

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Roman Catholic Church



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27, 2019

THE YEAR OF LUKE

When the season of Advent began a new liturgical year, we entered into a reflection on Jesus from the eyes of Saint Luke. Denoted in the most unremarkable way as “Year C,” the Church gives us for most of our Sundays in Ordinary Time passages from what was shared with Saint Luke by those who knew Jesus. Saint Paul and Saint Peter, and perhaps Philip, were his primary sources. It is likely that he conversed with Jesus’s mother, Mary. It is the longest account of Jesus’s life and in fact, the longest book of the New Testament. As is told by the Church historian Eusebius among others, the evangelist wrote it along with the Acts of the Apostles to record what he had learned from those witnesses to Jesus’ Resurrection who had died or were aging. His initial greeting in today’s reading for the gospel is addressed to Theophilus which is translated as “love of God.” Whether Theophilus is an individual or a particular community or the Church universal is not determined. One tradition believes him to be the first painter of icons (the famous icon of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa is reputed to have been painted by Luke).

Who was Luke?

Although he does not identify himself, Christian tradition - by which we admit the guidance of the Holy Spirit - consistently names Luke as the author of the “third” gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke is mentioned by Saint Paul as the “beloved physician” (Col 4:14), and also speaks of him in his letters to Timothy (2 Tim 4:11) and Philemon (v. 23-24). Acts 28:7-10 further provides some support to his occupation when it mentions that Paul’s and his traveling companion (Luke) cured many people on the island of Malta. Representations in art frequently depict him holding a scalpel. Saint Irenaeus in a letter written around AD 185 mentions his authorship and as does Tertullian and St. Clement of Alexandria in the 3rd century. He

was not an apostle, was likely of Greek origin (suggested by his prowess with the language in which the New Testament was written), and lived in Antioch, which now is part of Turkey.

What do we see in Luke’s Gospel?

Saint Luke brought the New Testament into the world of literary excellence, according to Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P. (in The Jerome Biblical Commentary): “Luke the physician writes with an observant eye to mannerisms, psychological reactions, hidden motivations. His pagan origin as well as his extensive traveling is probably responsible for his broadminded openness to all groups of peoples... a favoritism for minorities, segregated groups and the underprivileged. Samaritans, lepers, publicans, soldiers, public sinners in disgrace, unlettered shepherds, all received special encouragement.”

His writing gives us a sweeping view of the events, from AD 33 to AD 60, that early Christians shared among themselves after the Ascension of the Lord. His gospel movingly speaks of mercy and pardon, concern for the poor and the humble; he writes of Jesus’s requirement for disciples of absolute renouncement. The role of the Spirit in the ministry of Jesus and the early Church is prominent throughout. In his gospel, we see Jesus and his disciples most often at prayer.

While there are many correspondences to the other synoptic gospels (Matthew and Mark, which bear a similarity in structure and stories), Luke alone tells us about the birth of John the Baptist foretold; the birth of Jesus foretold; the Visitation; the birth of John the Baptist; the Presentation and the finding in the temple; the widow of Nain; the good Samaritan; the story of Martha and Mary who had chosen the good portion; the parables of the rich fool, the lost coin, the prodigal son, Lazarus and the rich man, the pesky widow, the tax collector who confessed himself a sinner; the ten lepers; Zacchaeus; and Jesus before Herod.

February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you are letting your servant go in peace as you promised; for my eyes have seen the salvation which you have made ready in the sight of the nations; a light of revelation for the gentiles and glory for your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

Our Bulletin Cover Image is Philippe de Champaigne’s “Presentación de Cristo en el templo”. Source: Wikimedia Commons.



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday: Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession

Saturday: 9-9:45 am (or by appointment)

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:30 am Mass

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after 8:30 am Mass

St. Joseph Church

4 Saint Joseph's Pl., New Windsor, NY 12553

Sunday Mass

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Weekday: Wednesday, 6:30 pm Mass

Confession: Wednesday, 6-6:30 pm

Adoration: Wednesday, 5:30 pm

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Men and Women:

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer to highlight the gift for the whole Church of those women and men who live a consecrated life in service to Christ. The celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd, also known as Candlemas Day when traditionally candles were blessed to symbolize Christ who is the light of the world. As many who have left all to become sisters and brothers are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples, our parish will celebrate the gift of their vocation to all of us and the region on Sunday, February 3rd at the 9 a.m. liturgy. Religious from the area have been invited to join our community in worship as well as at the Fellowship Breakfast afterward. Come to pray with them, and for them, and to thank them on this special day for their service!

"Protecting God's Children": The mission of the Archdiocese of NY's Safe Environment program is to prevent and respond to incidents of child sexual abuse. A class will be held at St. Thomas/St. Joseph Parish in the St. Thomas School Gym on Sunday, February 10, 12:30-3:30 pm. Register at: virtusonline.org.

