

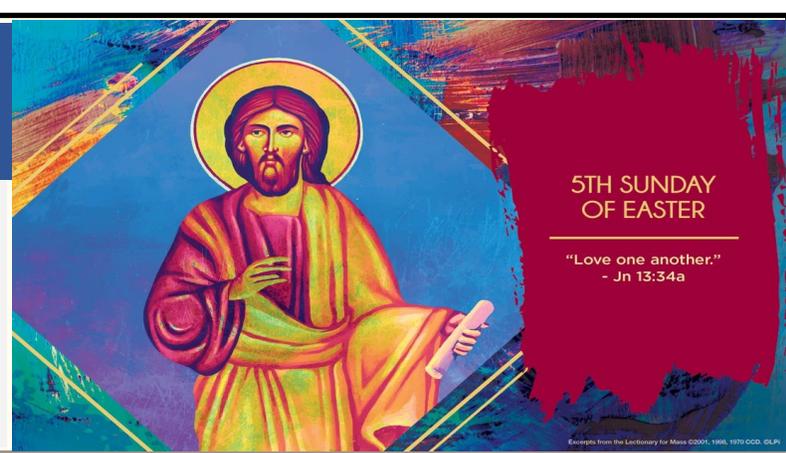
Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

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

'Just as I Have Loved You, You Must Also Love One Another'

By Rev. Colangelo Sr.

The Bible says we are to love one another. Sounds good, but can we do it? No, not without the Holy Spirit. Some people are just irritating. Even people at church can be difficult to love. Sometimes we sing a chorus in church: "I'm so glad you're a part of the family of God," and then we look at the person beside us and sing, "I'm surprised you're part of the family of God." Just being real. I've seen it happen. Sometimes it's hard enough to love our own family. So, how do we make love a dominating characteristic of our lives? I. Make love a priority. Indeed loving people is difficult. Yet this is what the Bible commands. "For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). We spend time on what we deem important. For many of us these choices are valid: time with family and friends, work, prayer, serving the poor, fighting for rights, protesting wrongs. But as the Scripture reminds us, "And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor. 13:3).

Even though we have the freedom to set our own priorities, Jesus made a point of defining certain ones of them for us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39). Love, then, is not a gray area the Scriptures. Jesus gave love priority over all other Christian virtues. Every thought, response, and act of goodwill must first pass through the fine filter of love, or it means nothing at all. But why love? What makes it so important? II. Understand the importance of love. When Jesus spoke to the disciples regarding the first and second greatest commands, he explained that "All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands" (Matt. 22:40). To the people of Israel, as well as for many believers today, it would seem more logical for the act of obedience. Because the point of writing a law is adherence to it. And it is written, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Yet Jesus also said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another" (John 13:34). The apostle Paul goes on to tell us "Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law" (Rom. 13:10).

The logic of Paul's interpretation of Jesus' command that love fulfills the Law seems equally simple. For if one loves his neighbor, he will not commit adultery with his neighbor's spouse. If he loves his coworker, he will not lie to him. And if he loves his enemy, he will not slander him. Love fulfills the law, because if we truly love every person because he IS a person, we will not desire to hurt or violate him or her, thus never break the law. God established love as the force for obedience. When we demonstrate Christian love, it distinguishes believers from the rest of the world. Jesus goes on to say, "By this [love] all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Notice Jesus did not say that people will know that you are my disciples if you promote my agenda, or wear Christian T-shirts or a WWJD bracelet, or have a fish decal on your car, but rather if you love one another. The world is watching! "God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. Believers are God's advertisement to a watching society. When we love as he as loved us, it will make the difference. People will notice. Christian love is indispensable. Because people matter so much to him, they ought to matter to us. And, we, therefore, need to love them as he loves them. Love makes a statement and leaves a legacy. It does the unexpected, surprising, and stirring. It performs acts that steal the heart and leaves an impression on the soul. Often these acts are never forgotten. God loves you, and so do I. May God bless you all in this ever changing world.

<https://romesentinel.com/stories/just-as-i-have-loved-you-you-must-also-love-one-another,104423>

REFLECTION FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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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 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Betty Gale.

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

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Revelation 21:1-5a/John 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12/John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5/John 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/John 14:23-29

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 5/16
Eternal repose of the Souls of Peter & Betty Scaffidi+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Tuesday 5/17
Easter Weekday

Wednesday 5/18
St. John

Thursday 5/19
Eternal repose of the Soul of Hilda McDougald+++ by Barbara Batts

Eternal repose of the Soul of Delores Blocker+++ by Ronald Blocker

Friday 5/20
St. Bernardine of Siena

Saturday 5/21
St. Christopher

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
Rita Clines
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
Katrina Griffin
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

Lois 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)

First Friday Adoration @ 6:00pm

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

Easter 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 5/8/2022:

\$ 6,506.60

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” -John 13:34-35

ST. LUKE SODALITY will be selling raffle tickets as part of the Sodality Union's Annual raffle to support youth in the Archdiocese attend Catholic School. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket. Tickets will be sold after mass in the rear of the church. Thank you for supporting our youth.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

LIGHT THE WORLD! CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: Since 2016, Light the World! Summer Institute has welcomed over 240 high school age participants to Washington D.C. to explore the interaction between faith and culture. The application is now open for the 2022 program with two available weeks, June 12-18, 2022 and June 26-July 2, 2022. Participants will spend the week on the campus of The Catholic University of America and interact with CatholicU faculty, staff, and students, explore the Nation's Capital, and meet Catholic professionals who live out their faith in their careers. For more information, visit trs.catholic.edu/summer-ltw or contact Brian Rhude, Program Director, at lighttheworld@cua.edu. A \$500 program fee and \$25 application fee apply, financial aid is available.

PAINT & SIP FUNDRAISER sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday, May 20th at 7pm. Adults only, 21 & over. There will be art, food and fellowship. Tickets cost \$50.00. Wine, food and refreshments will be served. For tickets contact Cynthia Washington at (303) 818-4442. Cost is \$50.00. You may pay by cash or tax deductible check made out to Holy Family Church.