

Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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 St. Luke Church

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

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446). In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Doris L. Dunkins, Natoshka Faxio-Douglas, Deacon Richard Walker, Colethia Quarles, Toddlethia West, and Melanie Neal .

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

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Romans 10:8-13/Luke 4:1-13
Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Matthew 7:7-12
Friday: Ezra 18:21-28/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Matthew 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Luke 9:28b-36

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 3/7
S.S. Perpetua & Felicity

Thursday 3/10
Eternal repose of the soul of Susie & Frank McDougald+++ by Family

Tuesday 3/8
St. John of God

Friday 3/11
Lenten Weekday

Wednesday 3/9
St. Francis of Rome

Saturday 3/12
Lenten Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
William P. Brown
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad-Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
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James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
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Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
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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)

Stations of the Cross/ Friday Adoration is now 6:30pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Saturday @ 4pm, Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

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 2/27/2022:

\$7,373.56

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

"Even the darkest moments of the liturgy are filled with joy, and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten fast, is a day of happiness, a Christian Feast." ~Thomas Merton

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the back of the church. If you do not see yours please call the church Rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EUCCHARIST RETREAT APRIL 27TH A powerful Lenten half-day retreat is coming to the Seton Shrine! Join Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR, on a day of reflection on the Real Presence of the Eucharist on Saturday, April 2nd at the Seton Shrine. Throughout the retreat, participants will be invited to reflect on "What is the Sacrament of the Eucharist? What is Transubstantiation? Anamnesis? Why do we do Adoration?" as well as the healing power of the Eucharist. Cost: \$15 Learn more or register at setonshrine.org or call 301-447-6606.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT Join the Holy Comforter –Saint Cyprian Women's Ministry on a Spirit Filled Retreat on April 29 through May 2, 2022 at Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD. 21710. Total Cost \$370, Non-refundable deposit of \$70. Final Payment due by April 1, 2022. For more information, contact Laura Stanton (301)326-9467, Shirley Austin (202)368-7231, or Wanda Ross (301)523-1017.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES –Volunteer Programs: Commit to service in 2022! Share your talents and time as a mentor, pro bono professional, or in special project support. Catholic Charities is recruiting ongoing volunteers who can make a weekly commitment to service. Involvement in these important roles requires an application, conversation with program staff about expectations, and at least a 75-hour commitment during a year, including orientation and training. See below for some of our volunteer opportunities are: Domestic Violence Awareness Outreach Volunteer-English, Volunteer Medical Clinic (VMC) Clinicians, VMC Patient Guide and Safety Officer (high school), Employment Support Volunteer, Food Program Support Volunteer an Dental Assistant and **apply by March 27th, 2022!** You may call (202) 702-4300 ext. 125