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# The Catholic Parishes of Ascension & Saint Luke

When therefore they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter: *Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me more than these?* He saith to Him: *Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.* He saith to him: *Feed my lambs.* He saith to him again: *Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me?* He saith to Him: *Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.* He saith to him: *Feed my lambs.* He said to him the third time: *Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me?* Peter was grieved because He had said to him the third time: *Lovest thou Me?* And he said to Him: *Lord, Thou knowest all things: Thou knowest that I love Thee.* He said to him: *Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to thee, When thou wast younger, thou didst gird thyself and didst walk where thou wouldst. But when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and lead thee whither thou wouldst not.* And this He said, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when He had said this, He saith to him: *Follow me.*

~ Jn 21: 15-19

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Monday 9:30am to 3:00pm;
Tuesday—Friday 8:30am to 2:00pm

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Heather Nielsen, DRE (802) 922-1246
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Call to make an appointment.
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**Marriages**
Call six months before date is set

## 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

## Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

**Saturday, April 30th** - Saint Pius V

**4:00pm - St. Luke:** The Cutting family by Alice and Owen Collins

**Sunday, May 1st** - Third Sunday of Easter

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

**8:30 am - Ascension:** For the people
by the Sturgeon family

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

**10:30 am - St. Luke:** Kenneth Barkyoumb by Deb Irish

**Monday, May 2nd** - Saint Athanasius

**9:00 am - NO MASS**

**Tuesday, May 3rd** - Saints Philip and James

*4:00 pm - 4:55 pm - Adoration with Confessions at St. Luke*

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

**Wednesday, May 4th**

**9:00 am - Ascension:** Mitchel Sturgeon
by the Sturgeon family

**Thursday, May 5th**

**9:00 am - St. Luke**: Birthday Blessings for Maria Drown
by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

**Friday, May 6th**

**9:00 am - Ascension:** Ron Mazur
by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

**Saturday, May 7th**

**9:00am - St. Luke:** Clarence Lantagne and Raymond Racine
by Doug and Van Lantagne

**4:00pm - St. Luke:** Sandy Cutting by Alberta Clokey

**Sunday, May 8th** - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

**8:30 am - Ascension:** For the people
by the Sturgeon family

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

**10:30 am - St. Luke:** Grace and Harold Shepardson, Daisy Collins and Craig Collins
by Betty and John Collins

**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, Buzz Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Charlotte, Amelia Foley, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Ronald Morin, Ronald Morin, II, Daeton Orton, 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

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

Wed. May 4: Blue Knights 6pm at St. Luke
Fri. May 6: Adoration 11am-5pm at St. Luke

### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Collections for the Weekend of April 24, 2022**

**St. Luke: $ 2,582.00 Catholic Home Appeal $ 450.00**
**Votive candles $ 17.40**

**Ascension: $ 2,016.00 Catholic Home Appeal $ 264.00**

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

### Bookkeeper Opening

Saint Luke will be accepting applications for a part time bookkeeper . This position will start in the next couple of months. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call the office 802-849-6205. Applications are available at the rectory office. Application deadline is May 7th.

### Ascension Scholarship for High School Seniors

Every year, Ascension awards a small scholarship ($175/year) to two high school senior, which can be renewed for up to 4 years. Requirements are simple: recipients must be going to a 2 or 4 year college or university and must regularly attend Mass.

Reach out to Heather Nielsen (nielsen628@gmail.com) for an application. Applications are due by 5/31 and will be awarded in June.

### SPRING IS HERE!

Last year parishioners volunteered to plant and maintain the flower beds at St. Luke by the front walk, sign and the Marian grotto. The remainder of the six beds around the church and rectory are in dire need of overhaul and maintenance. If you would like to help make our grounds sing God's praises and help His creations magnify His glory please see or contact Bob Bessette 802.849.6773 or bessette@myfairpoint.net for more info and/or to sign up to assist. Many hands make light work!

**TEEN NIGHT!** A place to chill out with friends! April 29th 6:30-9:00 pm for 7th - 12th graders. Located at the JMMY Center in Georgia. BBQ, bonfire, pool table / air hockey / foosball / ping pong, Christian music, board games and baking/cooking service project. Sponsoring churches: Ascension and Georgia Plain Baptist Church. Questions? Call/Text 802-578-8043. We are looking for monetary donations to go towards buying dinner items. If you can contribute, please see Andrea Milne or call 802-578-8043. Thank you for your support!!!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates — June 19-23
Time — 5:30pm-7:30pm
Where — JMMY Center. Ages Pre-K to 4th Grade. Please mark your calendars for VBS. More info. coming soon.

