

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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Welcome

ST. Luke is a warm and embracing parish family. We gladly extend our love and warmth to all those who desire to worship and follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our theme for 2019 is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 11:00am

2nd Sunday 1:15pm (Igbo) 3rd Sunday 1:15pm (French)

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am-10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptism registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class which is held on the First Saturday of each month. Baptism takes place every First Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call parish office for more information.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Empty Tomb That Fills Us

Dear Parishioners and Friend. May the blessings of Easter be with you and your families. Thank you for keeping the world healthier and safer by staying home during this pandemic. By doing this, you prove yourselves worthy heroes and heroines of our time. The physical distancing we have endured these past weeks has tremendously impacted our lives and that of our family. But we feel uplifted knowing that we are suffering patiently for the good of others.

This is precisely the message of Holy Week that culminates on the Resurrection of the Lord. We rejoice that the empty tomb of Christ will win us the victory over all the pain and discomfort we are experiencing at the moment. Just like Christ, we are to offer all of our worries as a pleasing sacrifice to God, who would hear our groaning and come to our rescue. The sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday reassures us that God will never abandon us; not now, not tomorrow or ever. Because he was willing to carry his cross to the end without giving up, our triumph over death became assured.

The empty tomb which the women disciples first discovered on that early morning of the Lord's resurrection, is the sure evidence that "all those who suffer and die in Christ, will rise with him to eternal glory." That empty tomb is now proof that God accepted that Sacrifice of Christ who through his death on the cross, paid a debt in full that did not owe. Let me commend all you who have been making that sacrifice of contributing financially to support our parish during this difficult time. The offering that you have mailed in or dropped off or those you gave online will never go unrewarded. God will accept your sacrifice and grant you and your family his many blessings. Amen!

The empty tomb we celebrate today also indicates that we have received fullness of life. This seems like a contradiction, but it is not. Our profession of faith tells us that by "dying you (Christ) have destroyed our death and rising you have restored our life." because he lives we can now face whatever tomorrow may bring. Because death could not hold him down, we have the confidence to hope for a better future. St. Paul reminds us of the importance of staying hopeful in God always when he wrote his letter to the people of Rome saying "And hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." [Romans 5:5]

Lastly, the empty tomb urges us to become proud witnesses of his glorious resurrection. Our Archbishop Wilton Gregory tells us to display some sort of light on our windows, as a sign that we are bearing witness to Christ light. Nothing should stop us from testifying to the light that Christ brings into darkened hearts and world. We witness that the empty tomb means that we get a second chance to life. We receive another opportunity to cast our worries on him, who is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. The empty tomb reminds us that he is God of the living and God of the dead. Hence, whether we live or die, we belong to him.

May our Lord Jesus Christ who came out of the tomb that we may gain salvation and be reconciled with the Father, heal our minds and hearts. May his face shine upon us and be merciful to us, so that we too may come out of this crisis solid in our faith. Amen Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you and Your loved ones.

Fr. Cornelius prays that the Joy of the Lord will be your strength.

Reflection for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday
to Beatrice Carroll, Chinua Enwezor,
Donniebell Sweeney, Lauren Marshall, Kayla D.
Wilson-Porter and
Jessica Fassaya.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this trying times.
You may Drop off or mail your gifts to the parish. You may give online through our website: <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>
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God bless and keep you safe.

Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Psalms 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Psalms 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31

Feasts for the Week

Monday 4/13	Thursday 04/16
Monday within the Octave of Easter	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday 04/14	Friday 04/17
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday 04/15	Saturday 04/18
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson

David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
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Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
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Kayla Tatum
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Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Marquita Ward
Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia Williams

Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.

All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 21 leaves still available for memorializing deceased family members or posting your current family names or beliefs. Each leaf is \$250 and can be paid in monthly installments. All proceeds will be used for the improvement of our beautiful church. Please contact Kathy Harris Ndouga if you would like more details at (202) 575-8732.

St. Luke Parish Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Easter Sunday Mass Live Stream & Voice @ 11:00am

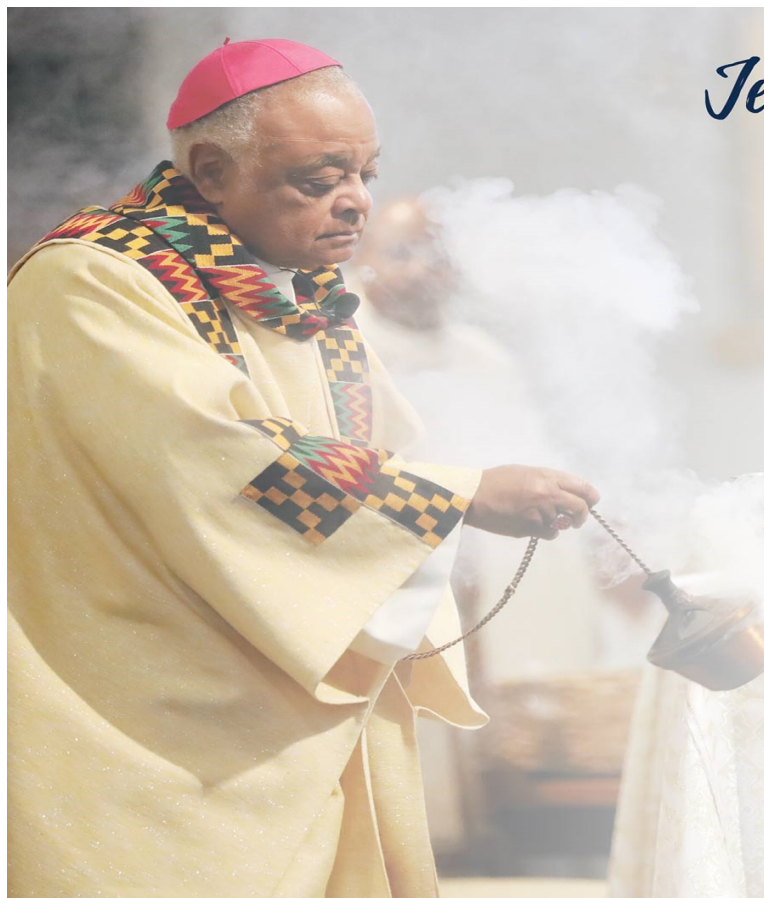
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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible Quote for the day: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—**Isaiah 41:10**

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



*Jesus is risen.
Truly, He is risen!*

Across the Archdiocese of Washington, in each of our homes, the light of the Risen Christ shines bright. While I wish I could be with you in person, I know that physical distance cannot separate us spiritually from one another. We remain united in faith as an Easter people as we pray for each other and all the sick and dying across the world during this pandemic. Together, we hold fast to Christ's promise of "the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting" that we celebrate this Easter season.

Alleluia!

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory



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