

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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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 are my inheritance O Lord, you have made my destiny secure." [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

What Happened on the Road to Emmaus?

The Emmaus story appears in Luke 24:13-35. It occurs days after Christ's crucifixion, the same day the women brought spices to Jesus' tomb and found the stone rolled away and Jesus' body nowhere to be found. When the women told the 11 apostles what they had found, and that two angels had spoken to them, reminding them of Christ's resurrection, the apostles did not believe them.

Later that same day, as Luke 24 reveals, two men are walking together on a road going to a village called Emmaus. The men are discussing all the events of the past few days, and we see that they are troubled; Luke's account tells us their faces are "downcast" (v. 17). Jesus comes alongside them and listens to their conversation, but these men do not know it is Jesus. This lack of recognition is not necessarily their fault. Scripture tells us they were "kept from recognizing him" (v. 16).

When Jesus asks what they are discussing, the men explain their version of the past days' events, as well as their disappointment over their hopes, which are seemingly unfulfilled, and confusion about what the women had seen at the tomb. Jesus expresses gentle rebuke, telling the men, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory" (v.25-26).

Then Jesus proceeds to explain the Old Testament stories, from Moses to the prophets, and how they all fully and completely point to the Christ. The men still do not realize they are speaking with Jesus, but they eagerly welcome this conversation. When they get to Emmaus, they invite this mystery companion to stay with them instead of continuing on in his journey, and Jesus agrees.

Finally, at the table, when Jesus gives thanks and breaks the bread with them, they recognize Him. Immediately, Jesus disappears, and they rush back to Jerusalem that very evening, find the 11 apostles, and tell them what happened.

Culled from <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/what-is-the-significance-of-the-road-to-emmaus.html>

REFLECTION FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

Father John Muir
Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Nayia Faxio-Douglas
 Ethan Marshall
 Alina Pace

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

Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Peter 1:17-21/Luke 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/John 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14/Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/John 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Peter 2:20b-25/John 10:1-10

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

Wednesday 4/26
 Easter Weekday

Monday 4/24
 Mass and Thanksgiving for God's Grace & Protection for a near fatal car accident and I am here because of you. By Bernadine Conrad

Thursday 4/27
 Eternal repose of the soul of Berta Patterson+++ by Patterson Family

Eternal repose of the soul of Haydee Patterson, Jr.+++ by Patterson Family

Friday 4/28
 SD. Peter, Louis

Tuesday 4/25
 St. Mark

Saturday 4/29
 St. Catherine

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

\$1,860.01

Offertory Contributions for 4/16/2023

Donations for Maintenance: \$2,556.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

There is nothing God doesn't know about your life. You may know the past and present, but God also knows the future. Choose today to walk securely - not in what you know, but in what you believe.- David Jeremiah

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT FOR CCE CANDIDATES: will take place on Saturday May 6th at 11am in the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION: will take place on Sunday May 7th at the 11am Mass. Please pray for our CCE kids.

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION AND BRUNCH is on Sunday MAY 14 after 11am Mass in the center.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP: The 2023 online application for the Father Charles T. Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 16, 2023. Please note, a gmail (google email) account must used/created to access the scholarship application. Please visit the following website to apply: <http://shorturl.at/pyOV2>

ST. LUKE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring a trip to Delaware Park Casino on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The cost is \$50.00 per person and \$20.00 Free Play Rebate. Payment due no later than May 2, 2023 and there are no refunds. Contact Philip Smith (301) 675-6208, Milton Harris (202)412-0465 or Ronald G. Scott (240) 853-1627.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The next national collection is Church Missions within the US. This collection supports ministries in dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that require outside support to provide basic pastoral care due to population, geography, and economic challenges. Contributions fund basic parish support, Mass, access to the sacraments, religious education, and formation of priests and lay ministers. Please give generously.

MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR BABIES. Our Lady of the Visitation parish in Darnestown is constructing this special area next to its church where parents, family and friends can remember babies who died in the womb or at birth. Polished brass plaques to memorialize a baby may be purchased for \$450. For more information and to order a plaque, go to: <https://olvp.org/olvp-for-life>