

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Email: stluke.dc@adwparish.org
www.stlukechurchssj.org



Staffed by the Josephite Fathers and Brother

Serving Washington DC (Far S.E., N.E., and Prince Georges County since 1957)



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4925 E. CAPITOL STREET, WASHINGTON, DC
20019



PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ
(202) 584-8322 Ext. 101

IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Denis Mandamuna
(202) 584-8322

Deacon

Richard Walker
(202) 584-8322 Ext. 103

SISTER

Anne Marie Schreiner, DC
(205) 919-0010

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

SECRETARY

Ms. Michele Peters
(202) 584-8322 Ext. 102

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Mrs. Shirley Williams

DIRECTOR OF CENTER

Mrs. Hope Brown
(202) 584-1400

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 Significance of the Empty Tomb

"So, tell me the significance of the empty tomb?"

This question was asked of a student of theology by a professor of Christology. The tomb referred to in the question is that of Christ Jesus. To begin, the tomb is connected to the dead body of Jesus. The tomb signifies that truly Jesus had a physical body of flesh and blood. That Jesus, a divine person, already possessing a divine nature, united to his divine person, a complete human nature, including body and soul. That this body was placed in a tomb signifies that truly Jesus had died; for we reverently bury our dead.

That the tomb was found empty three days later points to Jesus' resurrection. The empty tomb in itself is not enough to prove the resurrection. Our faith in the resurrection comes from those who witnessed the resurrected Lord; Mary of Magdalene, Peter, the two on the road to Emmaus, the 11 and the others. That it was the same Jesus who had died is verified by his bodily wounds. That Jesus was not a ghost is understood by Jesus being able to be touched and to eat. That Jesus' body was different is perceived by his not being recognized immediately and his appearing suddenly.

The resurrection of Jesus manifests that the Heavenly Father has accepted Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf, for as he stated, "I lay down my life in order to take it up again no one takes it from me but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again" (Jn 10:17-18). Again, Jesus, referring to his sacrifice, stated that the Son of Man had come to give his life for the redemption of many (cf. Mk 10:45). By his cross and resurrection, Jesus has gained for us the forgiveness of our sins. Sins being forgiven, death is overcome, for the "wage of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). Sin causes death within us by decaying the image of the Word, through whom we were created (cf. Gn 1:26-27). Sin and death being defeated, we are now able to live a new life, sharing in the life of the Word.

We had become partakers of sin and death due to the deception of Satan. Satan had promised Adam and Eve, and we their children, to be like God. We were put under his dominion when our first parents ate the fruit. By conquering sin and death, Jesus frees us from Satan, allowing us to live now as sons and daughters of God. Sharing now in the Sonship of Christ, we are strengthened to say "Yes" to the will of our Heavenly Father. The resurrection of Jesus is the cause of our resurrection on the last day. The hope of resurrection ought to inspire us to do great things for the glory of God.

It is the hope of the resurrection that allows us to suffer anything here on earth with patience, especially when we are persecuted for our faith in Jesus. It is the hope of the resurrection that motivates us to go beyond our own self-interests and so love our neighbor. The hope of the resurrection allows us to let go of our own judgements, living life as intended by God; doing his will, not our own. Reflecting upon the significance of the empty tomb, it is important to call to mind chapter 15 of Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Here is found a profession of faith, which has been handed on to us: "that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day, in accord with the scriptures; that he was seen by Cephas and then by the Twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5).

It is the resurrection that is key to our faith and hope, for "if Christ be not risen, in vain is our preaching and in vain too is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14). The tomb being empty points to our now being full of the new life in Christ. For the resurrection reveals to us that the tomb cannot hold us from the glory to which God has called us. We share in this glory even now by the grace Jesus has won for us. May the resurrection inspire us to live the new life in Christ, bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus, manifesting the glory of God in our bodies by everything that we do.

<https://catholicstarherald.org/the-significance-of-the-empty-tomb/>

REFLECTION FOR

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are. Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us.

It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before.

This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Ashley Gale, Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu,
 Ray Crawford,
 Aryn Renee Malone and Jasmine Wilson.

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

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/John 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Luke 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Psalms 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Luke 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/John 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Psalms 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mark 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-3

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 04/05
 Repose of the soul of
 Uline Thompaon+++ by
 Bernadette Smith

Thursday 04/08
 Special Intention for
 Sister Anne Marie
 Schreiner, D.C.
 Repose of the souls of
 Susie & Frank McDou-
 gald+++ by Family

Tuesday 04/06
 Tuesday within the
 Octave of Easter

Friday 04/09
 Friday within the Oc-
 tave of Easter

Wednesday 04/07
 Wednesday within the
 Octave of Easter

Saturday 04/10
 Saturday with the
 Octave of Easter

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 4/04//2021: \$1,531.70

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:6)

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>

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COVID VACCINE INFO SESSION: The Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington invites you to their vaccine information session in conjunction with the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist church. **The event will be held remotely on April 7th at 7:30 PM via Zoom.** The guest speaker is Dr. Maria Elena Ruiz, the assistant section chief of Infectious Diseases at Washington Hospital Center who will answer your questions about the different Covid vaccines. You may register at their website, www.ifcmw.org or by clicking [here](#). **You must pre-register in order to attend the event.**