

CCW - Council of Catholic Women  
 GOF - Generations of Faith  
 JER - Jericho  
 PCCR - Parish Center Conference rm  
 RE - Religious Education

# St. Luke Parish

## January 2018

Confession: Saturday 4:15-4:45pm  
 Liturgies:  
 Saturday - 5:00pm  
 Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am  
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00am Mass in Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00am Mass	2	3 7:00 Parish Council Mtg. PCCR	4	5	6 Bishop Conlon Visits all Weekend  Blessing of chalk
7 Epiphany  9:40 - 10:50 RE - all rms	8	9 7:00 Boosters Meeting JER	10	11	12	13 All Masses Cash Card Sales
14 9:40 - 10:50 RE - all rms & 11:00 Mass  12:00 Bunco JER	15  Office Closed	16	17 6:30 CCW Board Mtg rm4	18	19 6:00 - 8:00 Girl Scouts rm4	20 2:00 Baptisms  All Masses - Expectant Parent Blessing  All Masses - CCW Hospitality
21 9:40 - 10:50 RE - all rms  All Masses CCW Hospitality	22	23 6:30 CCW Speaker & Dinner JER	24	25	26	27
28 12:00 Booster Chili Cook Off JER	29	30	31 6:00 - 8:00 GOF - all rms			February 3 6:00 - 8:00 GOF - all rms

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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## BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.



**MASSES CELEBRATED**

**DURING THE WEEK**

**ARE HELD**

**IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY — DECEMBER 30**

4:15 — 4:45pm Confessions

5:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**SUNDAY — DECEMBER 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

11:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

5:00pm — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**MONDAY — JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**

11:00am — The People of St. Luke Parish

**TUESDAY — JANUARY 2**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 3**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**THURSDAY — JANUARY 4**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**FRIDAY — JANUARY 5**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY — JANUARY 6**

4:15 — 4:45pm Confessions

5:00 — Ann Neff req. by Mary Breinig and for The People of St. Luke Parish

**SUNDAY — JANUARY 7**

8:30am — Teresa Arteaga on the 7th Anniversary of her death req. by Esperanza Ortega and for The St. Luke Parish Memorial Society

11:00 — John Capezio req. by Carole Ellermeier



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, Marge Austin, Yecenia Bosley, Angela D'Ambrosio, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Neal Hunter, Dominick Liberio, Tom McGuire, Terri Miceli, Audrey Race, John Rossi, and Chris Rubino.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Daniel Ko'uhstoss, Angel Luis and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



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**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Father Soriano is setting up a time to visit our parishioners who are homebound. If you or a member of your family is homebound and would like a visit and receive communion from Father, please notify the office. The name will be added to the list.

The visits will be scheduled for the first Friday of the month. You can call the office at 630/668-1325 or email at [stloff@aol.com](mailto:stloff@aol.com). Please put homebound in the subject line.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**Family.** Every child is born to greatness in the Lord. Every child is full of grace — even when growing old. Every family is holy. This is the message today. Not only Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But also, me and mine. Also, yours.

- How will I cherish my children, my family this week?
- How can I grow and become strong in the Lord?
- How will I strengthen family life by mercy works?

## BOOK NOOK LENDING LIBRARY IS COMING!

Gently used spiritual books can be donated to CCW. Books can encourage deeper reflections on spiritual, theological and faith topics. **Have you read a helpful book about our faith? Has a favorite religious author introduced you to new ways to experience faith?** Do you have a favorite prayer or meditation book? Are they gathering dust? If so, take it off your bookshelf and donate to the *Book Nook Lending Library*. Drop it off in the donation box by the front door. Children's books are most welcome! Thank you.

## CCW BUNCO & BRUNCH

CCW invites you to our annual Brunch and Bunco on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. Come in from the cold and join us for this complementary meal of breakfast casseroles, donuts, coffee cakes and more. Plus a lively game of Bunco!! You may even pick up prize. All are welcome so please join us.

## WHAT IS THE CCW CASH CARD PROGRAM?



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It's a simple way to get donations for St. Luke Parish from businesses and merchants. You purchase merchant cash/gift cards from our Council of Catholic Women (CCW); you spend the cards' complete value and the merchants give us a rebate percentage with NO strings attached. This makes for a less pain to our personal donation budgets! Donations help fund CCW spiritual, social and service events held in Jericho throughout the year. For example: Mary plans to give Fannie Mae Pixies to her Mom for Valentine's Day. She purchases a \$10.00 Fannie Mae cash card from CCW. Mary then goes to Fannie Mae on Gary Ave, purchases the candy with her cash card and gives her Mom her gift. The Fannie Mae company gives CCW a 25% donation which equals \$2.50. Cash Cards are available for over 100 companies/merchants. Check out the list on the hall bulletin board. Donation percentages vary per each merchant! **SALE DATES ARE Jan. 13/14; Feb. 10/11; March 10/11; April 21/22; May 19/20 and June 9/10.**

Hope to see you at the Sales Table on those weekends!  
Your support helps fund our social and spiritual events held in Jericho all year. Thank you.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RAMBLINGS

The Religious Education Office staff would like to wish all of our families and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with wonder and awe! May you find the peace of the Christ Child in the New Year.



### Important RE Dates

January 7th, 2018 — RE class 9:40-10:50

January 14th, 2018 — RE class 9:40-10:50 and Children's Mass at 11:00

January 21st, 2018 — RE class 9:40-10:50

### Generations of Faith

January 31st or February 2nd, 2018 — 6:00-8:00pm A light dinner will be served. Every Religious Ed Family is expected to attend one of these sessions.

## JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY PROGRAM

If you've been widowed, you know that it feels as though a part of your heart has been torn out.

If you haven't been widowed, you can't understand how long it takes for a widowed friend of yours or co-worker to get back to "normal" after the death of his or her mate.

Becoming widowed means E V E R Y minute of your life has changed. It takes some time for you to adjust to and handle the stress that all of this constant change creates.

That is why newly widowed people seem "not their usual self". Being widowed throws who Y O U are out of balance. Short temper, short memory, short concentration – all are signs of always refocusing and adjusting to all the changes in your mind and spirit.

When the time does come that you make a conscious decision to find hope in your life and you want to try to find some joy in your life, the Joyful Again! Widowed retreat is there to help.

For more than 30 years this retreat weekend for widowed men and women has been gently guiding the newly widowed through their grief journey and into the next part of living the life God wants for them.

The Joyful Again! Program works in conjunction with and complimentary to existing programs that address the grief immediately after a death. But more to the point, Joyful Again! is there months (and even years) afterward, helping widowed people resolve ongoing grief or helping them over a place where they seem stuck. We also help them look back on what they've been through as they now prepare to move on with their lives.

This ecumenical weekend program is healing, transitional and supportive – depending on where people are in their personal journey through the loss.

Often, attendees are surprised at how understanding our staff is. This shouldn't be surprising though. Each staff member has also been widowed. They have walked the walk.

During the 2 days of the retreat, films, quiet reflection time and small group discussions are included. We enable participants to process their loss and continue to heal while still treasuring their memories.

Over the years our program has served thousands. Having originated in the Chicago area, Joyful Again! now has several chapters around the country.

Information regarding Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program can be obtained by contacting us at 1/708-354-7211, [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com) or [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

### JOYFUL AGAIN!

#### Retreat/workshop for widowed men/women



The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey. "I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

Upcoming Dates: **March 3rd & 4th** and **April 21st & 22nd**

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at: Email: [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)  
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