

# ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 31, 2023

SUNDAY HOLY MASSES Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 7:30am, 9am (Italian), 10:30am,12Noon, 5:00pm DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 12 Noon + Saturday 8:30am School Days: Tuesday + Thursday 8:30am

#### THE PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Very Rev. John J. Costello, V.E.
Parochial Vicar Fr. Chin Nguyen
Permanent Deacon Deacon John P. Kramer
In Residence Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, DD and Rev. William F. Krlis
Weekend Assistant Rev. Msgr. John J. Strynkowski
Weekend Assistant Fr. JunHee Lee
Director of Religious Education Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.
Pastoral Associate Sister Theresa Agliardi, R.S.M.
Principal Mrs. Jan Brunswick
Director of Music Jessica Tranzillo-Smith

**Confessions** Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM; and by appointment or when requested.

The Rectory is the home of our Priests as well as the site of the parish offices. Please call ahead before coming with parish business in order that your inquiry will be assisted by a knowledgeable staff person.

**First Friday -** additional 8:30AM Mass when school is in session. **Eucharistic Adoration** - First Fridays after Noon Mass with Benediction at 2:00PM; Saturdays during confessions from 3:30PM with Bendiction at 4:30PM.

#### DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary precedes the noon Mass Monday to Friday and the 8:30AM on Saturday.

The Miraculous Medal Novena follows Noon Mass every Monday.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM. The Italian Charismatic Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 7:30PM.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM.

#### THE SACRAMENTS

**Baptism of Infants** Please call Sister Theresa at 718-746-8531 to schedule a baptism interview.

Weddings Please contact one of the priests *prior to making plans with a wedding hall.* The Bishop requires, in all cases, that weddings be set no later than six months prior to the date. **Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)** Interested in becoming a Catholic? Need to receive Communion and Confirmation? Call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at (718) 746-3409.

#### Ministry to the Sick

If anyone is confined to home and unable to come to Mass, please call the Rectory to arrange to have the sacraments brought. If you foresee hospitalization, please call the Rectory and arrange to be anointed.

#### SAINT LUKE SCHOOL www.slswhitestone.org

16-01 Msgr. Dillon Place, (150 Place) Whitestone, NY 718-746-3833 | Mrs. Jan Brunswick, Principal Our school serves the community with classes from Nursery through Eighth Grade. 718-344-7620.

**School of Religion** Offering Religious Education classes to our young people attending public school. Our Director of Religious Education, Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J., can be reached in her rectory office at 718-746-3409.

Volunteers are always welcome.

**Music Office** Jessica Tranzillo-Smith is our parish Director of Music. She can be reached at the Music Office at 718-746-8102 Ext.30

#### ANNOUNCED MASSES December 30 to January 7

#### Saturday, December 30

- 8:30 Anna & Cristoford Mancini
- 5:00 Raymond Arel, Steven Romano, Angela & Joseph Giglio & Leslie Thorsen

#### Sunday, December 31

- 7:30 Pro Populo
- 9:00 Bruno Celso, Frank Morelli, In Honor of San Sylvestro Papa, il Amata Memoria di Cono Pirrone, Giuseppina DiMaria
- 10:30 Gertrude & J. Paul Lynch
- 12:00 Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 No Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024 12:00 Pro Popolo

**Tuesday, January 2** 8:30 No Mass 12:00 Theresa & Ed Pompa, Rose Marchetti

Wednesday, January 3 12:00 Barbara N. Koski

**Thursday, January 4, 2024** 8:30 Margaret & William McManus 12:00 Joseph T. Vernice

#### Friday, January 5

8:30 Dinko, Sime, Marija, Radoslav Drazic 12:00 Frank Trotti & Family

#### Saturday, January 6

8:30 Pietro Evangelista

5:00 Lucy & Mike Dolinski, Mary & Daniel Peacock, Sean Brett

#### Sunday, January 7

- 7:30 Pro Populo
- 9:00 Alessandro Matonte Cesare Cavallo, Maria & Nicola DiSarro
- 10:30 Jesus Angel Colmenero Atienza
- 12:00 Domenico Santucci
- 5:00 Purgatorial Society

#### **MEMORIALS** For the week of December 31 to January 6



The Altar Bread is given in memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Josephine Colasunno

