

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIFTH 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

What Happens During Lent and Why?

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee.

It's important to note that doing these things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus' sacrifice or a relationship with God. People are flawed and will never be good enough for a perfect God. Only Jesus has the power to rescue us from ourselves. Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter even more meaningful. Interested in learning more about Lent? Do you want to observe it but need guidance? Sign up for Cru's Lent Devotional. Each day of Lent, you will receive an email offering suggestions to help you reflect and pray as you look forward to Easter.

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/life-and-relationships/holidays/lent/what-is-lent-about-and-why-is-it-important.html>

REFLECTION FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday
to Ashley Gale, Ray Crawford,
Christian Mitchell, Helen Williams,
Aryn Renee Malone and
Jasmine Wilson.

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

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21/Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11

Monday: Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-
62 or 13:41c-62/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/John 8:12-20

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9/Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18,
19-21/John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-
9/John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezra 37:21-28/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-
12abcd, 13/John 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Luke 19:28-40/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Philippians 2:6-11/ Luke
22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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Please consider making a donation to sup-
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parish. You may give online through
our website:

<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

And clicking on the donate button.

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WEEKLY MASS

Monday 4/4
Eternal repose of the
soul of Leo & Anne
Schreiner+++ By Sister
Anne Marie Schreiner

Tuesday 4/5
St. Vincent

Wednesday 4/6
Lenten Weekday

Thursday 4/7
In loving memory of
Harrette Johnson, by
Charlie Kelly Jr.
Eternal repose of the
souls of the deceased
Schreiner & Patton
Families by Sister Anne
Marie Schreiner

Friday 4/8
Lenten Weekday

Saturday 4/9
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
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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 3/27/2022:

\$4,720.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

**But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them,
“Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.” -John 8:7**

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Sharon A. Johnson on Monday, April 4, 2022. Viewing at 9:00am, Funeral Mass at 11:00am. Please pray for the family.

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

HOPE BLOSSOMS 2022 benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Honorees: Judy and John Ritz And Steve Heidenberger Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 6pm to 8pm**, Location: Columbia Country Club: 7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 To purchase tickets please visit: www.stanns.org/events Questions? Please contact: Carolyn Boyle: 301.559.5500 or: cboyle@stanns.org

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.

FIND THE RIGHT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR YOU! 2022 Catholic High School Fair on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Catholic University of America, Caldwell Hall 11:00am to 2:00pm. They will be featuring exhibits for all Catholic high schools in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Come and learn more about the admissions process, scholarships and financial aid. Visit adwcatholicsschools.org to register.