

Sunday, May 16, 2021

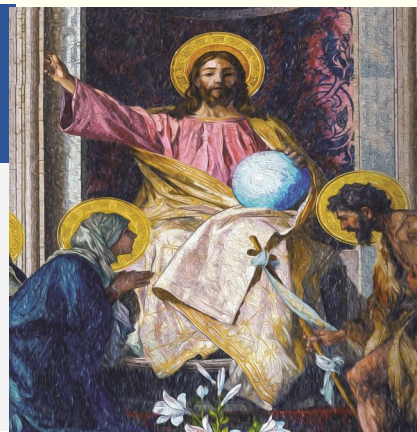
The Ascension of the Lord

**7TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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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 Mystery of the Ascension

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: *He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.* We believe that Jesus' earthly life reached its culmination when He passed from this world to the Father. He no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our earthly life. He passed into the glorified state in God. It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. Otherwise, after the Ascension, the disciples would not have returned to Jerusalem *with great joy*, as Saint Luke tells us (24:52). He is close to each one of us forever. Recall the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel: *And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age* (Matthew 28:19).

With His Ascension into heaven, the Lord Jesus is now present to us in a new way. On the eve of His Passion, Jesus had told the apostles that it was to their advantage that He go away. He said: *It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you: but if I go, I will send Him to you*" (John 16:7). Though Jesus' earthly and visible presence in the world ends, He remains with us in an invisible way. He has not left us alone. He is always close to us. Christ sends us the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to be with us, sanctifying us and giving us life. He acts through the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our souls. He guides us and leads us to the Father. Christ, the Head, is never separated from His Body, the Church. He entered heaven as our Head. Pope Saint Leo the Great taught that at the Ascension, the glory of the Head became the hope of the Body. This is very true: because Christ has ascended to the Father to prepare a place for us, we have hope of eternal life with Him in heaven.

Exalted at the right hand of the Father, Christ intercedes for us with the Father. He is our eternal High Priest, our Mediator with the Father. As the letter to the Hebrews says: *He always lives to make intercession for them* (7:25). He communicates to us His Body, the Church, the grace and strength to live in Him. Because of Christ's intercession with the Father, we are able to grow in holiness. Jesus is present to us in His word and in the sacraments. Jesus is visibly present in the Church in "a sacramental manner." We think especially of His presence in the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we participate in the new life of Christ's Body glorified by the Spirit. Christ's holy Body and Blood is our food on our journey to the Father's house.

Another important truth about the mystery of the Ascension concerns our own journey to the Father's house. There, Jesus said, He has gone to prepare a place for us. He waits for us. When He ascended into heaven, Jesus took our humanity to God and He opened the path for us to heavenly glory. He united humanity with God forever. As we meditate on the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension, we also remember His words to the disciples immediately before His Ascension. He not only promises the Holy Spirit, He commands the disciples to go forth as missionaries to the world. He gives them the charge of evangelization. He then gives them the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this mission. The Gospel is spread through the power of God, not merely by means of our human wisdom or strength. Our task is to allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, and to cooperate with His grace as we seek to bring the Gospel to the world. The Holy Spirit keeps us faithful to the deposit of faith, to the teachings of Jesus. He strengthens us to be Christ's witnesses in word and deed. This is the specific grace we received in the sacrament of Confirmation.

Culled from <https://todayscatholic.org/the-mystery-of-the-ascension/>

REFLECTION FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter.

It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers.

The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Thomas Hamlin, Leina Amah, Leria
 Amah and Florence Amah, Pricila
 Sorbe and Dannielle Youmbi.**

Happy Wedding anniversary to
MR. & Mrs. Walter & Betty Gale.

MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mark 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Psalms 103:1-2, 11-
 12, 19-20 [19a]/1 John 4:11-16/John 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/John 16:29-
 33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/John 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Psalms 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
 [33a]/John 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
 John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
 [19a]/John 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/John
 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
 Ezra 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/
 Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalms 33:10-11, 12
 -13, 14-15/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Deuteronomy 3:52, 52, 53,
 55, 56 or Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ezra 37:1-14/Psalms 107:2-3, 4
 -5, 6-7, 8-9/Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf.
 30]/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
 [cf. 30]/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

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 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 05/17
Thanksgiving to God
for His Mercies and love
by Theresa Odionyenma
and family
Repose of the souls
of deceased Patterson
Family +++ by Patterson
Family

Tuesday 05/18
St. John 1

Wednesday 05/19
Easter Weekday

Thursday 05/20
Repose of the souls
of the deceased Free-
land Family+++ by Pat-
terson Family

Friday 05/21
St. Christopher

Saturday 05/22
St. Rita of Cascia

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.

Innocencio Quinones

 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)
First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 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 5/16/2021: \$1169.30

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19

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.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mrs. Delores Blocker on May 20, 2021. Viewing at 10:00am, Funeral Mass at 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. Venue is St. Luke Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 7pm.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON MAY SECOND COLLECTION is the Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the weekend of May 15 through 16. Half of your contribution stays in the local community, while the other half funds projects that brings the Gospel into homes across the country and beyond through film, television, radio and the internet. Thanks to your generous gift to the campaign, dioceses and parishes across the United States were able to livestream Mass for people unable to attend in person during the COVID 19 pandemic. Thank you giving generously.

COMMUNITY EVENT

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT: Holy Family Catholic Church at 2210 Callaway Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748 is having a FREE paper shredding event to the public. The Holy Family Men's Club is asking the community to bring 2-3 canned goods or non-perishable items for the Holy Family Church Food Pantry. The Pantry's mission is to FEED the HUNGRY of their community by opening their pantry doors on the 3rd Saturday of each month. All Shredding will take place on Site. Maximum of 5 boxes per Vehicle.