

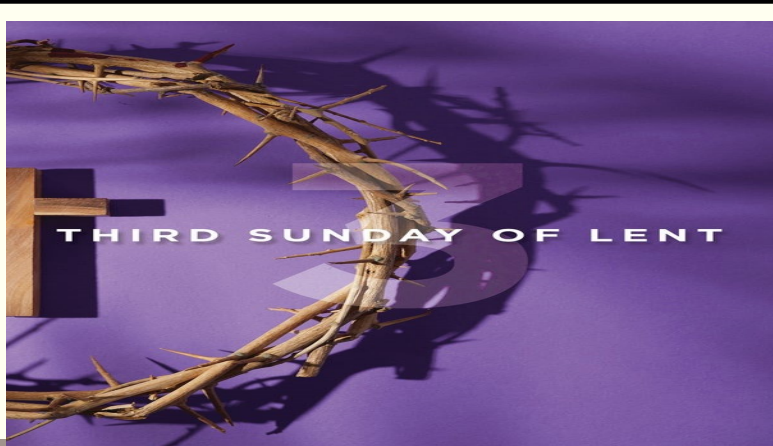
Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

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

4 THINGS CHRISTIANS CAN LEARN

FROM THE STORY OF THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

1. Jesus alone is the Living Water that fills our void.

Just as the Samaritan woman was looking to men to satisfy her soul, we also look to things outside of Christ to give our hearts meaning and purpose (John 4:14). However, as Jesus revealed Himself to her, he sought to show her that He was the never-ending water she was so thirsty for (John 7:38). Jesus is the living water that we need. When we put our faith and trust in Him as the Living Water, we can bank on the fact that the well will never run dry (Psalm 37:4). He will never tire of us. He will never dissatisfy. He will never turn us away. He is the unending source of peace, joy, love, self control, truth, hope, and satisfaction (Galatians 5:22-23). Abundant life can only be found in Him (John 10:10).

2. Jesus is not fazed by our sin.

The woman perceived Jesus as a prophet because He gently called out her sin and "told me everything I ever did" (John 4:29). Jesus is sovereign and sees the sin within our hearts (1 Timothy 5:15). He knows our desires, and yet He still pursues us and loves us (Romans 3:23). He is not surprised by our evil desires, but rather He seeks to reconcile us to the Father in spite of them (Hebrews 7:25). Colossians 1:19-20 says: "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Jesus saw our sin and was willing to shed His blood and endure immense suffering for the sake of our satisfaction and eternal life. "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

3. Jesus is our Savior-King.

Just as the Samaritan woman did not fully understand who Jesus was at first, we also need Jesus to open our eyes to the reality of who He is (Psalm 146:8, Ephesians 4:18). It is only in Jesus that we will be saved from our sins and made new in Christ (Titus 3:5, Galatians 2:20). Jesus puts our sin and shame to death on the cross and calls us to walk in His light (John 8:12, 1 John 1:7, Psalm 27:1). He gives us new desires and a new purpose, that will not be found in any earthly thing, but only in His kingdom (Colossians 3:4-10, Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:28).

4. Our life should overflow into the exaltation of the Messiah.

When Jesus is our Messiah, He becomes the Lord of our life. We are called to daily take up our cross and follow Him (Matthew 16:24-26). We submit our desires, gifts, talents, time, and money to Him (James 4:7). Philipians 2:9-11 says: "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." "Because of His magnificent sacrifice, our life should exalt His name (Matthew 5:16). The living water that is given to us so freely in Christ becomes the well-spring of our life (John 4:13-14). We come to Christ to be filled, to be forgiven; and the void that is filled by Christ in our life overflows so that we desire to proclaim His excellencies (1 Peter 2:9) and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus becomes such a treasure to us, as He had become to the Samaritan woman, that we can't stop ourselves from telling others about the joy He has bestowed in our life (John 4:28-30). We no longer need the next best thing, because Jesus is the greatest thing that will ever happen to us.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/who-is-the-woman-at-the-well.html>

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. *Of course* we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Joyce.W. Diggs, Rosemarie Jones,
 Stella Akondu
 Michael Smith,
 Toddlethia West, Rita Brown~Hall,
 Audrine Soph**
**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
 BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42 or
 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/
 Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25:4-5ab,
 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15
 -16, 19-20/Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
 Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-
 11ab, 14 and 17/Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Luke 18:9
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Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalms 23:1-
 3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during these 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 3/13
 Eternal repose of the
 soul Francois Ebendeng by
 Bernadine Conrad

Thursday 3/16
 Thanking God for the
 life of Stella Akondu and
 her birthday by Stella
 Akondu

Tuesday 3/14
 Lenten Weekday

Friday 3/17
 Eternal repose of the
 soul of Joyce Cecilia Dudley-Roberts by Parish Family

Wednesday 3/15
 Lenten Weekday

Saturday 3/18
 Thanking God for my
 life and my birthday by
 Stella Akondu

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



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)

Stations of the Cross Fridays @ 6pm/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 : 3/5/2023

\$ 2,601.92

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Know Your Faith

Fasting from saying “Alleluia” during the Lenten time of sacrifice and repentance helps us **appreciate the depth and meaning of the word**. If you go through all of Lent, but don’t experience the release of great joy with the news of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, then you are missing the point of this season.

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will take place every Friday during the season of Lent at 6:00pm.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Joyce Cecilia Dudley-Roberts on Friday, March 17, 2023. Viewing at 10:00a and Funeral Mass at 11:00am . Please pray for the family.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SACRAMENTS THIS SPRING on Saturday, March 18 at 10:30am in the church Hall.

PEW PLATES FUNDRAISER: Part two of the Pew Plate Fundraiser is continuing until the end of March 2023. Anyone who is interested in purchasing a gold plate to go on a pew in the church please call the Rectory 202-584-8322. There are some plates already on pes for you to see.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER : The Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Committee will be hosting a Paint and Sip Fundraiser on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Scholarship Fund to assist parishioners and the community members with college expenses. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Please contact Ashley Gale (240.893.4434) for additional information.

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke’s Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 24, & March 31, 2023. Time is from 11am to 3:00pm. Flyers and menus are in the back of the church. Please come and support our parish fund raising effort.