

Sunday, May 29, 2022

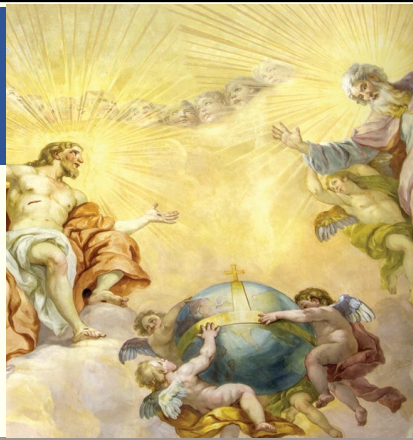
The Ascension of the Lord

**7TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."
- Jn 17:22-23a

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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

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah.

The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven. Finally, the Ascension was also the "final blow" so-to-speak against Satan's power, and thus the lion (Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the Ascension. Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church. The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects (with which most Christian churches agree) of the Ascension concisely: Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Excerpt culled from <https://stmargaretmary.org/feast-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord/>

REFLECTION FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll be a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Brenda Smith, Chijioke Onianwah, Byron A. Wilson, Jr., Z'mire Egypt and Angela Enwezor.

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

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

Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Luke 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/ Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/John 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Psalms 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ John 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7/John 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezra 3:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ezra 3:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/ John 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17/John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 5/30
Eternal repose of the soul of Dominic West+++ by Milton Harris

Thursday 6/2
Eternal repose of the Souls of Charles & Rose Burrell+++ by Milton Harris

Tuesday 5/31
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 6/3
St. Charles

Wednesday 6/1
St. Justin

Saturday 6/4
Easter 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
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 Easely
Marita C. Edelin
Joshua M. Faison
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
Katrina Griffin
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
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
Michael Owens
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 5/22/2022:

\$8,234.12

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“The ascension reminds us that Christianity is not only an historical faith, but a faith of the present and future. Jesus is, right now, in glorified humanity on the throne of the universe, wielding as the God-man “all authority in heaven and on earth” (**Matthew 28:18**). He is not just our suffering servant who came and died and rose triumphant, but our actively ruling, actively conquering king.” -David Mathis

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mary Evelyn Herder, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Viewing 10am, Funeral Mass 11am. Please pray for the family.

MAKERS EXTREME STEAM SUMMER CAMP 2022 is almost here! Are you ready to be a Maker! It will be held at St. Luke's Center at 4923 East Capitol Street S.E. Enrollment night in Thursday, June 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Camp cost and payment options will be provided. You may email: npllcprograms@gmail.com or call 202-424-3156 or 202-629-4462 for more information.

COMMUNITY DAY TO SERVE!! The place and time is at St. Luke on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 11am to 3pm. We are asking for donations of clothing in good condition for men, women, & children in all sizes; household items; cleaning supplies; books for all ages and toys. Donations can be left at church clearly marked SERVE. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please check future bulletins for further information. Volunteers are needed. Any questions all Judy Travers @202-794-2998 or the rectory at 202-584-8322.