

Sunday, June 12, 2022

The Most Holy Trinity

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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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: WE HAVE AN ETERNAL HOME!

Each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday. Although it wasn't until 1334 that Pope John XXII officially established the feast for universal observance in the Western Church, the mystery of the Holy Trinity has been the pulse of the Church's life since the very beginning. The Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life...[and is] the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (CCC 234). The whole of the Church's life flows from the central belief that the one true God exists as three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the very beginning of time, God has gradually revealed and communicated the truth of who he is as Trinitarian through what he has done in salvation history (see CCC 53-67). Although God gradually revealed himself throughout different stages of the Old Testament period of salvation history, mankind had no way of knowing the full truth of God's inner life of the Trinity before the time of Christ, since this mystery of our faith is "inaccessible to human reason alone...before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 237).

In his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI poses a challenging question: "So now we must ask explicitly: is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustaining hope...which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just 'information'" (*Spe Salvi* 10) that doesn't change us? Furthermore, what difference does this central mystery of our faith make in our daily lives? Trinity Sunday is an invitation to remember that "[being] Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (*Deus Caritas Est* 1). In revealing himself as Trinitarian, God hasn't merely shared impersonal facts about himself; rather, God has shared himself with us, and has invited us into his own inner life and communion of love, which alone is the origin, goal, and meaning of our life. As we read in the Catechism, "By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC 221). On Trinity Sunday, the Church proclaims the truth about God—that God is love (1 John 4:8)—and the truth about us: we are made for this love. We eternally belong to God—we have an eternal home!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity leads us more deeply into this reality by saying that "The Trinity—this is our dwelling, our 'home,' the Father's house that we must never leave." When speaking with his disciples before his Passion, Jesus directed the gaze of their hearts towards this truth: "In my Father's house there are many rooms...and when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-3). Jesus continued to reveal more of the Father's loving plan: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:18, 23). Jesus reveals to his disciples the Father's breathtaking desire. He desires not only that we be at home in him when we get to heaven in the future, but he desires us to be at home in him now—and so, he comes to us, he makes his home among us (c.f., John 1:14) in order to make his home in us.

Thus, with the Feast of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit, God fulfills his promise to never leave us orphans. This is why the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday the week after Pentecost: On Pentecost, "the Holy Trinity is fully revealed" (CCC 732). "I will not leave you orphans!" If Jesus has promised to never leave us orphans, then that means we have a permanent home—we eternally belong to the Father as children of his heavenly household! This is the mystery into which the Church invites us more deeply on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Yet this truth is also the very gift that that we are invited to share with all whom God entrusts to us in our daily lives: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Every human heart longs for its eternal home. Today, we invite the Trinity to be more at home in our hearts in order to make them a more welcoming home for others—that through our smile, our gentleness, our availability of heart, everyone whom the Father entrusts to us may experience the Love that is their eternal home.

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REFLECTION FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: "*You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness.*" Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God's creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Gloria Fantroy, Chris Edelin., Katrina Griffin, Beverly Stewart, Patricia Know, A-Abuy Mansaray, Sr., Rosden McKissett, Milton Harris, Jr. and Belinda Guest.
MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of June 12, 2022

Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31/Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Romans 5:1-5/John 16:12-15
Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16/Psalms 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29/Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14/Psalms 31:20, 21, 24/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14/Psalms 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Matthew 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Psalms 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25/Psalms 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mathew 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Genesis 14:18-20/Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/Luke 9:11b-17

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 6/13
Eternal repose of the souls of Hicks & Gertrued Townsend+++ by Janille Thompson

Thursday 6/16
Protection and Blessings for Carolyn Tomochek By Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Friday 6/17
Weekday

Tuesday 6/14
Weekday

Saturday 6/18
Eternal repose of the soul of Francis Gantt+++ by Milton Harris

Wednesday 6/15
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
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 6/5/2022:

\$6,810.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

**Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
-Romans 5:3-5**

2022 GRADUATION RECOGNITION: All parishioners who wish to be recognized for graduating this year may submit their full name and the school of completion to stluke.dc@adw.org. Please be sure to submit all information by Friday, June 24th, 2022. All participants are required to wear formal attire. Congratulations Class of 2022!

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. 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 call Judy Travers @202-794-2998 or the rectory at 202-584-8322.