

FAITH MATTERS



Father Andrew Templeton baptized our newest Catholics and completed sacraments for those returning to the fullness of faith at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4, after completing the OCIA Program. See page 2 for more photos.

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May is Dedicated to Mary

Our greatest saint and mother to all

The month of May in the Catholic Church is dedicated to honoring Mary, chosen by God above all others. Her faith and obedience opened the way for the Incarnation, and she exemplifies unconditional love, humility, and complete devotion.

St. Thomas of Villanova said, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

The Catechism describes Mary as honored above all saints, even the apostles. She accepted God's will at the cross, embracing her new role as mother to all believers. (John 19:25-27) Therefore, she is not only Jesus' mother, but also the Mother of the Church.

This weekend, children will crown Mary's statue during their first Holy Communion Mass on Saturday, May 2, reenacting her coronation in heaven.

As we honor Mary in May, let us follow her devotion and seek her guidance to grow closer to Christ, responding generously to God's call every day.



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Congratulations!

We are thrilled to have 87 children making their first Communion on Saturday! Congratulations to all of our communicants and their families on this special day! May God continue to bless you.

Francesco Abbate

Meron Abraham

Sarai Albarran

Thalia Albarran

Alessia Alvarado

Alexa Arita

Sierra Aurora

Menkem Berhane

Aden Berry

Valeria Betancourt Santibanez

Thomas Burdette

Hadley Burgess

Kaylee Cabriaes

Leah Cabriaes

Nicholas Casale

Samantha Chua

Logan Cohanski

Luke Cohanski

Christian Colon-Medina

Victoria Cooney

Jose Cruz Hurtado

Magnolia De Lucia

Luke De Stefano

Sadie De Stefano

Elias De'Ath

Sophia Delgado

Arya Denaro

Nguyen Do

Camila Duque

Aaron England

Blake Fitzgerald

Daniel Flores

Leonel Flores

Chet Foundos

Emma Fritz

Gabriella Garcia

Jacob Garcia

Nolan Gibson

Adelyne Gordon

Avery Gregory

Lennox Guffey

Naod Hailu

Mario Hernandez, Jr.

Lucas Herrera

Aaron Jasso

Abigail Jessee

Gianna Linker

Olivia Linker

Zayn Luna

Charlotte MacDonnell

Giana Maione

Dayanna Maldonado

Jacqueline Martinez

Elda Mbaraga

Camden McCarrin

Emma Mc Ewen

Henry Melchor

Yelena Melchor

Erick Mendez Montiel

Mateo Mendoza

Colton Mitchell

Matthew Mitchell

Vivian Molinari

Sebastian Morales

Aiden Moxthe Aguilar

Joy Musafiri

Ivanna Nunez

Matias Pena

Zarah Pena

Emily Perez

Han Pham

Brizeida Rostro

Hannah Ruiz

Kateleya Salinas

Bella Schneider

Kaiden Schwall

James Seibert

Luna Servín Rubio

Walker Sines

Christian Tarantino

Ivan Teran

Sofia Teran

Krystal Vidal Nunez

Liliana Wilson

Commonly Asked Questions

Over the last three years, St. Luke has happily added many new parishioners. Since many are joining after the new church was built, we thought it was a good idea to address some of the most commonly asked questions. And, it's a good refresher for the rest of us, too!



Q: Why don't we have a second entrance/exit to the church?

A: We don't have a second exit because of the curve in Highway 218 near the eastern edge of our property. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) notified us that if we wanted a second exit, we would need to widen Highway 218 to add a second turn lane. This would have required us to purchase additional land along Highway 218, both to the east and west, as the current driveway would have needed to move further west.

We approached both landowners. One owner asked a reasonable market value for the land, however, the other owner asked 10 times above market value. A representative from the parish met with that owner several times, but unfortunately, they would not lower the price. Therefore, the decision was made to locate the entrance and the church where they are currently. We have since added police to direct traffic at the exit on the weekends, easing congestion.

Q: Where will the offices, parish hall, and classrooms be located on the property?

A: They will be located in the grassy area across from the main entrance of the church and patio (outside of the Narthex). The church, the future administration building, and the future multi-purpose building create a courtyard between them. It will be a nice gathering spot for parishioners. The site plan was developed with input from parishioners and the Building and Planning Committee during the design phase, and it was approved by Fr. Gary, the Diocese of Charlotte, and the Town of Mint Hill.

Q: Where will the school be located, and when will it be built?

A: Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) purchased land across from the church on Highway 218 with the possibility of building a school. They operate using their own budget and timeline. The good news is that St. Luke bears no financial responsibility or involvement in the process of building a school. We are all excited about the possibility of having a school; however, MACS has not announced a date. You may contact MACS directly with questions at (704) 370-3265.

FAITH & FUN DAYS

June 22 and 23
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lawyers Rd Campus

Register at
stluke.life/fundays

CLICK HERE

Attend our Parent Forum

Open to all parents of children under 18

Parents, come to one of our parent forums to discuss the current offerings for faith formation and youth ministry, give feedback on new ideas, and share your barriers to participation. This is open to ALL parents of children under 18, not just those whose children are in Faith Formation. The parent forum dates and times are below. If you have questions, please email KristenTarantino@stlukecatholicminthill.org.

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Lawyers Road Campus

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Lawyers Road Campus

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Lawyers Road Campus



Young Adults Bonfire Night

Our Young Adults Group is taking off! The group is for people ages 21 through 39, and their last get-together was at the church pavilion for Bonfire Night. Look for more opportunities in the future in our church bulletin, emails, and on Facebook and Instagram [@stlukesminthill](https://www.instagram.com/stlukesminthill).



Photo Credit: Katy De'Ath

Spring Fling Welcome Social

This year, the Welcome Ministry introduced a new event: the Spring Fling Annual Welcome Social for parishioners who joined since January 2025. The event was a great success, offering new parishioners an opportunity to connect with an even broader group than at the usual quarterly socials. Special thanks to our Welcome Ministry team for hosting dinner and for all your dedication in organizing this memorable evening!



Photo Credit: Welcome Ministry

May

To see a full list of Mass times, ministry meetings, and Faith Formation classes, please go to our website calendar at <https://www.stlukechurch.net/full-calendar>. For current volunteer opportunities, please go to <https://www.stlukechurch.net/volunteer>.

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| Fri., May 1 | First Friday Adoration, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Church |
| Sat., May 2 | First Holy Communion Celebration, 10:00 am, Church |
| Sun., May 3 | Hispanic Ministry Children's Day, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Portico
Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Narthex |
| Sun., May 10 | Happy Mother's Day! |
| Mon., May 11 | Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Church |
| Tue., May 12 | Parent Forum, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall at the Lawyers Road Campus |
| Thurs., May 14 | Ascension of the Lord |
| Fri., May 15 | Confirmation Celebration, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Church |
| Sun., May 17 | Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Narthex |
| Tues., May 19 | Parent Forum, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall at the Lawyers Road Campus |
| Sat., May 23 | Hispanic Pentecost Retreat, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, in the Church |
| Sun., May 24 | Pentecost Sunday |
| Mon., May 25 | Memorial Day - Office Closed |
| Tues., May 26 | Parent Forum, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall at the Lawyers Road Campus |
| Sat., May 30 | Small Faith Group Luncheon, 12:00 - 1:45 pm, Family Life Center at Lawyers Road |
| Sun., May 31 | Trinity Sunday
Holy Hour, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, in the Church
Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Narthex |

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