The Altar Wine is given in memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Josephine Colasuonno

The Altar Candles are given in the memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Josephine Colasuonno

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Josephine Colasuonno

The Altar Flowers are given in the memory of *Riko Licul* Requested by Marko & Despina Kalogeras

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#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

EDWARD BLAKLEY VIOLA CLEO BRADSHAW ROSANNE CAPUTO NOREEN DONOHER IRVING FELD CAROLLYNN FREDA ROSA GALEJ SR. MARY HELENE JAKUBOWSKI, RSM MADELINE KARLITZ JOHN LENHART JOHN MARTINELLI JASON MEEHAN PATRICIA NULTY HELENE ORLANDO BARBARA REITER VICKY SALAND CAROLINE SAPORITO MARY VARLESE JOSEPH T. VERNICE

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Gloria Vivian Lambropouls Irving Feld Yvonne Lewis

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Dear Friends,

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I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed and happy Christmas with family and friends. These are always special days to slow down a bit, enjoy time with others, and, most importantly, celebrate the wonderful birth of our Savior. This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As a faithful Jewish family, Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple shortly after his birth. There, they encountered Simeon and Anna, who both spoke of the special plan God had for this child. Mary and Joseph both supported Jesus as he grew up in the home at Nazareth.

giving a great example to all parents whose children might show signs of a special vocation from the Lord.

We welcome back Bishop Chappetto, who will return to New York this week and will stay with us at least for the month of January. We also welcome a new administrative assistant to our parish. Erica Cuerbo lives in St. Mel Parish and has begun working in the rectory. We will have a temporary shift in office hours, so please watch the bulletin for more information. Welcome Erica!

Next weekend we will have our annual Epiphany Party for all our adult volunteers and ministers. After all that goes on in preparation for Christmas, it is nice to have an opportunity to gather together during this holy season and have a relaxed evening with one another. During the party we will have the drawing for the Epiphany raffle. If you'd like a chance to get some help paying those Christmas bills, please get your tickets to the rectory by next Saturday afternoon.

Today is also New Year's Eve, so we bid farewell to 2023 as we welcome a new year of grace. This year is a leap year, a presidential election year, and athletes from around the world will gather in Paris for the summer Olympics. As 2024 begins, we pray for the Church, for peace in the world, for our families, and for all who rely on our prayers. May the mercy of God accompany us every day, and may we grow in our desire to serve God by serving our brothers and sisters.

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On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. Luke Parish, I want to express our gratitude for all the many kind wishes and generous gifts that were sent to the rectory for Christmas. Many of you go out of your way to send cards, baked goods, and other treats to show your love and appreciation. We are extremely grateful for your goodness and support not only at Christmas, but all year long. Thanks, too, to the Knights of Columbus for providing books on the Eucharist for our parishioners.

Happy New Year! With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

		EEKLY SCHEDULE Meetings and Events	
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FRIDAY January 5 First Friday <i>St. John</i> <i>Neumann</i>	8:30 AM 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Mass Girl Scouts AA Boy Scouts	
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#### ST. LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in Communion with the Universal Church, we strive to follow the Lord's command to love God and one another. Rooted in word and sacraments as we grow together a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

Our Church is open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each weekday. Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection.

> At 11:15 am from Monday to Friday, parishioners pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass. All are welcome! If you cannot join in person, please join them spiritually.

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular office hours where you can pick up a census card which can be filled out or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card online. Please check our website: **stlukewhitestone.org** Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes. or if you would prefer to donate online. **Come and join us!** 

# We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas, and a beautiful and healthy New Year



Please note the Rectory Office Will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 We will open Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 at 9:00 AM



Thanks to those who helped to make our Nativity so beautiful this year:

Associazione Sacchese d'America Antenisca & Joe Picatagi Claudia Morelli Maria & Massimiliano Frasca Domenico Accetta Rosalba & Angelo Masullo Angela & Pasquale Masullo

Serafina & Carmelo Corbo Rosetta & Pietro Tomao Francesca & Rosario Masullo Michele D'Angelo Rosa & Fernando Minchella

#### The following students from our parish have attained Honor Roll status at

#### The Mary Louis Academy

Principal's List: Sophia Bortot Kayla Colombo

First Honors: Hanna Vojar

Second Honors: Nora Slattery

#### **Kellenberg Memorial High School**

National Honor Society: Melania Vista and Zachary Vista

National Junior Honor Society: Nicholas Nuccio

Perfect Attendance 2022-2023: Anthony Nuccio, Nicholas Nuccio, and Zachary Vista



As this New Year begins, may God's light shine upon you. Come spend some quiet time talking with Him ... He's waiting for you.



