

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am

(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)



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December 15, 2024

Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday..... 8:30am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month...

7:30am—8:20 am

Fridays.....9:00am—7:00 pm

Wednesdays...5:30pm-6:20pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30– 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.... 5:30- 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month....

7:30–8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month....

8:00–8:45 am

*(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: **Sacrament of Penance: Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)***

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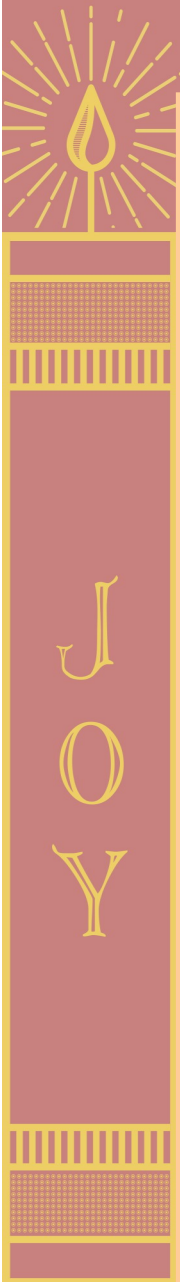
The Church New Year - Liturgical Year C – The Year of...Luke?!

Last weekend we put an image of the entire Church Year into this segment of the bulletin, and it not only showed the proper liturgical color for each Sunday of the entire year, but it also had cartoon images showing the different big feast days and celebrations that do not fall on a Sunday as well! That liturgical calendar image was specifically for this upcoming Church Year, and one fun fact that some people are not aware of is that there is a cycle of three different church years that coordinate to the specific readings from Scripture at each Mass. We have just begun Liturgical Year C in the Catholic Church, and overall, this means that we will have Gospel readings at Sunday Mass that correspond to the Gospel of Luke (Liturgical Year A = Matthew, and Liturgical Year B = Mark).

We will read almost the entire Gospel of Luke throughout this upcoming Church year, and the Gospel readings during Advent and Christmas seasons as well as during Lent and Easter seasons will correspond to those events within Luke's Gospel (there are some exceptions to this, for example, John's Gospel is always read during some of the Christmas Masses and Easter Masses and around that time as well). One good example of this would be during the Christmas Masses this year. During the midnight Mass, there is a reading from Luke's Gospel regarding Jesus' birth and the experience of the shepherds in the fields during that most holy night (Luke 2:1-14). Another good example would be when we look forward all the way to Palm Sunday and the long Passion Narrative of Jesus' suffering and death because this year it all comes from Luke's Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56). If it is a special feast or a special liturgical season, often through Year C, it will be a reading from Luke's Gospel specifically.

In addition, even when it is not a special church season such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, the Ordinary Time readings also follow Luke's Gospel and help us journey through almost the entire text throughout this year. For example, from July through the beginning of September of 2025, the Gospel readings each Sunday cover from the 10th chapter of Luke's Gospel all the way through the 14th chapter of his Gospel (so we read 5 straight chapters of Luke's Gospel over the span of 10 weekends!). One last note is that the first readings for Year C are often selected to correspond to prophecies or fulfillment type theme within Old Testament readings that relate directly to the Gospel reading on that particular Sunday. In other words, the first reading and the Gospel will almost always be connected and related to each other in a very profound way! The second reading from the New Testament sometimes also corresponds to the same theme, but the second reading throughout Year C also follows its own track and pattern separate from the Gospel readings as well (for example, Year C covers some of St. Paul's letters to the Galatians, Colossians, and two letters to Timothy among others).

My main point in explaining these things is to try to encourage you both right now as well as throughout this entire church year, to dive deeply into Luke's Gospel in your own prayer and study if you get the chance. Since we will be reading and praying with this Gospel and Jesus' life in this sense over the next year, let's do our best to immerse ourselves into this beautiful testimony of Jesus' life and teachings as we strive to grow in our faith. I didn't even mention much about how St. Luke was a physician, how St. Luke was seemingly also an artist, and how he was especially close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Luke is a great evangelist and an inspirational Saint in so many ways, so may we ask him to pray for us and enter into the depth of our faith through his Gospel as we continue living out Year C in the Church! Happy New Year!



The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.

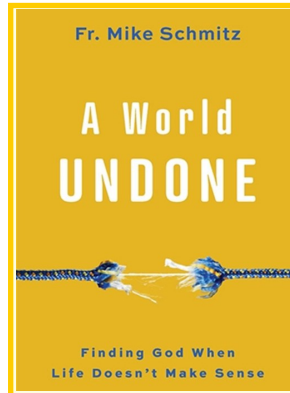
This Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." The pink candle is lit today. Our reading today encourages us to rejoice. In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah proclaims, "Shout for joy," "Sing joyfully," and "Be glad and exult with all your heart!" The prophet Isaiah repeats the message in the responsorial psalm, "Cry out with joy and gladness." In the Gospel, John the Baptist's message of good news also gives us a reason to rejoice.

As news of John the Baptist spreads, crowds begin to follow him. All types of people listen to his message and ask for advice. John's message is clear. Whoever has food or clothing must share what they have with those who have nothing. When we share what we have with those in need, that is called charity. When we donate food or clothing to a drive, we are practicing charity.

Tax collectors were known for cheating people out of more money that they owed and keeping the extra for themselves. John told them to treat people fairly. Treating people fairly is practicing justice. When we treat all people with respect, we are practicing justice.

The message of John the Baptist is that our relationship with God, our faith in God, affects how we treat people we meet. Sharing what we have with others and treating all people with respect will bring us joy.

Living our Faith: Practice charity and justice this week by following the examples above.



