

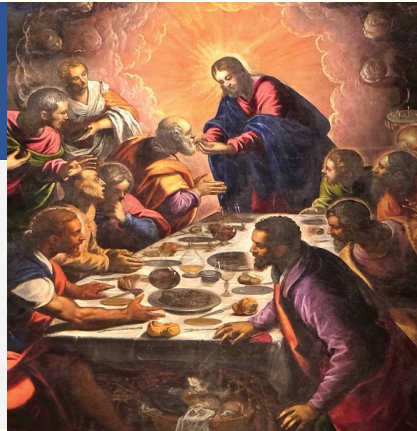
**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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 The Catechism Says About First Communion

The Catechism is always a great place to start when learning about something in the Catholic faith! Here's what the Catechism has to say about first communion: "First Holy Communion. Having become a child of God clothed with the garment, the neophyte is admitted 'to the marriage supper of the Lamb' and receives the food of the new life, the body and blood of Christ. The Easter Churches maintain a lively awareness of the unity of Christian initiation by giving Holy Communion to all the newly baptized and confirmed, even little children, recalling the Lord's words: 'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them.' The Latin Church, which reserves admission to Holy Communion to those who have attained the age of reason, expresses the orientation of Baptism to the Eucharist by having the newly baptized child brought to the altar for the praying of the Our Father." CCC 1244

### First Communion Quick Facts

As always, it's a lot easier to talk about and plan for something that we know the basics about. Here's an overview of some things about First Holy Communion.

- 1 of the 7 Sacraments celebrated by Catholics
- First Communion is the 3rd Sacrament received by Catholics, after Baptism and First Reconciliation
- It is given at the "age of reason", which is age 7. So for this reason, First Communion class usually aligns with second grade
- Children generally go through a year long class which also prepares them for an puts them through their First Reconciliation before receiving their First Communion
- Catholics believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- Communion is a Sacrament every time you receive it, us Catholics just like to make a really big deal out of the first time.
- Catholics should be in a state of grace when receiving Communion, which is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is given to us first
  - Celebrations are thrown at the time of First Communion that can include photographs, cake, gifts, a gathering of friends and family, and many elements of any typical celebration
  - First Communion could be received as either bread, or both the bread and wine. The wine is not necessary when receiving the Eucharist.
  - Children usually wear a white, symbolizing purity. This can be in the form of a dress or suit, although the suits are not always white. Veils are also traditionally worn for the girls, and arm bands for the boys. Clothing traditions can also differ from country to country or even from parish to parish.

Culled from <https://www.catholicicing.com/first-communion/>

### REFLECTION FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **"You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood..."** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. **That's at the core of our faith.**

Father John Muir  
Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**Agnes Queen, Aretha Mansaray,**  
**Deborah A. Jackson**  
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to  
**Mr. & Mrs. Milton and Sandra**  
**Harris**

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

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Peter 2:4-9/John 14:1-12
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/John 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/John 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/John 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/John 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12/John 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5/John 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21

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 5/8**  
 God's blessings an protection for Elizabeth Patterson by Patterson Family
- Eternal repose of the soul of Jacquelin Y. Colbert+++ by Bernadine Conrad
- Tuesday 5/9**  
 Easter Weekday
- Wednesday 5/10**  
 SS. John & Damien

- Thursday 5/11**  
 God's blessings & protection for the Patterson Family by Mercer Patterson
- God's blessings and protection for Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu by Patterson Family
- Friday 5/12**  
 SS. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras
- Saturday 5/13**  
 Birthday blessings for Donald Martin by Sandra Stubbs

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



## 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

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

\$1,632.87

Offertory Contributions for 4/30/2023

Donation for Maintenance: \$3,335.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.~John Vianney

## PARISH NEWS

**SODALITY MEETING:** There will be a Sodality meeting on Sunday, May 7 after 8:30 Mass. This will continue for the 1st Sunday of June. For those that cannot attend in person you may dial in for meeting at 10:00am or shortly thereafter. The dial-in number is 425-436-6339 and the code is 269615#.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Jacqueline Y. Colbert on May 18, 2023. Viewing at 9:00am and funeral Mass at 11:00 am Please pray for the family.

**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.