

Sunday, April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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I trust in you



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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

THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY: GOD'S MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE IS MERCY.

“God” encompasses many things, like patience, benevolence and omnipotence. There’s one word, however, that God encompasses most: mercy. God is often compelled to make a choice between mercy or punishment, and he always chooses mercy. For example, “Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (Ephesians 4:26) tells us to let go of our anger before the sun sets, so we can wake joyfully the next day without resentment.

A lot of people have misinterpreted this quote as an instruction to hold onto your anger. That fits with the interpretation of God as vengeful – a far cry from the idea of God as merciful. Mercy is what connects people to God, not anger or hate. God’s mercy is the anchor that stops people from spiraling into a life of sin. It reminds them that life has meaning. God’s mercy allows people to remember that they’ll always be loved and their attempts to live righteously aren’t in vain.

When people repent to gain God’s love, they strive to live better lives and make the world a better place. Faith in the mercy of God makes people want to help others as well. As it says in Psalm 145:7-9, “He executes justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry.” God also tells us that he’ll answer us when asked, which stops people from trying to take matters into their own hands.

Imperfect humans are naturally less merciful than God, so important matters should not be entrusted to them alone. God’s ability to show mercy rather than cause destruction is also a sign of his power. The same goes for humankind. That’s why God sent Jesus to be an example for humankind, so we could learn from a being in our own form.

Excerpt culled from <https://lifeclub.org/books/the-name-of-god-is-mercy-pope-francis-review-summary#:~:text=The%20Name%20of%20God%20is%20Mercy%20Key%20Idea%20%231%3A%20God's,and%20he%20always%20chooses%20mercy.>

REFLECTION FOR

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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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!!!**

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Psalms 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/John 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/John 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/John 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 John 2:1-5a/Luke 24:35-48

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 04/12
Easter Weekday

Thursday 04/15
Easter Weekday

Tuesday 04/13
St. Martin I

Friday 04/16
Easter Weekday

Wednesday 04/14
Easter Weekday

Saturday 04/17
Easter 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.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

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**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 4/11//2021: \$718.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“A little bit of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just”– Pope Francis

VACCINATION AT ST. LUKE:

The District of Columbia Department of Health (Faith in Vaccine Initiative) will hold COVID vaccination clinic services through Mary's Center, and with Five Medicine here at St. Luke. This will take place at the church parking lot on April 28th and 29th. Flyers will be sent out to you on Thursday April 15th.

FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM FEMA: The FEMA Funeral Reimbursement Program will launch in a week or two. FEMA is reimbursing up to \$7,000.00 for COVID-19 funerals PLEASE PASS ON FOR WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO OUR BLACK COMMUNITIES.... to any family member who paid for a funeral. Please keep funeral documentation. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance <http://FEMA.gov> <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mary Elizabeth Shearard. Viewing at 9:00am Funeral Mass 11:00am. Please pray for the family.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

CELEBRATING SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: JUNE 27, 2021 JUBILARIAN MASS Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021 (202) 584-8322.