

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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

### I Am The Gate Of The Sheepfold

On most of the days of the Easter season, which goes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, the gospel passage set down to be read at Mass is from the Gospel of John. This gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel, contains rich teaching and new understandings of Jesus which supplement what is found in the other gospels. Our reading this Sunday is from the tenth chapter of John, in which we are presented with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd.

In the verses read this year there is an additional focus. While Jesus contrasts the shepherd of the sheep with the 'brigand' and the 'stranger', he goes on to refer to himself as 'the gate of the sheepfold'. Not only does Jesus lead his people, but he is also the way through which they enter to reach life. The Risen Lord is 'the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6).

Jesus comes 'so that we may have life and have it to the full' (verse 10). The Easter season is a prolonged celebration of the gift of life which we receive from the moment of Baptism, and the anticipation of our full sharing in it in the life to come.

The second reading also celebrates the new life of baptism. The image of the shepherd is found here too, as Jesus is called the 'shepherd and guardian of our souls'.

*How effective is the image of Jesus as the 'good shepherd'?*

*Does the evangelist's use of images confuse or enlighten you?*

*Pray Psalm 22 (23) and ask for a deeper awareness that 'the Lord is my shepherd'.*

*We support by our prayer all those called to priesthood and the religious life.*

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/reflection/i-gate-sheepfold/>

### REFLECTION FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "**They recognize his voice.**" He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. .

Father John Muir  
Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Bernard O. Robinson, Brenda Smith, Marita Edelin, Carolyn Holland, St. Anthony T. Wallace Sr., Myeisha Davis, Mary-Jane S. Deuppi, Philomene Ekobena, Bernard Fonkeng

**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/>

And clicking on the donate button.

You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

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

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/John 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/John 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/John 14:6-14

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/John 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Psalms 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/John 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/John 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Peter 2:4-9/John 14:1-12

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 5/1**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Ethel Psterson+++ by Patterson Family

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

**Tuesday 5/2**  
St. Athanasius

**Wednesday 5/3**  
SS. Philip, James

**Thursday 5/4**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Oventon Free-land+++by Patterson Family

Pray for the Cure for those with cancer, cancer survivors & life threatening diseases by Bernadine Conrad  
**Friday 5/5**  
Easter Weekday

**Saturday 5/6**  
Easter Weekday

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  
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

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Offertory Contributions for 4/23/2023

Donation for Maintenance: \$2,456.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

"Christ is the Door. And what greater security has the church of God than that the Lord Jesus is between it and all its enemies? ... Here are plain directions how to come into the fold; we must come in by Jesus Christ as the Door."  
-- Matthew Henry

## 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>

**DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER:** The Father Charles T. Coughlin Scholarship Fund Committee is hosting a Double Good Popcorn fundraiser! 50% of all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund and be used to award future recipients. Our fundraiser will begin on Sunday, May 7th at 12 pm and end on Thursday, May 11th at 12 pm. Please feel free to pick up a flyer in the church. Please see a member of the scholarship committee for pre-orders and more details. Thank you in advance for supporting the Father Charles T. Coughlin Scholarship Fund!

**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.