of the irreplaceable role of our Blessed Mother in the His-story of Salvation. Please Join Fr. Hahr at St. Luke's on the Tuesdays of December for a video series on the Titles of the Blessed Mother in Sacred Scripture. We'll be using the series on FORMED.ORG: *Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre*

First session will be after the Mass on Dec. 7th, at St. Luke Hall

Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner at Ascension

The Senior Citizen Christmas dinner will be held on December 11th and will be **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Gift bags will be included with each dinner. Small items for the bags are needed. We also need help to prepare the food on Friday, December 10th and Saturday morning, December 11th. In addition, we need help to delivery the meals. Sign up sheet is available in the back of the church. Any questions, call Alice Sturgeon 802-524-3330.

PRAY FOR LIFE: On December 1st, the Supreme Court will hear the first abortion case since Justice Amy Coney Barrett was seated and cemented a 6-3 conservative majority on the bench. The case under consideration, *Thomas E. Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, involves a Mississippi law banning all abortions over 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies and in the case of severe fetal abnormality. In this case, Mississippi is asking the Court to overturn the long-standing precedent of *Roe v. Wade*. While the Supreme Court has considered other abortion cases involving state regulations, this is the first case that the high court has taken in which a state is directly asking to overturn the constitutional right to abortion.

Please join us at St. Luke on November 30th to pray asking our Lord to touch the hearts of the Justices in defense of innocent human life.

The usual Holy Hour with Confessions will take place from 4-5pm, followed by the 5pm Mass. Following the Mass we will have a special Holy Hour of Reparation for Life from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

An extra Hour of Adoration will be held on that same day, Nov. 30th at Ascension from 7:30-8:30pm

We are looking for volunteers to help us continue our mission of writing cards of hope and Scripture to our local prisoners in the Northwest Correctional Facility. If you would like to join us in this ministry please call Jean at 802-782-6491.

Remember those who are prisoners just as if you were imprisoned with them.
(Hebrews 13:3)

Walking in the Other Guy's Shoes: An Advent Challenge

WE MUST not rely too much upon ourselves, for grace and understanding are often lacking in us. We have but little inborn light, and this we quickly lose through negligence. Often we are not aware that we are so blind in heart. Meanwhile we do wrong, and then do worse in excusing it. At times we are moved by passion, and we think it zeal. We take others to task for small mistakes, and overlook greater ones in ourselves. We are quick enough to feel and brood over the things we suffer from others, but we think nothing of how much others suffer from us. If a man would weigh his own deeds fully and rightly, he would find little cause to pass severe judgment on others. ~ *Imitation of Christ*, II, 5

2022 Envelopes: Offertory envelope boxes for 2022 are in the back of each church. If you do not see your name on a box or would like to start using envelopes, please call the office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE (and the Sunday following)

Friday, Dec. 24th: 4PM @ St. Luke

Saturday Dec. 25th: 12AM MIDNIGHT MASS @ Ascension

Saturday Dec. 25th: 8:30AM @ Ascension

Saturday Dec. 25th 10:30AM @ St. Luke

Saturday Dec. 25th: 4PM **NO MASS** @ St. Luke

Sunday Dec. 26th: 8:30AM @ Ascension

Sunday Dec. 26th: 10:30AM @ St. Luke

Pray the St. Andrew Novena for Advent

Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. Is this just a nice coincidence, or is there deeper significance? There is indeed a deeper significance. St. Andrew was the very first disciple called by Our Lord—that is why, in the Orthodox tradition, he is known by the name Πρωτόκλητος (Protoklitos) which means "First-Called." Andrew is the one who convinced his brother, Simon, to become Jesus' disciple. "We have found the Messiah!" Andrew said to him. Now we know Simon as Peter, the first Pope.

In keeping with his role as "the first-called," the feast of St. Andrew is found at the beginning of our new liturgical year. There are many traditions associated with St. Andrew's feast day, but one of the most popular is the Christmas novena that begins on St. Andrew's feast day. It's called the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, or more simply, The Christmas Novena. It's a wonderful way to enter into the Advent season which is marked by a time of anticipation, penance, and prayer. If the St. Andrew novena were prayed as a regular nine-day novena, it would end on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th. However, this novena prayer is actually prayed much longer than nine days—it is prayed throughout all four weeks of Advent.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested. Prayer is an essential part of Advent. Reciting this special novena prayer each day is a simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the spiritual significance of the Advent season and to experience a deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus. And since Andrew helped his brother find the Messiah, he can do the same for us as our spiritual brother. He can lead us, in spirit, to the Christmas crib, saying: "We have found the Messiah ..." Here is the beautiful prayer:

***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
O my God, to hear my prayer
and grant my desires
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.***