"There are many Saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard." ~ St. Thomas Aquinas



### Weekly Adoration will be Fridays from 11am-5pm

"It is invaluable to converse with Christ, leaning against Jesus's breast like His beloved disciple, we can feel the infinite love of His heart...Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel." - Pope St. John Paul II

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

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

12 Biblical reasons and 12 reasons from the teachings of the Church that will help us understand the value, the importance and the need of spending one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. HE IS REALLY THERE! *"I Myself am the Living Bread come down from Heaven."* (Jn 6:.35)
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament BECAUSE OF HIS INFINITE LOVE FOR YOU! *"Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world,"* because "*I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is My affection for you."* (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend ONE QUIET HOUR WITH HIM EACH WEEK in the Blessed Sacrament. *"Where your treasure is, tlhere is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"* (Mt 6 :21 ; 26 : 40)
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, YOU LOOK UPON JESUS, the Son of God. *"Indeed, this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day."* (Jn 6:40)
5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will INCREASE HIS DIVINE LIFE WITHIN YOU and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him. *"I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in union with Me shall bear much fruit for without Me, you can do nothing."* (Jn 10:10; 15:5)
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will DEEPEN HIS DIVINE PEACE within your heart. *"Come to Me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you…" "Cast all of your anxieties on the Lord Who cares for you."* (Mt 1 1 :28; I Pt 5:7; Jn l4:17)
7. Jesus will give you ALLTHE GRACES YOU NEED to be happy in life. *"The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to life-giving water."* (Rev 7:17)
8. Jesus is infinitely DESERVING OF OUR UNCEASING THANKSGIVING and adoration for all He has done for our salvation. *"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise."* (Rev 5:12)
9. For PEACE in our country! *"When My people hunble themselves and seek My presence, I will revive their land."* (2 Chr 7:14)
10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul EVERLASTINGLY MORE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS in Heaven. *"Those who humble themselves shall be exalted…" "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image."* (Lk 18:14; 2 Cor 3:18)
11. JESUS WIILL BLESS YOU, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. *"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe…" "Faith can move mountains…" "What is needed is trust…" "Behold I come to make all things new."* (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36: Rev 2l:5)
12. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament BRINGS JOY, PLEASURE AND DELIGHT TO HIS SACRED HEART! *"My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you."* (Prov 8:31)

***Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you in Heaven for your faithful commitment on earth of spending one hour each week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.***

### TOTUS TUUS IS BACK AT ASCENSION

Totus Tuus is a summer youth program that combines catechesis and FUN!!! The program for high schoolers is Sunday, July 31st through Thursday August 4th from 7-9pm The evenings include catechetical instruction, adoration, games and Thursday fun night! Program for grades 1-8 is Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5th from 9am—3pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, recess and legendary water fight on the last day! Bring a lunch from home and simple recess equipment. Registration Forms are available at Church, or print out your own at: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/wp-content/uploas/2022/03/TT-Registration-Form-2022-Georgia.pdf. Mail to the parish office or scan/email to curandvt@yahoo.com or give to Andrea Milne. Please pray about volunteering (just being present, donating cookies, housing missionaries, hosting meals etc) during this truly wonderful program. Questions? Call Andrea at 578-8043.

## The Breaking of the Sacred Host

"After our Lord had died, a soldier armed with a lance approached and opened His right side, from which flowed blood and water. This circumstance is important and has a place in the drama of the Mass."

The priest shows the Sacred Host to the people as all begin to sing *Agnus Dei … Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us … give us peace*. While this is being said, the priest breaks the Sacred Host over the paten, "and then, from the right lower end of the left half of the Host, he breaks a small fragment. This strikingly symbolizes *the wound in the side of Jesus from which flowed blood and water*.

"You remember that from the side of Adam, sleeping in Paradise, his spouse, Eve, was taken. So also, from the side of Christ, the New Adam, sleeping on the cross, came forth the spouse He had chosen, His mystical body, the Holy Catholic Church." It is she who sings the *Agnus Dei*, while this is happening, asking for mercy, praying for peace. As we sing we meditate with gratitude and hope on the piercing of His sacred side.

"We have seen that the death of Jesus Christ was figured by the symbolical separation of His Body and His Blood. For this reason, the glorious resurrection from the dead could not be more perfectly represented than by placing into the chalice a fragment of the Host, thus showing the reunion of the Body and Blood … the sign of the cross three times over the chalice figures the three days the Body of Christ was in the sepulcher. The placing of the fragment of the Host into the chalice, or the union of Body and Blood, symbolizes *the resurrection of Christ from the dead*. The meaning of the words here joins itself to the symbolism of the action in order to figure better and more clearly the holy joys of the resurrection, and the greetings which the faithful received from the lips of the risen Savior on that first joyous Easter morning, when He appeared to His Apostles and said to them: 'Peace be with you.'"

Next the priest quietly says this prayer to Jesus, Who is truly present before him on the altar – I post it in full because the people should pray interiorly a similar prayer of their own at this time: *Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through Your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, Your most Holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to Your commandments, and never let me be parted from You. May the receiving of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through Your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy*.