

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

All Saint's Day

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**ALL  
SAINTS**

"Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be  
great in heaven."  
- Mt 5:12a

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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

### ALL SAINTS' DAY

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints -- that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire. Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives. The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic. In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children. Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers. In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Culled from <https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/>

### REFLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day.

Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us. Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ronald Watson, Barbara Tatum, Alliha Ferrell and Pearl A. Baynes.

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

**Readings for the week of November 1, 2020**

**Sunday:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a  
**Monday:** Wisdom 3:1-9/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9/John 6:37-40  
**Tuesday:** Philippians 2:5-11/Psalms 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Luke 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Philippians 2:12-18/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Luke 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Philippians 3:3-8a/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Luke 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Philippians 3:17—4:1/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Luke 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Philippians 4:10-19/Psalms 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Luke 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 6:12-16/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Matthew 25:1-13

**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/> And clicking on the donate button. You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116 God bless and keep you safe.

**WEEKLY MASS**

<b>Monday 11/02</b> <b>All Soul's Day</b>	<b>Thursday 11/05</b> <b>Weekday</b>
<b>Tuesday 11/03</b> <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Friday 11/06</b> <b>Repose for the Soul of Susie &amp; Frank McDougald+++</b>
<b>Wednesday 11/04</b> <b>St. Charles</b>	<b>Saturday 11/07</b> <b>Weekday</b>

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	Maria A. Logan	Kayla Tatum	St Luke military families.
Blanche Bourm	Tina Garvin	Bernadette Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	
Barbara Batts	Elizabeth Gillem	Doreene Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Tanisha Bennett	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Tammy Berry	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Ruth Bundy	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	
Beatrice Carroll	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Aniceto Charles	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Steven Washington	
Patricia Chase	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams	
Valene Chemoo	Melvin Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Wellington Waters	
Joyce Cristwell	Mary Ann Johnson	Kecia Proctor	Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
Alvera Dance	David & Keisha Jones	Doreene Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.	
Iyana Davage	Dawn Lattimer	Leroy Sandifer		
	Lawrence Lee	Betty Smith		



## 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

Mondays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)  
Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm  
Thursdays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)  
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm  
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUPGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUPGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber)

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-3116.

Offertory Contributions for 11/1/20: \$212.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Bible quote:

“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” Revelation 7:14.

**A FUNERAL** for James Edward Brisbon on Wednesday, November 4 . Viewing is from 9:00am-11:00am and funeral service begins at 11:00am.

**A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Norma J. Henson on Thursday, November 5. Viewing is from 9:30am to 11:00am. The funeral Mass begins at 11:00am.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS** on November 7 and 8. Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let's join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity.

**ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE:** The open application period for the 2021 –2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began October 1, 2020. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 4, 2020. The deadline date for new families to apply is Friday, February 19, 2021. Please visit [www.adwcatholicschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicschools.org) for information and instructions. The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office will host virtual sessions around Catholic schools admissions, financial aids and academics. Sessions will be offered twice a week up to November 15, 2020. To register for a session please visit [www.adw.catholicschools.org](http://www.adw.catholicschools.org).