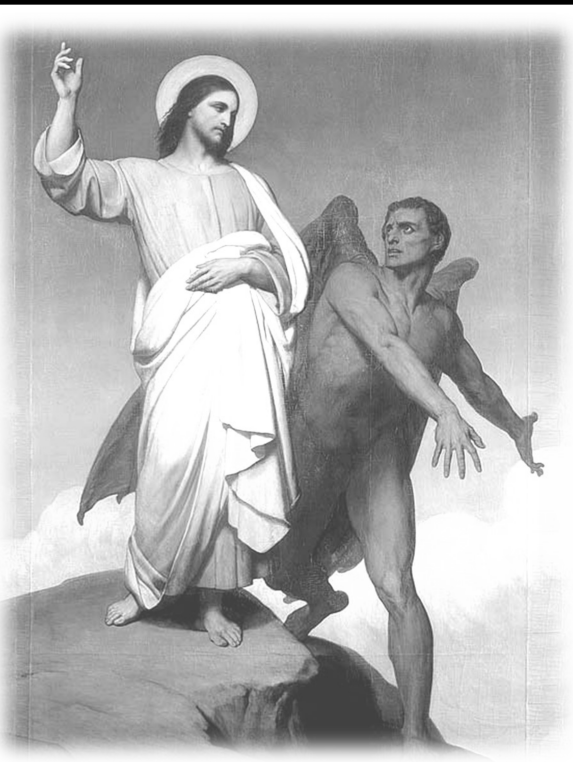


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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SAINT LUKE PARISH**  
SATURDAY: 4:00PM  
SUNDAY: 10:30AM

**ASCENSION PARISH**  
SUNDAY: 8:30AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SAINT LUKE PARISH**  
TUESDAY: 4:00 - 4:55PM (*with Adoration*)  
SATURDAY: 3:15PM - 3:55PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00AM - 10:25AM (*time permitting*)

**ASCENSION PARISH**  
SUNDAY: 8:00AM - 8:25AM

“And the devil led Him into a high mountain and shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And he said to Him: ‘To Thee will I give all this power and the glory of them. For to me they are delivered: and to whom I will, I give them. If Thou therefore wilt adore before me, all shall be Thine.’ And Jesus answering said to him. It is written: ‘Thou shalt adore the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.’” ~ Luke 4:5-8

First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Mary Ratte (birthday remembrance)  
by Steve and Pauline Ratte

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension  
8:30 am - Ascension: For the people  
10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)  
10:30 am - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Wright and Collins families  
By Mary Wright

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Saints Perpetua and Felicity

9:00 am - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 8<sup>st</sup> - Saint John of God

4:00 pm - 4:55 pm — Adoration w/ Confessions at St. Luke  
5:00 pm - St. Luke: Donna Varricchione  
By Jim Varricchione

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - Saint Francis of Rome

9:00 am - Ascension: Albert Redding by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Fitzgerald and Pistocco families  
by Pete and Karen Fitzgerald

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - Ascension: Birthday blessings for Matt Lecorchick  
by Vince and Mary Beth Redding  
Stations of the Cross to follow after Mass  
7:00 pm - St. Luke: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Cathy Neary by Michael Cross and Faith Cross

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension  
8:30 am - Ascension: For the people  
10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)  
10:30 am - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Wright and Collins families  
by Mary Wright

**Companions with the suffering Christ:** Please pray for the ill or confined, and those in need of healing: James Austin, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, George Bilodeau, Danielle & Pat Orioles, Clem Cardinal, Joanne Carey, Alice Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Charlotte, Amelia Foley, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, 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, Mary St. Arnold, Frank, Schigg, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Inmates of the NW Correctional Facility

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

March 6, 2022

CALENDER of EVENTS

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation retreat @ Ascension 11:30am-4pm  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council Meeting @ Ascension 6pm  
Blue Knights @ St. Luke 6pm-7:30pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collections for the Weekend of February 13, 2022  
St. Luke: \$ 3,373.00 Central & Eastern Europe \$623.00  
Votive candles \$ 14.00  
Ascension: \$ 1,051.00 Central & Eastern Europe \$248.00  
Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: [www.stlukevt.org](http://www.stlukevt.org) and click "Online Giving" tab in upper righthand corner to sign up!

