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APRIL 27, 2025 • DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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Parish Devotions

Adoration

Second Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Luke Daily at St. Clement Parish (Call office for info)

Rosary

Thursdays at 7:45am at St. Clement Parish Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. James Parish Saturdays before 4:30pm Mass at St. Luke Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday • 8:15am at St. Luke

Thursday • 8:15am at St. Clement

Friday • 8:15am at St. James

First Saturday • 8:15am at St. Luke

Weekend Masses:

Saturday • 4:00pm at St. Clement

Saturday • 4:30pm at St. Luke

Sunday • 8:30am at St. Clement

Sunday • 9:00am at St. Luke

Sunday • 10:30am at St. James

Sunday • 11:00am at St. Luke

Confessions:

Saturday • 3:00-4:00pm at St. Luke

Saturday • 3:00-3:30pm at St. Clement

Readings and Intentions for the Week of April 27, 2025

Monday, April 28: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Patrick Elbert †

Tuesday, April 29: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Special Intention of Sr. Anne Maline

Wednesday, April 30: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Brian Loftus +

Thursday, May 1: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: Fr. Joseph Workman Friday, May 2: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James:

Living and Deceased Members of the Grano Family

Saturday, May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Dorothy Rudolph + Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Jay Lindberg + Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: Joan Bunsey +

Sunday, May 4: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Ken Barett Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: For the People Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: Joseph Tira +

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: Deceased Members of the Hill Family

April 27, 2025 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

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"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." — Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary #965) Today is the Feast of Mercy—the day our Savior pours out the fullness of His love in what He Himself called "the last hope of salvation." Jesus' words to St. Faustina are not gentle suggestions or pious poetry they are a burning plea from the depths of His Sacred Heart. "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary #699).

This is not just another Sunday. This is the day when Heaven bends low to embrace earth. When Jesus opens every divine floodgate of grace. When He says with complete tenderness and authority: "I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (Diary #1109).

What He offers today is astonishing: the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. The soul is not only healed—it is made new. "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #300). How can we possibly comprehend such mercy?

We don't. We simply receive it.

"My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity" (Diary #699). It is for the most broken, the most ashamed, the most exhausted soul. "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy" (Diary #723).

This mercy is not earned. It is not deserved. It is freely given by a God who bled and died for us and who still cries out: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary #699). This is a feast not only of consolation but of urgency.

But mercy is not meant to stop with us. "There must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me... You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it" (Diary #742). We are called to become living reflections of His Divine Mercy—to forgive, to be patient, to love those who wound us, and to never turn away from a suffering soul.

As you gaze today upon the Image of Divine Mercy, with rays of red and pale light flowing from Christ's Heart, remember what He told St. Faustina: "Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself..." (Diary #1074).

So come. Go to Confession. Receive Him in the Eucharist. Open your heart to His unimaginable tenderness. Today is the day of Mercy. Don't let it pass you by.

Hallow

We at St. Luke Church are thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Users are able to pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.

All parishioners – subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of St. Luke's parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

To join, visit <u>hallow.com/parish</u>, search (zip code is fastest - 44107), and follow the prompts. If you're brand new to Hallow, you'll be given a special \$1 trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.

Throughout the year, we'll take part in a series of prayer challenges together - stay tuned for announcements!

We look forward to praying with you!

Divine Mercy Sunday – Today

On this special day of grace, the Church offers a plenary indulgence to the faithful who take part in Divine Mercy devotions and fulfill the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, and complete detachment from sin). Join us at 3:00 PM at St. Luke Parish in Lakewood for Divine Mercy Devotions. All are welcome to receive the mercy of Jesus and pray together as a community of hope.

Virtual Series for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Attend a three week virtual series on two new writings from Pope Francis on the Jubilee Year of Hope: A Light in the Night - Meditations on Hope and Hope Does Not Disappoint. These small books/documents will be provided to participants prior to the first virtual meeting. Dates and times are Mondays - May 5, 12, and 19 at 7 PM. Email jason.lewis@ccdocle.org to register.

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Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.



Baptism Class for New Parents

A Baptism class for new parents will be held next Sunday, May 4th. If you are preparing to have your child baptized and have not yet attended a preparation

session, we invite you to join us. For more information or to register, please call the St. Luke Parish Office.

First Communicants

Please pray for the Lakewood Parishes 2nd graders who will receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time next weekend. May they always draw into closer relationship with Him.

Join the Avila's Vocation Prayer Group on the 1st Monday, after Mass, to pray for priests and seminarians in formation



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How is Flannery O'Connor connected to the Jubilee Year of Hope? Join us to find out and get answers to other questions of faith...



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Fainer Damian is the vicar for Evangelization for the Diocese of Cleveland. He holds a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Ference is the founder and director of TOLLE LEGE Summer Institute and is a life-time member of the Flannery O'Connor Society.

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St. Clement Happenings

Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will lead recitation of the Rosary next Saturday, May 3rd, starting at 3:30 pm, before the 4 pm Mass. Also, please join us as we pray the Rosary on Thursdays at 7:45 am before the 8:15 am Mass. A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity.

NEWLY BAPTIZED



We welcome our newly Baptized of our parish family Ines Teresa Cmolik

Daughter of Brendan & Nuria Cmolik

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Adoration Chapel News

Looking for a quiet place to talk with our Lord? The Adoration Chapel at St. Clement is the place for you. It is open to all seven days a week from 6am to 11 pm. The Chapel is located in the back of the Rectory right off the parking lot. It has its own entrance with a key pad for security. Please call or

visit the Rectory office for the entry code (216-226-5116). That quiet time for prayer will be the best part of your day. Leave the worldly distractions outside, our Lord is waiting to visit with you!

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for 2025 is open. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the Rectory office, or call the office at 216-226-5116 to schedule Masses.

Prayer Ministry Update

Saint Clement Intercessory Prayer Ministry began in August of last year and we are growing! We now have 20 active members who pray for others in our Parish. We are also working in collaboration with the Seven Sister Apostolate and have coverage for Fr. Kevin, Fr. Patrick, and now Fr. Peter Paul. The Seven Sister Apostolate is a group of seven women who pray for the needs of the pastor first being met, then sponsoring our parochial vicar, and now our priest in residence. Each group of seven sisters prays one assigned day of the week per assigned priest for a total of 21 apostolates. The unique thing about this is that it is done in the Adoration Chapel which is access at St. Clement Parish. It is a wonderful place to pray in silence and reverence before the most sacred body of Christ. Working together in tandem with our prayer ministry, the Seven Sister Apostolate and our Adoration Chapel are strengthening the unity of the church between our three cluster parishes. If you would like to be a prayer partner in any of these three ministries, contact Jean Smith (Prayer Ministry Coordinator) at 216-536-8693, or Mark Ronan (Adoration Chapel Coordinator) at 216-218-1951.



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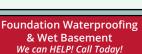
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