

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN: NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The Woman's Reaction

Over the course of the passage, we see how the Samaritan woman's perception of Jesus changes; first she sees Jesus as a Jew, then a prophet, then the Messiah. She is stunned that He is willing to associate with her, and later, that He knows about her relationship history. Eventually, she realizes that He is no ordinary man. The Samaritan woman is deeply impacted by her conversation with Jesus and is eager to share what she has learned. The testimony of the Samaritan woman is powerful among her people — having a greater impact than that of the disciples. John tells us that many Samaritans believed because of her testimony, and they came to Jesus and asked Him to stay in the town, resulting in even more conversions.

What This Passage Means for Us

This passage is important for us because it demonstrates how through the work of Jesus, salvation is extended not only to the Jews, but to everyone. Jesus, as our perfect Great High Priest, makes intercession for us, establishing a new covenantal relationship between God and man. Through His sacrifice, our sins are atoned for, and we are given new life, living in the fullness of His grace. The story of the woman at the well demonstrates that Jesus comes to the least of these. He cares for the outcasts of society.

The Samaritan woman was considered inferior because of her sex, ethnicity, and relationship history, but none of that mattered to Jesus because he saw her need for salvation. It is a reminder to us that God can save us no matter our circumstances, and that we do not need to overcome our sins in our own power before coming to Him. Additionally, as we spread the Gospel to our neighbors, we must remember to share it openly to all, even those whom society deems the lowest and unworthy.

Finally, this account shows that Jesus satisfies not only our physical needs, but our spiritual needs: *whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst*. If we follow Him, we can rest in the promise that the troubles of this world are temporary; we can endure them through the power of the Holy Spirit and have eternal hope in Christ.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-samaritan-woman-new-life-in-christ/>

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Kamaria Harmon, Alan Holt and Martina Njor .

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

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/Luke 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Hebrew 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Corinthians 5:17-21/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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 3/21
God's blessings and protection for Fr. Joseph Rodney by Wilson Family
Eternal repose of the soul of James Free-land+++ by Family
Thanksgiving for 66 years as a Daughter of Charity by Sister Anne Marie Shreiner

Tuesday 3/22
Lenten Weekday

Wednesday 3/23
Lenten Weekday

Thursday 3/24
God's Blessings and protection for Fr. Joseph Rodney by Wilson Family
Gods Blessings and protection for James Patterson by Family

Friday 3/25
The Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday 3/26
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
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance

Iyana Davage
Joyce Diggs
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Crawley Easley
Marita C. Edelin
Joshua M. Faison
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
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
Doreene Redd
Corley 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)

The Light is on— Confession Fridays @ 5:30 to 6:30pm

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 3/13/2022:

\$3,889.30

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'" -Luke 13:8-9

CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund Committee is hosting a Double Good Popcorn fundraiser! All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund and be saved for future awardees. Our fundraiser will begin on March 27th at 12pm and end on March 31st at 12pm. Please feel free to pick up a flyer from the foyer of the church. Thank you in advance for supporting the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund!

ST. LUKE LENTEN FISH FRY will take place on April 8th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. You may call the Rectory to place an order.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

JOIN ST. MARTIN'S DC: Honor the Contributions of Black People (Across the Diaspora) and Women (From All Races, Cultures, etc.) Attend the Black and Women's History Celebration—2022, Sunday, March 27 at 3:45 pm Via ZOOM (Online or Dial In. The cost is free. Meeting ID 883 6941 8010 Passcode 525335 ZOOM Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88369418010?pwd=M110S0tFU2ZKOUJuQW5tNHbtZkr5QT09> Dial-In Numbers : 1 301-715-8592 (Washington, D.C.)

EUCHARIST 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.