Book of the Month

November and December 2024

The Book of the Month for both November and December of 2024 will be ***A World Undone: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense*** by Fr. Mike Schmitz. This book is definitely the shortest book we've ever had for Book of the Month here at Our Lady of the Visitation, but

it should not be underestimated in value in its lowly 64 pages of length. Fr. Mike Schmitz, who has become very popular through his online YouTube videos and longer talks at retreats or conferences, delivers an insightful and meaning-filled little book that will not only make you think and pray, but packs a punch of raw honesty about our faith and the hard questions we need to grapple with every day. Please consider joining others in our parish in either reading this book over these two months as we approach the end of the Church year (the liturgical year) as well as during the beginning of the next Church year with Advent and heading into Christmas. You will have to purchase the book online yourself for these two months, and if you can't read it for any reason, please still come to our discussion meeting, which will be held on [Wednesday, January 8th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm](#) in the social hall. I will do my best to summarize my favorite parts and try to help everyone engage in some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.



Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm, 8:00pm and Midnight

Wednesday, December 25th

10:00am



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join us on Monday, December 23rd to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9am.

Everyone is welcome!

Please sign up in the lobby of the church.

**SUNDAY
MORNING
COFFEE**

Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sun. Dec. 15th in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Christ Among Neighbors (CAN): CAN has been helping Shippensburg residents with emergency financial needs for over 20 years. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Visit our website or call us to learn more. Suzanne Hildabrand 717-377-8316; www.christamongneighbors.com.

Hound Packs: We will continue to collect only soup. **Please place the soup only in the food bank container outside of the confessional.**

Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO): SPO is in need of helpers on Tuesdays. **We are no longer collecting egg cartons.** SPO is located on South Penn St in building next to the Lutheran Church.

Thanks for your support in these missions for the community. Any questions call or text Bobbi Staver 717-816-5309

Sunday, December 22nd
at 6:30pm.



Las Posada is a celebration reenacting Joseph's search for an inn where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus! It includes a procession, song, refreshments and lots of happy fun. La Posada is being held at Our Lady of the Visitation on **Sunday, December 22nd beginning at 6:30pm.** Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition. This is a family activity. Please sign up in the back of church so we can prepare enough refreshments. Thank you!

Sunday December 22nd

JOIN US FOR
OUR CHILDREN'S



10am the church

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



"Rejoice in the Lord always."
Phillipians 4:4

Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org.



The Ladies Auxiliary bake sale will be held the weekend of Dec. 21st & 22nd after all Masses in the church lobby!

If you would like to donate any baked goods, holiday plates or crafts that you've made, please bring them to the Social Hall kitchen on **Friday, Dec. 20th between 5:00pm 7:00pm.** Please contact Ana at 717-532-2250 for more information.



If you are interested in being an Usher please contact Joe Cretella at pjcretella1@gmail.com or call 717) 377-1480. For anyone interested in becoming a Greeter please email John Thornton at johnnie7746@gmail.com or call (508) 868-5640

"I was sick and you visited me..."

—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

If you or someone you know would like a visit from our Homebound Ministry team please contact John Bonitz at jsbonitz@comcast.net or call (717) 262-3614



PLEASE BRING YOUR WRAPPED GIFTS WITH ANGELS ATTACHED SECURELY

to church and put them near the tree. Gifts may be placed in the church lobby anytime, but must be received by 12 noon on Sunday, December 22, so

they can be delivered that day. **HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 22 at 12 noon** to sort and deliver gifts. If you have any questions or would like to help sort and deliver gifts, contact Bob or Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.



Please submit a couple of your family favorite recipes for the 75th Anniversary cookbook, please put the category, your name and phone number. Please put the recipe in the box in the back of the church or submit to tiprecipe@yahoo.com. Please contact Tammy Polifka at polifka.t@yahoo.com for more info.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC meeting is **Thursday, January 2nd at 7 pm** in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is **Wednesday, January 8th at 2pm** in the social hall.

For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

CHURCH

Potluck

There will be no Potluck in December.

The next potluck will be January 19th

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided!

YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, January 11th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.

Feel free to invite your friends!!



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!)

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. **The next run will be Saturday Dec. 21st.**



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on **Thursday mornings**. Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, December 17th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, December 18th** from 7:15pm-9pm.



For All Men 18 Years or Older SCHEDULE:

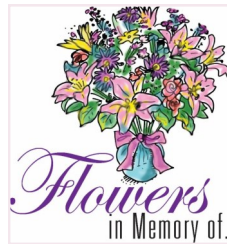
7:00am Breakfast
7:30am Presentation (Video)
8:00am Small Group
8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be Sat. Dec. 21st in the social hall.

If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	December 14 Special Intentions In Memory of Jeff Smeltzer
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	December 15 In Memory of Senna Miller People of the Parish
Monday, 9:00pm	December 16 NO MASS
Tuesday, 8:30am	December 17 In Memory of Jean Reeve
Wednesday, 6:30pm	December 18 Intentions of Leo Kauffman
Thursday, 8:30am	December 19 Intentions of Signe Kelker
Friday, 8:30am	December 20 In Memory of Senna Miller
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	December 21 NO MASS OR CONFESSION People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	December 22 In Memory of Thomas Sutch In Memory of Levi Maciejewski



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of Senna Miller



You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The flowers will

be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.

Dec. 7-8 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,673.25
Building Improvements:	\$210.00
Christmas:	\$125.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$20.00
Social Outreach:	\$15.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$105.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$846.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$641.00
Votes/Donut Hour	\$66.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,711.25



If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippens-burg.weshareonline.org.