

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second 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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US RIGHT NOW?

We are being called into an ongoing transformation in Jesus Christ, beginning right now.

The Transfiguration. Does it seem somewhat esoteric or perhaps a bit too theological? On this Feast Day we are invited to consider whether the truth it reveals is being embraced and experienced in our own daily lives. It is not meant only for theologians to speculate over- or for mystics alone to encounter. We are all invited into the experience. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer and encounter. On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared. So are we, right now.

The Feast we celebrate today seems to have lost the power to inspire some contemporary Christians; at least in the way in which it inspired Christians in the early Church. That is partly because we may not yet grasp the full implications of salvation - and what it means for each one of us as we continue to cooperate with grace and experience the ongoing conversion which the Lord intends for us. Let's consider the meaning of the Transfiguration together.

Today, we hear St. Luke's account of the Transfiguration proclaimed in Catholic Churches throughout the entire world: "Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up a mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

"As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen". (Lk 9:28b-36)

The Feast we celebrate this day is very ancient one. Its celebration began in the earliest Christian centuries, even though it was formally added to the Roman Liturgical calendar in the second millennium. Its meaning is profoundly important for each one of us. The early Christians viewed its' implications in their own lives much differently than we contemporary Christians often do. The Christians of the Eastern Church - Catholic and Orthodox - not only celebrate the importance of this Feast liturgically, but they have held on to the ancient Christian understanding of its significance in their own lives.

This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. We are invited, by reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to focus us on the end of the Christian life. End in the philosophical and theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life!

We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now. However, many Christians have never even considered it. Many do not even know it is the teaching of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church.

Culled from <https://www.catholic.org/homily/yearoffaith/story.php?id=51962>

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Doris L. Dunkins, Natoshka Faxio~Douglas, Aaron Hyde, Deacon Richard Walker, Colethia Quarles

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

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a/Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9
Monday: Deuteronomy 9:4b-10/Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Next 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,

Church Support

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<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

And clicking on the donate button.

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WEEKLY MASS

Monday 3/6
 Eternal repose of the souls of Michael Stanley Evans and Maurice Devon Evans by Bernadine Conrad
Tuesday 3/7
 S.S. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday 3/8
 St. John of God

Thursday 3/9
 God's protection and blessings for Marguerite Simpson by V. Tinsley
 God's blessing and protection for Frances Cooper by Daughters of Isabella
Friday 3/10
 Lenten Weekday
Saturday 3/11
 Lenten Weekday

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. | |
| | Melvin Jamison | Gertrude Quarles | Cecelia Williams | |



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

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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Women's History Quote of the Day

“Know what sparks the light in you so that you, in your own way, can illuminate the world.” — Oprah Winfrey

PARISH NEWS

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

FUNERAL:

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 10, March 24, & March 31, 2023. Time is from 11am to 3:00pm. Flyers will be made available. Please come and support our parish fund raising effort.