

Saint Luke's at IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Welcome to St. Luke's
at Immaculate Conception.
We are delighted to have you with us.
We are a parish of the
Personal Ordinariate of
the Chair of Saint Peter,
which was established on January 1, 2012
by Pope Benedict XVI in response to
repeated requests by Anglicans
seeking to become Catholic.
Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic
while retaining elements of
their Anglican heritage and traditions,
including liturgical traditions.

If you are visiting,
please make yourself known to
Fr. Mark Lewis and join us for refreshments
after the Mass
in the school auditorium.

Masses are Sunday through Friday,
8:30 am

THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
That we all may be one



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 29, 2017

JANUARY CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY: WARM SOCKS & GLOVES

We are approaching the end of our Corporal Act of Mercy for the month of January: collecting socks and gloves for the homeless. Thickness is the key consideration for both socks and the gloves for the homeless. Men's sizes are preferred. If you buy cotton socks, remember that sometimes two pairs are worn at the same time when it is cold. We will collect the socks and gloves at the coffee hour after Mass.

HAVE YOU READ THE BISHOP'S NEW PASTORAL LETTER?

Bishop Lopes has released a new pastoral letter *A Pledged Troth* on pastoral concerns surrounding the vocation of marriage. You can read it online at the Ordinariate's website ordinariate.net/letters-and-statements. Or pick up a copy at coffee hour after mass.

EVENING PRAYER AT THE ABBEY will be held this coming Saturday, February 4th at 4 pm at St. Anselm's Abbey, followed by a time of fellowship in the Abbey's Fort Augustus Room. This quiet service of thanksgiving and reflection is held on the first Saturday of each month (from October to May) at St. Anselm's Abbey [4501 South Dakota Ave. NE, Washington DC]. All are welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED to join Fr. Lewis and the members of the Pastoral Council in prayer 7pm every day. We invite all members to join in five minutes of prayer for St. Luke's.

We ask that you pray for:

- Guidance by the Holy Spirit for our mission,
- God's blessings upon our endeavours,
- His will to be accomplished among us.

We also ask that you pray for yourselves, for:

- Personal holiness,
- Freedom from rancor and self-seeking,
- A deeper love for God, His Church, and the Faith.

Please take just five minutes to pray for St. Luke's!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ST. LUKE'S!

Friend us on Facebook at facebook.com/StLukesOrdinariate

Follow us on Twitter at [@StLukesDC](https://twitter.com/StLukesDC)

Or join our mailing list for the Friends of St. Luke's by emailing StLukesDCOrdinariate@gmail.com, or filling out a form at StLukesOrdinariate.com

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who have asked for our prayers: Lelia Moran, Anne White, JoAnn Lewis, Doris Johnson, J.D. Ruff, Charles Sommerkamp; and all who are sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. **Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.**

Names of those who are sick or injured will be kept on the list for 3 weeks unless you specifically request a shorter period of time or call to ask that the name be removed. Names added this week will appear in **boldface type**.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

USHERS Charlotte Hays, Karen King

LECTOR Nelson Ayala

COFFEE HOUR HOST La-Verne Williams

ALTAR SERVERS David Lewis, Patrick Delaney, Gary Schenk, Elijah Onakoya, Mark Arbeen, Sam Onakoya, Patrick Rothwell



PARISH MINISTRIES

A VOLUNTEER IS STILL NEEDED to act as a coordinator for our Hospitality ministries. Please contact Fr. Lewis if you would be willing to assist in taking on this ministry.

Also, consider becoming an usher or a coffee hour host. It is a great way to support our ministry of fellowship. Contact Susan White at the email address below.

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REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

You are invited to make an offering in honor of a deceased or living loved one, a person's birthday, anniversary, or any another special occasion. These mass intentions will be offered by Fr. Lewis at our 8:30 am masses. Forms for mass intentions [as well as mass cards to share your intention] are available on the information table at coffee hour; requests also may be emailed to MassIntentionsStLukes@gmail.com. The usual mass stipend is \$10. An offered mass will give both spiritual support for your loved ones and material support to our fledgling parish.

THIS WEEK

- 31 JANUARY John Bosco, Priest
- 2 FEBRUARY Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas]
- 3 FEBRUARY Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Ansgar, Bishop
- 4 FEBRUARY Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious

KNOW YOUR FAITH

GILBERT OF SEMPRINGHAM, CRSA (c. 1083 – 4 February 1190) was the founder of the *Ordo Gilbertinorum Canonicorum* or *Ordo Sempringensis* (Order of Gilbertine Canons, or Sempringham Order), commonly called Gilbertines, the only conventual religious order of English origin.

Gilbert was born at Sempringham, near Bourne in Lincolnshire, the son of Jocelin, an Anglo-Norman lord of the manor, who unusually for that period, actively prevented his son from becoming a knight, instead sending him to the University of Paris to study theology. Some physical deformity may have made him unfit for military service, making an ecclesiastical career the best option. When he returned in 1120 he became a clerk in the household of Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln, started a school for boys and girls (the existing primary school at Pointon is still named after him) and was ordained by Robert's successor, Alexander. Offered the archdeaconry of Lincoln, he refused, saying that he knew no surer way to perdition.

