

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
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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 2022 is "You, O Lord, protect us always; preserve us from this generation." [Psalm 12:8] 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

Christ the King of the Universe

PRIORITY OF CHRIST: Christ is King of the entire universe because “in him were created all things in heaven and on earth. . . . All things were created through him and for him.” The Church (Pius XI, Encyclical *Quas Primas*) instituted this feast day in 1925 to remind an increasingly secular world that only by acknowledging our origin and end in Christ will human individuals and societies find peace, justice, freedom, and happiness. **Christ is the authentic measure of all creation, including governments, states, and societies.**

- This is true of life in the Church as well. As St. Paul says, Christ is “the head of the body, the Church.” The goal of life in the Church—the sacramental, moral, and spiritual life—is communion with the Triune God, which we realize by being drawn ever more deeply into the life of Christ. The eternal life we receive in the midst of the Church comes ultimately from Christ, and the Church connects us to Christ, “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” In following him and allowing ourselves to be transformed by grace, we find authentic freedom.

In the book of Samuel, the people of Israel acknowledge David as their rightful king: “the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’” We acknowledge a different king, one who was in the line of David but who was not victorious by leading his armies into battle against his enemies. He triumphed by dying as a criminal on a cross.

HOPE IN THE MERCY OF GOD

- While describing the preeminence of Christ, St. Paul also includes a note that is key to Christian hope: Jesus is “the firstborn from the dead.” Jesus rose from the dead, showing us what we can hope for: the Resurrection. We too will rise with Christ, body and soul, and have a share in his glory.

- We act on this hope by clinging to Christ and striving to live as his disciples, being connected to him as members of his body, the Church. The spiritual and sacramental life of the Church has this aim: to draw us together as one body, intimately bound to the head. It is not by our works but by our being in communion with Christ, through the grace of God, that we attain the goal of our deepest desire: eternal life with God.

- The repentant thief who was crucified alongside Jesus, St. Dismas, beautifully shows what hope in the mercy of God looks like. Although he faces execution for wrongs he has committed, he entrusts himself to Jesus’ mercy.

One of the most important virtues that Christians must ask for is hope. Hope is often thought of as a desire for a good that is possible to achieve. To share eternal life in communion with God can only be achieved by God’s grace, and so hope in Christ is a gift from God. Hope is a kind of engine that pushes us forward in the Christian life. When we stumble in sin, as we so often do, hope drives us to get up, seek healing in the confessional, and carry on in the journey. On the other hand, when we lose hope, we fall into despair, refusing to stand back up and accept God’s healing mercy. But St. Dismas shows us that it is never too late to reach out to the Lord and ask for mercy. On this day, we can ask Christ the King, the firstborn from the dead and head of the Church, to kindle in us that flame of hope.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/christ-king-2022-lectionary-notes>

REFLECTION FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

It’s not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn’t actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn’t one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It’s not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It’s about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God’s lesson is found in Jesus’ vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God’s unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Lois Williams, Jamallon Owens,
 Khiya Martin, Ashley N. Wilson,
 Elijah Messiah Grinage, Alvin Hyde,
 and Kara Smith-Onyeukwu

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

Readings for the week of November 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Colossians 1:12-20/Luke 23:35-43
Monday: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19/Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13/Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Luke 21:20-28
Friday: Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Luke 21:29-33
Saturday: Revelation 22:1-7/Psalms 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Luke 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Romans 13:11-14/Matthew 24:37-44

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 11/21
 Eternal repose of the souls of Haydee Patterson, Jr+++ and Berta Patterson+++ by Patterson Family

Tuesday 11/22
 St. Cecilia

Wednesday 11/23
 SS. Clement I, Columban

Thursday 11/24
 Eternal repose of the soul of Charles Ngeumou+++ (Son of Odetta) by Bernadine Conrad

Friday 11/25
 St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday 11/26
 Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Barnes | Iyana Davage | Melvin Jamison | Silvia Perry | Cecelia Williams |
| Blanche Bourm | Joyce Diggs | Mary Ann Johnson | Doreene Redd | Lois Williams |
| Barbara Batts | Lamont Diggs, Sr. | David & Keisha Jones | Corley Redd | Wellington Waters |
| Tanisha Bennett | Crawley Easley | Dawn Lattimer | Regina Rivers | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| Tammy Berry | Marita C. Edelin | Lawrence Lee | Leroy Sandifer | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| William P. Brown | Joshua M. Faison | Maria A. Logan | Betty Smith | |
| Ruth Bundy | Kimbolyn Flowers | Bernadette Mahoney | Kayla Tatum | St Luke military families. |
| Beatrice Carroll | Anthony Flowers | Barbara Mallory | Rolland Taylor | |
| Rita Clines | Betty Gale | Sadie Mason | Gloria Thompson-Price | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Tina Garvin | Doris McCannon | James F. Thompson, Jr. | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Edith Cornish | Katrina Griffin | Alice L. Montague | Matthew Thompson | |
| Aniceto Charles | Steve Halle | Veronica Murray | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Patricia Chase | Chris Hawkins | Kathy Ndouga | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Valene Chemoo | Brenda Henson | David Neal | Marquita Ward | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Joyce Cristwell | James Holley | Martha Neal | Shiela Washington | |
| Alvera Dance | Rudolph Holley | Florence Patterson | Steven Washington | |
| | James Hughes | Marlene Patterson | Charles Watson, Jr. | |



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

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Offertory Contributions for : 11-13-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
-Luke 23:42

PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Thanksgiving is November 24th and St. Luke is in preparation of stuffing the Turkey baskets for the community basket give-a-way. We would greatly appreciate donations of canned yams, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, Jiffy cornbread mix and stuffing.

#GivingTuesday on November 29th: Dear sisters and brothers, on Tuesday the 29th of November is that time again when we express our love for our church's ministries. To donate on this year's Giving Tuesday, please visit www.igivecatholic.org, search for St Luke Catholic church , DC ([Give to St. Luke Catholic Church- Washington | #GiveCatholic](#)) . Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE — MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD presents a WALK-A-THON, a virtual event, to raise funds to continue the mission of Mother Lange.. You can become a donor or sponsor a walker. All donations are due by November 30, 2022. You may complete your race anytime and anywhere during the week of November 5—30, 2022. For more information visit www.motherlange.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZZAR sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD on December 10 from 10am to 4pm. They are trying to raise funds for a Capitol Campaign to fix their HVAC system. You may contact Katie Ward at 301-495-2306. for more information.

HOLY REDEEMER 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on New York Avenue, NW in Washington, DC has scheduled a Gala and Sunday Liturgical Celebration for the weekend of November 26th and 27th. Since so many thousands have been associated with