

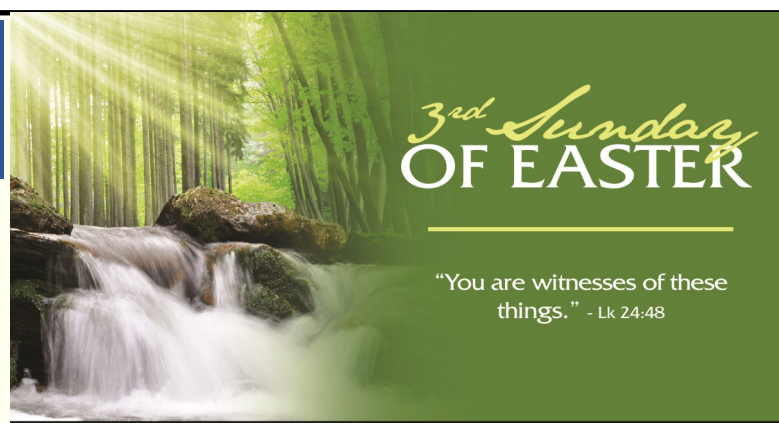
Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

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

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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.

Liturgical Publications 2015

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

Wednesday 04/21
 St. Anselm

Thursday 04/22
 Easter Weekday

Friday 04/23
 SS. George, Adalbert

Tuesday 04/20
 Easter Weekday

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

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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.

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.