

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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 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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

It is a pleasure to begin the year with Mary. As followers of Jesus we want to be close to him. Who was closer to him than his mother? We want to grow up in Christ. Mary conceived him and carried him in her body until he was born from her. She saw him grow up day after day. She helped him grow up. She is eager to help him grow in us. We place ourselves in the care of Mary, that she may help us this year to grow into the full stature of Jesus.

In the Hail Mary we pray to the Mother of God: "Blessed are you among women." Mary was indeed blessed by God: God placed in her all his trust and all the blessings he would bring on all people through Jesus, her Son. On this New Year's Day, we wish one another all God's blessings for the whole year to come.

We also include very earnestly and insistently wishes and prayers for deep and lasting peace in a world beset with violence and strife, for Mary gave us Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May God bless all of us today as he blessed Mary, that we too, may bring God's love, peace and joy to one another and give Jesus to this cold world.

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December 31, 2021

REFLECTION FOR

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **"When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "*Mangia? Mangia?*" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "*Mangia* means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

- *Father John Mui*

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Doris Lucas, Christopher
 McKnight, David Anthony
 Proctor, Alisha Blackmon, and
 Nikia Bryant**
**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 January 1, 2023

Sunday: Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/John 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 John 2:29—3:6/Psalms 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/John 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10/Psalms 98:1, 7-8, 9/John 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/John 1:43-51 1 John 5:5-13/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mark 1:7-11 or

Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/John 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 1/2
 Eternal Repose of the soul for Ethel I. Williams+++ by Wilson Family

Thursday 1/5
 Eternal repose of the soul of Beatrice F. Nelson+++ by Wilson Family

Tuesday 1/3
 Christmas Weekday

Friday 1/6
 St. Andre

Wednesday 1/4
 St. Elizabeth

Saturday 1/7
 God's blessings and protection for Tierra Wilson by Wilson Family
 Eternal repose of the soul of Harry Holmes+++ by Wilson Family

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
 Betty Gale
 Tina Garvin
 Katrina Griffin
 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
 Barbara Mallory
 Sadie Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Kathy Ndouga
 David Neal
 Martha Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
 Doreene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 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
 Charles Watson, Jr.

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

\$2,744.75

Offertory Contributions for : 12-25-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight..” Proverbs 3:5-6

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU: Mrs. Louise Washington would like to thank all friends and parishioners for their kind prayers, calls and cards during her time of illness.

2023 OFFERING BOOKS are in the back of the church in alphabetical order.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: This year Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God’s plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year by January 20, 2023.

ST. ANN DC NEW CONCERT SERIES. Renowned musicians from across the globe are coming to share their talent with you. Art music is an expression of the soul, and through the God-given gifts of a performer, can bring the listener closer to the source of all that is, Our Lord. Gifted artists, performing in our church, provide an opportunity for people who might not otherwise have the chance to experience this music performed live, to do so in an environment that inspires the human spirit to seek a closer connection to God. All concerts are free and open to the public, and a free-will offering is accepted and appreciated. To learn more, visit www.stanndc.org/music or call 202-966-6288