SUPPORT

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 PM Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us.

Our group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call Sister Theresa.

Sister Theresa can also offer you individual bereavement counceling sessions if needed.

Sr. Theresa 718-746-8531

Pray for those who have lost loved ones. May they rest in peace.



## **First Friday Club**

The Flushing First Friday Club will meet on Friday, January, 5th at Verdi's of Whitestone at 12 Noon

Lunch will be served after the celebration of Mass. The speaker will be Rev. Msgr. Kevin Noone

Cost of 4 course lunch is \$45



2024 Announced Masses & Memorials

Announced Masses for 2024 are still available at the rectory office.

Multiple intention Mass options are also available for Saturday evenings at 5:00 in English, and Sunday at 9:00 AM in Italian.

Memorials for Altar Bread, Wine, Flowers, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Candles are also available.

What a beautiful way to remember our loved ones.

Epiphany Raffle for the benefit of St. Luke Church Drawling - Saturday, January 6, 202 \$10 per chance 3 chances for \$25	Name Address Phone
50% to parish	🐇
50% split in 3 prizes: 1st - 25% 2nd - 15% 3rd - 10%	Name Address Phone
	Saturday, January 6. 2024 Following the 5:00 PM Mass In The Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center We would like to invite all adult ministers, committee members, and those who volunteer in any way to join us in for a thank you party for your service to our parish community.

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Please RSVP b	by Friday.	December	29th 202	3

	Name:
	Ministry:
9	Phone #:
	Email:
	Number attending:

Please drop off in the collection basket or rectory office by 12/29/23. You can also email the information to stlukewhitestone@aol.com please put Epiphany Party in subject line. *Sorry, this event is for adults only.* 

#### The following memorials are **MEMORIALS** available each week Please visit the rectory or for a \$50 offering: call (718)746-8102 to arrange for a memorial for a loved one. ALTAR BREAD ALTAR WINE SANCTUARY LAMPS The name of the person **ALTAR CANDLES** will be printed in the bulletin. The following is available We provide a card for the each week for a \$100 offering: memorial that is suitable to mail ALTAR FLOWERS or bring to the Funeral Home.

CHRISTMAS TREE L IGHTS We are grateful for your generous response! Thank you for helping us light our beautiful Christmas tree !

Mary Chianese In Loving Memory of: Anthony Chianese Tom Chianese Brigida Chinese Carmella Chianese Charles Tomeo Anna Tomeo Louis Tomeo Charlie Tomeo Mary Tomeo Neil Tomeo



Julie Manganella Merry Christmas from: Manganella Family In Loving Memory of: Sara Manganella Rosario Manganella Blanca Medina Brenda Vega

Lisa & Damian Scardamaglia Merry Christmas to: Judy DeAngelis Marion O'Connor Marie DiTucci In Loving Memory of: Michael John Connell Michael Joseph Connell Maria & Damiano Scardamaglia Deceased Members of the Connell Family Deceased Members of the Scardamaglia Family Deceased Members of the Maeneza Family Msgr. John C. Tosi Sister Catherine T. Reilly, OP



Marie Connell In Loving Memory of: Michael John Connell Michael Joseph Connell Maria & Damiano Scardamaglia Deceased Members of the Connell Family Deceased Members of the Schneider Family



Spencer & Michelle Lui Merry Christmas from: Spencer & Michelle Lui In Loving Memory of: Ida D'Amelio Patrick Smith Nasaria M. Casocot Elisa M. Tayrus

# Infant Baptism at St. Luke

Please call Sr. Theresa 718-746-8531 when you have received the birth certificate to schedule a baptism interview



Upcoming dates: January 6th, 2024 February 10th, 2024 April 20, 2024

Please note - there are no infant Baptism's during Lent



## Give To St. Luke Online

It's easy and safe to sign up - visit our St. Luke website and click on "Give Central Give Online"

> Sunday Collection December 17, 2023 Parish Collection

## \$11,254

Due to publishing deadlines the collections from the weekend of December 24, 2023 and Christmas Day will be in a future bulletin.