Second Collection:  
Black and Indian Mission  
The Stewardship Collection will be taken up next week.

SAINT LUKE ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNER

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after the 4 pm Mass  
Menu: Baked tilapia, mac and cheese, rice pilaf, broccoli in garlic butter, homemade bread. "EAT IN" or "TAKE OUT" sign up sheets are at the entrances to the Church. Any questions, please contact Mary Beth Redding via [mamaredding19@gmail.com](mailto:mamaredding19@gmail.com)

THINGS TO DO DURING LENT

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent:**  
Following the 9am Mass at Ascension (appr. 9:30am)  
7pm at St. Luke

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Various opportunities available  
**54 Day Rosary Novena:**  
Begins Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday

**St. Monica Project:**  
Offer prayers and sacrifices from this Lent to next Lent, for a particular person who may be struggling.

**FORMED:**  
Watch at least one thing on Formed once a week during Lent.

**The Search:** Join us on Tuesday during Lent after the 5pm Mass at St. Luke's. The purpose of this small group meeting is twofold. First, to get to know one another better. Secondly, to share our reactions to the key points made in the video series THE SEARCH. Each meeting will conclude by 7pm.

**Please Pray for the Confirmation Students, especially for their retreat which is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at Ascension!**

*The following students will be making their Confirmation in the spring:*  
Sage Barkyoumb, Sadie Barkyoumb, Chatham Brouillette, Theodore Colling, Anastasia Couture, Kali Cushing, Ashley Foisy, Kennedy Heth, Luke Lawson, Celia Leclair, Karlie Lowell, Madison Parah, Amadeo Bird Matarazzo, Jacob Niekrewicz, Bridget Milne, Shannon Milne, Ellana Nielsen, Madison Parah, Michael Parent, Lina Patterson, Lily Popovitch, Ava Reynolds, Katarina Rice, Hayden Rogers, Simon Senesa, Emma Sibley, Evelyn Walker, Thomas Weber, Malia White

ANNUAL VERMONT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE  
BAND OF BROTHERS

When: Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Time: 9am—2pm  
Where: Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Keynote by Fr. Scott Gratton: *Fr. Graton serves with the Vermont Army National Guard (VTANG) and recently completed a 10 month overseas deployment to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.*

Mass with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne  
Learn more or register at: [vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men)

**"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love...."**  
- St. Therese of Lisieux



**Beginning Soon!**  
**Weekly adoration at St. Luke's**  
**Friday: 11am to 5pm**  
*"Know that I am with you all days until the end of the world (Mt 28:20). These are the words of Chris Resurrected before ascending into Heaven. Jesus is indeed the Emmanuel, God-with-us, from His Incarnation until the end of time. And He is in an especially intensive and close way in the mystery of His permanent presence in the Eucharist. What power, what consolation, what firm hope does the contemplation of the Eucharistic mystery produce. It is God with us that makes us participants of His life and launches us into the world to evangelize it, to sanctify it."*

**All are welcome to spend some time with our Lord. We are looking for people to sign up for a half-hour or hour of adoration.** Questions? Call Patty Lawson 242-1321

**Our Lord said to blessed Margaret Mary, "If men would but acknowledge My love, that which I have done for them would appear trifling to me." ... Whence comes it, O Lord, that so few know and seek Thee? Alas! on Calvary two thieves suffered with Thee; both had the same Redeemer, the same example of patience before their eyes; for both Thy Blood flowed, but one alone profited by Thy mercy. Amongst those who surround Thy altar suffer not that any should be found so unfortunate as to resist Thy advances, and doubt in the mercy of Thy adorable Heart.**

**Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, not by powerful deeds, but rather by suffering from him and his members, so as to conquer the devil by righteousness, not by power; thus Augustine says that "the devil was to be overcome, not by the power of God, but by righteousness." And therefore in regard to Christ's temptation we must consider what He did of His own will and what He suffered from the devil. For that He allowed Himself to be tempted was due to His own will. Wherefore it is written: "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil"; and Gregory says this is to be understood of the Holy Ghost, to wit, that "thither did His Spirit lead Him, where the wicked spirit would find Him and tempt Him." But He suffered from the devil in being "taken up" on to "the pinnacle of the Temple" and again "into a very high mountain." Nor is it strange, as Gregory observes, "that He allowed Himself to be taken by him on to a mountain, who allowed Himself to be crucified by His members." And we understand Him to have been taken up by the devil, not, as it were, by force, but because, as Origen says, "He followed Him in the course of His temptation like a wrestler advancing of his own accord."  
~ Saint Thomas Aquinas**

The Mass: It's Not a Spectator Sport

The Liturgy of the Word follows the collect. During the first reading, the Psalm and the second reading we sit listening to those who prepared for the preaching of the Gospel, viz. the Prophets of the Old Testament and the Apostles of the New. The Gospel is the preaching of Jesus Christ Himself. Because of the great dignity of the message it deserves to be proclaimed by one who has solemnly dedicated his life to it. At his ordination he was told: *"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."*

Before our Lord entered into His public ministry He retreated to the desert and prepared Himself with fasting and prayer. At the Mass the one who proclaims the Gospel, whether the priest or the deacon, makes a similar journey across the sanctuary. The deacon asks a blessing of the priest, the priest of God Himself; either one humbles himself in admission of his unworthiness: *"Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim Your Holy Gospel."* Such is the blessing for the one who proclaims the Gospel, and similarly each hearer should ask that God would cleanse

e his/her heart to receive that which is about to be proclaimed. At the same time they stand, praising the Lord Jesus, and after attending carefully to the Gospel, they repeat that same praise at the end of the reading: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* This is said whether the word received is easy or hard. Meanwhile the priest or deacon kisses the book at the beginning of the passage where he had signed it with the cross, he prays in a low voice: *May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.* He had signed the book with the cross as a reminder that Christ confirmed the truth of all He said by His death on the Cross. The people rising to hear the proclamation can also be a reminder: we remember that at the word of Christ the sick rose, picked up their beds and walked; the dead rose and were brought to life again; the Prodigal son rose and returned to his father. We also rise; receiving the word of Christ into our hearts we intend to live that word, to the glory of God.

Next comes the homily. It shouldn't be the main focus of the Mass – what's coming next with the Liturgy of the Eucharist should take that place, but the homily should help to point us to our Lord's Sacrifice. St. John records in his Gospel that one day there came some Greeks, who approached the Apostle Phillip. They said to him: *"Sir, we wish to see Jesus."* This phrase has been traditionally inscribed on many pulpits throughout the world as a reminder to the one preaching that it's Jesus that we want to see. The people who listen can help make this happen too, by reviewing the readings before Mass, and praying for the one who will preach. Each one who has come to the Mass has been summoned there by Christ. Our Lord has something to say to each individual: the preacher preaches, but it's the Holy Spirit Who speaks His message in your ear, so, be sure to open them with prayer and preparation!

*GIVE Your priest, O Lord, a mild and judicious eloquence which shall keep him from being puffed up and exalted above his brethren by reason of Thy gifts. Put into his mouth, I beseech Thee, words of consolation and edification and exhortation through Thy Holy Spirit, that he may be enabled to exhort the good to better things, and, by word and example, to recall to the straight way of Thy righteousness those who walk perversely. Let the words which Thou shalt give Thy servant, be like to sharp javelins and burning arrows that shall pierce and enkindle unto Thy fear and holy love the minds of all them that hear him. Amen. ~St. Anselm*

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