

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm**  
**Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment**

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OF THE PASSION  
OF THE LORD**

“Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.”  
- Mt 21:9

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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 2023 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 Easter Vigil Mass: 7:00pm**

**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

### Why is Palm Sunday Important

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion comes at the end of the final week of Lent, marks the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified, where he was greeted by crowds of people waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna" (meaning "save us" or "deliver us"). Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, which symbolized his humility and his role as a servant king. The people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the one who would deliver them from oppression and bring about a new era of peace and justice. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

The waving of palm branches was a common symbol of peace, victory, and triumph in ancient times, and the crowds used this gesture to welcome Jesus as a conquering hero. However, their expectations of Jesus' role were different from what he had in mind, and he would soon disappoint them by refusing to lead a rebellion against the Roman authorities. Palm branches are widely recognized symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday sets the stage for the events that follow during Holy Week, including the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest and trial, his crucifixion, and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. By commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday reminds Christians of the importance of humility, sacrifice, and service, as well as the ultimate triumph of good over evil. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into the Church.

The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept at home for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered and kept safely at home or at the church. At the beginning of lent the following year, they are produced in the Church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in that year's Ash Wednesday observance. The liturgical color of the Mass on Palm Sunday is red, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

<https://catholicreadings.org/why-is-palm-sunday-important>

### Reflection for the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "**The master has need of it,**" they let them take it. Of course, Jesus *knew* they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "**The master has need of it.**" And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

Father John Muir

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ashley Gale, Ray Crawford, Christian Mitchell, Helen Williams, Aryn Renee Malone, Jasmine Wilson

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

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/>

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Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

**Sunday:** Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7/Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a/Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday:** *Chrism Mass:* Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Psalms 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Revelation 1:5-8/Luke 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/Psalms 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Corinthians 10:16)/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12/Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** *Easter Vigil:* Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/  
Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Psalms 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/  
Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/  
Exodus 14:15—15:1/ Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Isaiah 54:5-14/  
Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Isaiah 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/  
Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (John 6:68c)/Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28/  
Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Romans 6:3-11/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/  
Matthew 28:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 4/3**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Paula Theresa Fields +++ by Bernadine Conrad

**Thursday 4/6**  
Holy Thursday

**Friday 4/7**  
Good Friday

**Tuesday 4/4**  
Tuesday of the Holy Week

**Saturday 4/8**  
Holy Saturday

**Wednesday 4/5**  
Wednesday of the Holy Week

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 Easley  
Marita C. Edelin  
Joshua M. Faison  
Kimbolyn Flowers  
Anthony Flowers  
Betty Gale  
Tina Garvin  
Katrina Griffin  
Steve Halle  
Chris Hawkins  
Faye L. Hawkins  
Brenda Henson  
Carolyn Holland  
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

Gertrude Quarles  
John Quarles  
Doreene Redd  
Corley Redd  
Regina Rivers  
Leroy Sandifer  
Betty Smith  
Helen Smith  
Kayla Tatum  
Rolland Taylor  
Gloria Thompson-Price  
James F. Thompson, Jr.  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Marquita Ward  
Shiela Washington  
Steven Washington  
Charles Watson, Jr. Ce-

celia 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

\$ 2,209.83

Offertory Contributions for : 3/26/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Know Your Faith

### Veiling of Statues and Images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the “domestic church” to practice.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

04/02~ Palm Sunday (Sat) 4pm (Sun) 8:30am & 11am

**Triduum**

04/06~ Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm

04/07~ Good Friday Station of the Cross @ 2pm Good Friday Passion Service @ 3pm

04/08~ Saturday Easter Vigil Mass @ 7pm

04/09~ Easter Sunday @ 8:30am and 11:00am.

## PARISH NEWS

**ST. LUKE TEENS:** To the teens of St. Luke. You are invited to come to the church hall on Saturday, April 8 at 11:30am to help fill the easter eggs.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended, volunteered, and donated to the Women's History Month Scholarship Fundraiser. The event was a success and we will be hosting another event soon. We were able to raise over \$1500.00 for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund. This money will be used to award our scholarship recipients and assist them with covering costs related to obtaining higher education. Thank you all again!

**THANK YOU** Sister Anne Marie Schreiner would like to thank her parish family for all of the prayers, cards and support during her eye surgeries and recuperation.