Thank You For Giving From Your Heart ♥



# St. Luke Golden Age Club

Come join the fun Thursdays at 1:00 PM In the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

Everyone is Welcome

# Collective Intentions Masses

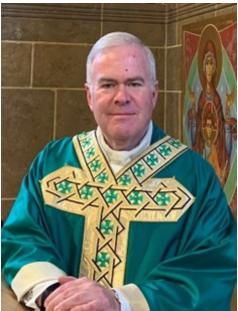
Several times a year we celebrate a Collective Intentions Mass on a Saturday at Noon to accommodate the requests of parishoners for an opportunity to remember a loved one at Mass for a special anniversary of death (i.e. one month or one year), or to celebrate a special event.

Our organist and cantor are there to help us celebrate.

\$50 offering requested

Upcoming Dates: January 27, 2024 March 16, 2024 May 25, 2024

# Visit from Father Michael Drea Chaplain for FOCUS



The weekend of January 13-14, 2024, Father Michael Drea will be visiting our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Michael Drea serves at the National Chaplain for Mission Development for FOCUS. He was ordained in 2004 by Sean Cardinal O'Malley for service in the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to his role at FOCUS, he served for seven years as Senior Catholic Chaplain at Harvard University where he invited FOCUS to serve with him on campus. In addition, he has served as pastor for two different parishes in the Archdiocese, as well as a member of the FOCUS Board of Directors and on various other boards of trustees. Father Drea is a proud alumnus of Boston College where he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 232 campus/locations including eight international locations. 23 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 970 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Drea is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

**Presence:** The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

JOIN US AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLBS PARISH CENTER for this VIDEO series by FORMED.

JAN. 11th -- Episode 1: God Is with Us JAN. 25th – Episode 25: Bread for the Journey

JAN.18th -- Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist FEB.1st – Bonus Episode: Biblical Foundations with Dr. Tim Grav

Please register using the link below, the QR code, or by calling the rectory at 718-229-5929

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center 203 Street between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, below the church. Sponsored by the OLBS ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM.





# St. Kevin Church, Flushing Queens,

will provide round trip bus transportation to Washington, D.C.

## Friday, January 19th, 2024

Bus is leaving from St. Kevin Church Flushing

45-21 194th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

Leaving at 6:00 AM

Cost: \$40

To Register and save your seat:

Please use the weblink below or the QR code

https://stkevinchurch1.flocknote.com/signup/149779



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**SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP**—Sacred Heart of Jesus Bayside invites parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at *shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com*. Meetings are at 10:00 AM on the following dates: Tuesday, December 5th, Thursday, January 11th, Tuesday, February 13th, Tuesday March 19th

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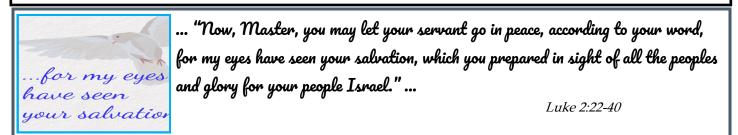
**Looking for Free & Fun Activities** — Visit *nycgovparks.org* website for free events happening all around the city in our parks - including guided tours by park rangers, seasonal activities and more. You'll also find programs for seniors and kids. Some require pre-sign up, but all are free.

#### ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - Speech & Hearing Aid Help

Through Thursday, November 30th., 2023 - St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY & is offering <u>free</u> "Hearing Aid Help" for anyone who has a hearing aid & may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. In addition, this center will be offering <u>free</u> speech screenings during the same time & location. *Please call (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment* 

#### ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - Center for Psychological Services

School Year 2023 through 2024 - St. John's University Center for Psychological Services is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY, 11367 & is offering evidence-based assessment & therapy services for both children & adults. The center is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM & Fridays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income. We do not accept insurance. *Please call the center at (718) 990-1900 for more information.* 



#### A SENIOR PARISHIONER IS LOOKING TO RENT A STUDIO OR 1 ROOM

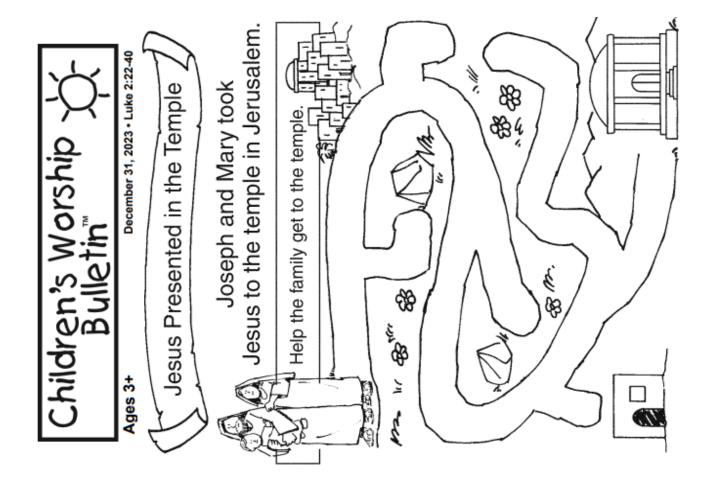
If you looking to rent out a 1 room, studio or basement apartment with a private bathroom in the Whitestone, College Point, Flushing or Bayside areas; *please contact St. Luke's Rectory for further details at (718) 746-8102. Your help will be greatly appreciated.* 

#### **DONATIONS FOR MIGRANTS**

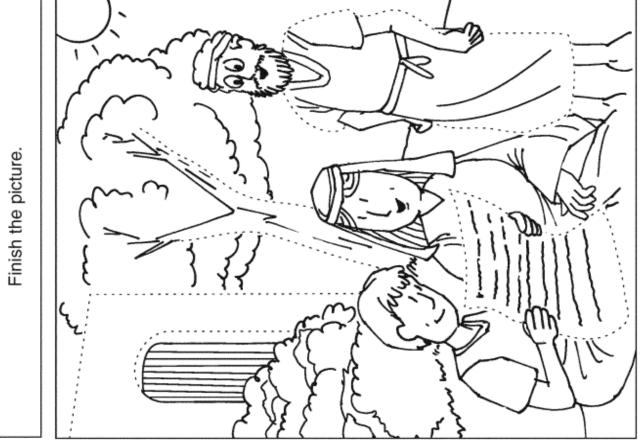
If you have slightly used clothing, shoes, baby strollers, etc. which you would like to donate to the Migrants, please drop off your donations at: Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens/Community Integration Center at 191 Joralemon Street (1st. Fl.), Brooklyn, NY, 11201.

Please call (718) 726-9790 for further information. Your help is needed & will be greatly appreciated.

LOST and FOUND in St. Luke Church Please see a sacristan if you have lost anything in the church.



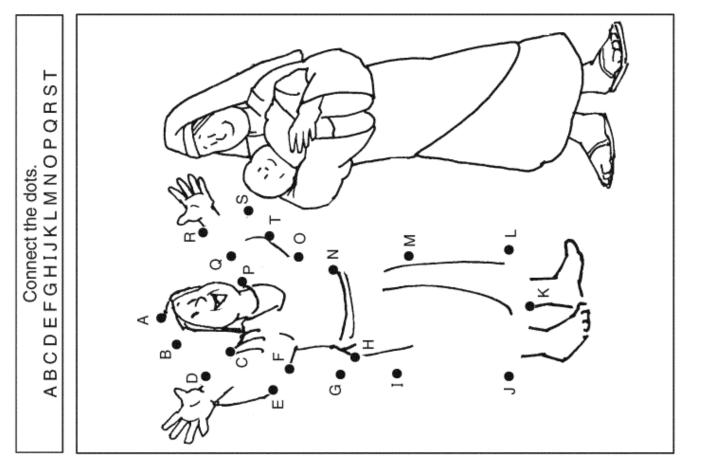
Jesus grew and became strong.







Anna thanked God because of Jesus.







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