When Gilbert's father died in 1130 he became lord of the manor of Sempringham. There, in 1131, he founded a home for girls, whom he spiritually guided and to whom he assigned a rule of life fashioned after that of St. Benedict of Nursia. To perform heavy work, such as cultivation, he formed a number of labourers into a society of brothers attached to the convent. Later he added lay sisters in the domestic offices and ministering clerics and priests, who, as canons regular, followed the Rule of St. Augustine of Hippo. Thus, the Gilbertines were structured with four levels of nuns, lay sisters, canons, and lay brothers.

Similar establishments grew elsewhere, and, after failing in 1147 to incorporate them in the Cistercian order, Gilbert received encouragement from Pope Eugenius III to continue as before. In the following year, the Pope approved the new order, confirming Gilbert as its first master general. The Sempringham Canons were a double community of men and women, the property belonging to the nuns and the superior being head of the establishment. There were also houses for canons only, all under the master of Sempringham. During Gilbert's lifetime the order reached several thousand members, all associated with such institutions as



GILBERTINE CANON

English Monastic Life by E.A. Gasquet
Methuen & Co. London. 1904

orphanages, hospitals, and almshouses. Eventually he had a chain of twenty-six convents, monasteries and missions.

A custom developed in the houses of the order called "the plate of the Lord Jesus", whereby the best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the poor. In 1148 he approached the Cistercians for help. They refused because he included women in his order. The male part of the order consisted of Canons Regular.

In 1165 Gilbert was charged with having

aided Thomas Becket when Thomas had fled from King Henry II after the council of Northampton, but he was eventually found innocent. Then, when he was 90, some of his lay brothers revolted, but he received the backing of Pope Alexander III. Gilbert resigned his office late in life because of blindness and died at Sempringham in about 1190, at the age of 106.

The only religious order of English origin founded during the Middle Ages, the Order of Gilbertine Canons continued to thrive for some time, but came to an abrupt end when King Henry VIII suppressed all Catholic monasteries.

Gilbert was canonised in 1202 by Pope Innocent III. His liturgical feast day is on 4 February, commemorating his death. According to the order of Hubert Walter, the bishops of England celebrated his feast, and his name was added to the wall of the church of the Four Crowned Martyrs. His Order did not outlast the Reformation, however; and despite being influenced by Continental models, it did not maintain a foothold in Europe.

ONLINE GIVING

St. Luke's now provides Online Giving, a safe and convenient way to support St. Luke's.

Getting started is easy—just visit our website and follow the simple instructions.

StLukesOrdinariate.com/online-giving/

Questions or concerns? Contact Susan White at StLukesDCOrdinariate@gmail.com for information or assistance.

DC METRO CATHOLIC NEWS

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD: BETHESDA.

Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 8 PM in the Library of Our Lady of Lourdes School, 7500 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD 20814. Parking is available in the church lot across from the school. Enter via the handicap walk to the right of the Rectory entrance. There is no fee for this class but a one time donation of \$ 25.00 is welcome. Follow-up appointments are arranged individually and are available as long as needed to understand and follow the Billings Method. Call 301-897-9323 or email hannaklaus@gmail.com to reserve a place.

CREIGHTON FERTILITYCARE METHOD: SILVER SPRING.

Introductory class in the Creighton FertilityCare Method will be offered on Wednesday February 1st at 7 PM at Holy Cross Hospital, 1500 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Therese Rodriguez, RN, CFCP, will present the basics of FertilityCare Fertility Awareness, for natural women's health and family planning. This introductory session is offered free of charge. Planning to chart? Bring: \$45 or arrange for paypal.com credit card purchase for start up fertility kit materials, to begin charting the night of the Intro Session with an appointment for follow up scheduled. Materials are kept contingent on meeting for the scheduled follow up. Follow up sessions cost \$60 per session for several sessions. Insurance often covers. Sliding scale fees apply. Inquire with Therese.

Call Therese Rodriguez, RN, CFCP at 301-512-7451 or email MetroDCfertilitycareRN@gmail.com.

GOD'S SERVANT FIRST

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THOMAS MORE

Over 60 relics and artifacts bring to life the courageous witness of a great man in a special exhibit, God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More. This exhibition features treasures from the Stonyhurst College Collections in England and is available to view only at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

Some of the featured items include a hat used by St. Thomas More; a religious garment embroidered by Katherine of Aragon, the first wife of King Henry VIII; and first-class relics of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher.

The exhibit will be open daily until March 31, 2017, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine [3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington DC].



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin announcements and inserts must be submitted no later than 10 days before the publication date. Submissions should be made by email to StLukesDCOrdinariate@gmail.com.