

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.
- Jn 3:20-21

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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 & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714.

Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple, and the deacon and subdeacon wear dalmatics, instead of folded chasubles as on the other Sundays of Lent.

The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominica de Rosa".

Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, *mi-carême*, or *mediana*; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08737c.htm>

REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Joyce W. Diggs, Terrenthia Sweeney,
 Rosemarie Jones, Michael Smith,
 Rita Brown-Hall, and Mary Cooper.**

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

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Ephesians 2:4-10/John 3:14-21 or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezra 47:1-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/John 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/John 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Hebrew 5:7-9/John 12:20-33 or Ezra 37:12-14/Romans 8:8-11/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 03/15
Rest of the
soul of James Free-
land+++ by Patter-
son Family

Tuesday 03/16
Lenten Weekday

Wednesday 03/17
St. Patrick

Thursday 03/18
Birthday Bless-
ings for James Pat-
terson by Patterson
Family

Friday 03/19
St. Joseph, Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Saturday 03/20
Lenten Weekday

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
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Florence Hall
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee

Maria A. Logan
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Doreene Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 David Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Marlene Patterson
 Silvia Perry
 Lillian Pharms
 Kecia Proctor
 Doreene Redd
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith

Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-
 Price
 James F. Thompson,
 Jr.
 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

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 Adoration/Stations of the Cross 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.stlukesedc/>

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

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Offertory Contributions for 3/14//2021: \$783.15

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.—John 3:20

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Edus David Gales, Jr. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Viewing 10-11, Funeral Mass 11:00. Please pray for the family.

St LUKE LENTEN REVIVAL 2021: You are invited to an evening of praise, worship, prayer, reflection during this Lent. The Revival date is Monday March 22nd. Time is 7pm (In person and Livestreams) Minister Crystal Tolson will be our guest presenter and Robert Martin is our guest musician (Saxophonist).

ATTEND A RETREAT FROM WHEREEVER YOU ARE! Virtual Spiritual Retreats— March 26 -28 Virtual Lenten Retreat; April 23-25 Virtual Easter Retreat.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to provide virtual retreats that allow you to connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Detox from the noise of social media, work demands and Netflix to find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. More information will follow.