

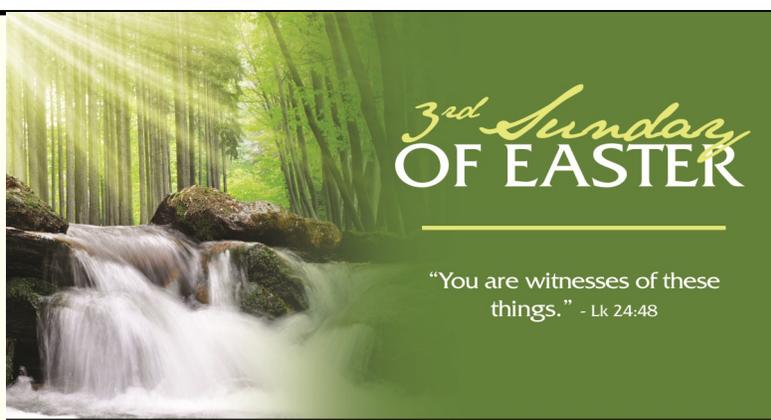
**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Third Sunday of Easter

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

"You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:48

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**ST. LUKE**  
**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 & 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 Resurrection of Jesus is a Saving Event

Besides being an historical event, the resurrection of Jesus is primarily a saving event. In this light Saint Paul teaches that Jesus was “delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification” (Romans 4:25). The Resurrection of Jesus “is more than a miracle and motive for faith. It is a saving event in its own right, since the dying and rising of Jesus together constitute the victory over sin and death.

Baptism gives us a share in this double victory, for through it we die to sin and rise to new life with Christ” (*Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*, p. 263). “The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God’s grace, ‘so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life’ Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace.

It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ’s brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: “Go and tell my brethren.” We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 654).

We cannot discount the resurrection of Jesus as a saving event because it is only through His risen life that we are brought into that “newness of life” which constitutes the fullness of our salvation. “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4). Therefore, “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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### REFLECTION FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don’t always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life’s challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It’s all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God’s goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

**Anthony Wilson,  
Edward Adjei Prempeh,  
Francis Austin and  
Linda W. Harried.**

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD**

**Readings for the week of April 18, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 John 2:1-5a/Luke 24:35-48  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/John 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/John 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/John 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/John 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]/John 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/John 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18

**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 04/19**  
 Repose of the soul of  
 Ethel Williams+++ by  
 Family (BB)  
 Birthday blessings  
 for Tierra Wilson by  
 Family

**Tuesday 04/20**  
 Easter Weekday

**Wednesday 04/21**  
 St. Anselm

**Thursday 04/22**  
 Easter Weekday

**Friday 04/23**  
 SS. George, Adalbert

**Saturday 04/24**  
 St. Fidelis

**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](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 4/18//2021: \$1,368.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. . . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it." - N.T. Wright

### 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. Time is 10am -4pm.

Please call 202-599-6571 or 202-584-8322 to sign up.

**FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP** The 2021 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. If interested, please send an email request to [stluke.dc@adwparish.org](mailto:stluke.dc@adwparish.org).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021** for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. Venue is St. Luke Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 7pm.

**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.