Tax Contribution Statements for 2018:

Call the Office: 845.534.2547.

Mass Intentions Available: When there is an opening in the schedule, (6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 30, 12:30 pm on Sunday, February 3), a Mass Intention can be taken. Contact the Parish Office for intentions.

STAR Youth Group Upcoming Event: **Parish Babysitting** on Saturday, February 9, 5-9 pm in the St. Thomas Gym.

OFFERTORY

Jan. 19/20: \$4,710.00

Online Giving (Jan. 14-20): \$912.15

Shrines: \$165.86

Due to the inclement weather of last weekend, our Offertory was very low. If you have missed any weekend Masses because of bad weather conditions, vacation, or illness we would greatly appreciate any "catching up" in future Sunday collections. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish!



In addition to cash or checks for your donations, Online Giving, through debiting your credit card or bank account, is available. Visit the "About" tab at ststthomasjoseph.com, and click on "Parish Registration" for more information.

The **Second Offertory for February 2/3** will be for the Parish Capital Projects Fund.

Flu and Cold Season Is Here! Following the advice of Cardinal Dolan, the clergy will not be sharing the chalice during our Sunday/weekday liturgies as a precaution to prevent the spread of flu and colds. Parishioners are discouraged, at the slightest sign of illness, from sharing physical contact at the kiss of peace and after Mass. Please follow the usual safeguards when coughing, sneezing, or blowing noses! While sharing in both Eucharistic species at the Liturgy reflects more fully the sacred realities the Mass signifies, Catholics are reminded that the constant teaching of the Church is that both the Body and Blood of Christ are to be found in either species. When the sacred host is received, the communicant enjoys both the Body and Blood of Christ.

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St. Thomas Aquinas (1226-1274)
Patron Saint of All Students
Feast Day: January 28



*“Three things are necessary for the salvation of man:
to know what he ought to believe;
to know what he ought to desire;
and to know what he ought to do.”*



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 **Ink Cartridge Recycling Program** continues until Sunday, February 10.

Boxes will be available at all weekend Masses, Faith Formation classes, and Fellowship Breakfasts.

National Catholic Daughters of the Americas **Scholarships available:** \$1,000 to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in 9th grade in Fall 2019; \$1,000 to a JCDA member entering college in Fall 2019; \$2,000 to a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Campus Court; and the \$2,500 Fr. Leonard Bachmann Graduate School Scholarship. Deadline to submit all applications is March 1, 2019. For more information about any of these scholarships, call Rose Hufford at 845.534.9245.

A **Catholic Daughters Religious Articles Fundraiser** will be held February 23/24 in the St. Thomas of Canterbury School Gym. For more information, see their flyer on the parish website: click on the “Ministries” tab and then “Catholic Daughters of America”.

The **Parish Website**, stthomasjoseph.com, is currently undergoing a redesign to better serve the needs of our parishioners and visitors. Check out our progress so far!

Faith Formation Classes for children begin in First Grade. Registration for ALL grades for 2019/20 classes will be in March.

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues, and dish detergent. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry!

The Catholic Faith. On Demand! Visit formed.org, and enter the St. Thomas/St. Joseph parish code: FHHFCV to gain FREE access to thousands of movies, video programs, audios, and ebooks.

Touring Tuesdays in the Archdiocese of New York are universal open houses scheduled during the school day so prospective families can see Catholic schools in action. Next event: January 29, 9-11 am. Visit the website, CatholicSchoolsNY.org, for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30 am +Michael Canausa by Fran Clifford
Tues, Jan 29
8:30 am +Irma Perales by family
Wed, Jan 30
8:30 am +Henry Malanowski by Vickie Malanowski
6:30 pm
Thurs, Jan 31: St. John Basco
8:30 am +Bridget and Joseph Downey by Julia Downey
Fri, Feb 1
8:30 am Liv./Dec. Mbrs. of Catholic Daughters Assoc.
Sat, Feb 2: The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 am Special Intentions of the Bywater family
4:30 pm +Kathleen Kane by Kathy Kissel
+Billy Kelly by David and Louise Carnright

Sun, Feb 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am +Lillian Toffler by Joe and Eileen Potter
9:00 am +Rachel Accilli by Eric and Jasmin Lundgren
+Catherine Russell by Hand family
11:00 am Pro Populo
12:30 pm

Pro Populo (For the Intentions of the People of the Parish)

Mass Intentions are scheduled through the Parish Office. Offering for an announced Intention is \$15. Up to two separate intentions will be accepted at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm and the Sunday 9 am Mass. The Sunday 11 am Mass intention will only be designated "Pro Populo".