

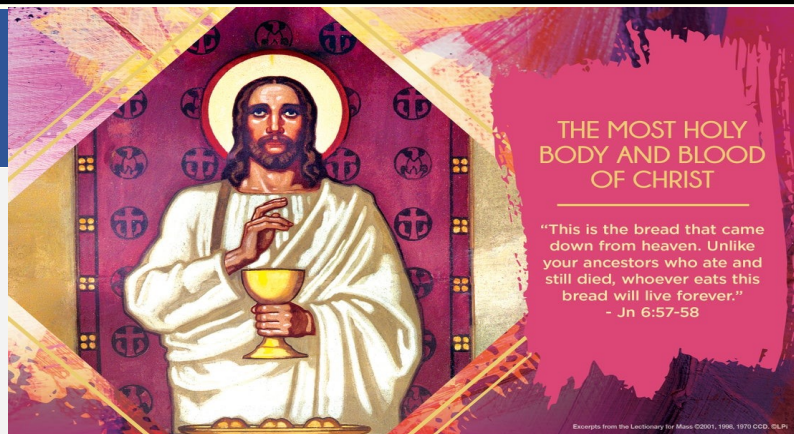
Sunday, June 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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 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

Is Jesus present in the Eucharist?

From the earliest days of the Church Christians have believed that Christ was present in the Eucharist, but they did so without theory or explanation. St. Paul simply admonished the Corinthians against sacrilegious reception (1 Cor. 11), but about 160 AD St. Justin wrote the first effort at an explanation, in his *Apologetica* to Emperor Antoninus Pius.

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

In the Middle Ages the character of this change was explored and systematically developed by theologians, especially St. Thomas Aquinas. Thus, the Council of Trent taught against the theories of some of the Reformers, that Christ is really, truly, and substantially present.

His Presence is real, because it has “real being.” This philosophical term conveys that it has actual existence, and not just mental existence (as a fictional creature, or a concept of a thing would).

His Presence is true. Truth refers to an accurate statement of a reality. The Blessed Sacrament is called Christ because it is Christ. It is not simply a symbol, as a flag is the symbol of a nation, or as a photograph is a representation of the individual shown. Finally, His Presence is substantial. Even though our senses detect the appearances or properties of bread and wine, the substance is Christ, Who is wholly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under each element, and any parts of them.

Culled from <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/corpus-christi-14356>

REFLECTION FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion.

She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, “Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love.” That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, **“Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”** For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, **“we, though many, are one body.”** Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation.

He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Gloria Fantroy, Katrina Griffin,
 Beverly Stewart, Patricia Knox,
 A-Abu Mansaray, Sr., Rosden McKissett,
 Fred Tolson, Milton Harris, Jr.,
 Belinda Guest, Joseph A. Ngacheu

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

Readings for the week of June 11, 2023

Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Corinthians 10:16-17/John 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22/Psalms 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11/Psalms 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: Deuteronomy 7:6-11/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 John 4:7-16/Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12//Luke 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Exodus 19:2-6a/Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Romans 5:6-11/Matthew 9:36-10:8

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 6/12
 God's blessings and protection for Donna & David Chmiebrski by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Thursday 6/15
 God's blessings and protection by Carolyn Tor-nochek by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Tuesday 6/13
 St. Anthony

Friday 6/16
 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Wednesday 6/14
 Weekday

Saturday 6/17
 Eternal repose of the soul of Jeanne & Jack Hoban +++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

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

Offertory Contributions for 6/4/2023: \$1,328.53

Donation for Maintenance: \$2,265.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.- I Corinthians 11:26-27

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION MASS ON JUNE 17 2023 @ 4PM: You are invited to join fellow parishioners and friends for the Confirmation celebration of our children. This will take place on Saturday June 17th. Mass will begin at 4pm. Bishop Roy Campbell (Auxiliary bishop of Washington Archdiocese). Please come and support our young people.

BUS TRIP TO SEE SIGHTS & SOUNDS PRODUCTION OF MOSES on June 21, 2023. Bus leaves St. Luke at 8:00am. Tickets cost \$98.00 per person. If interested contact Christine Tolson at (home) 202-398-5655 or (cell) 202-251-2406. Confirmation is needed by June 19, 2023.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: Congratulations to the Class of 2023! On June 25, 2023, we will recognize all graduates in our parish. Please fill out the form in the back of the church by June 18, 2023, to be recognized. You can call the rectory to be added to the list. Please come dressed to impress.

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>

2023 SUMMER PROGRAMMING & ENRICHMENT June 28th—August 4th at St. Luke's Center. Registration opens late April/early May. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

TOILETRY DRIVE FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER during the summer months beginning in June. The items being requested are soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place your items in the boxes located in the front of the church and in the back of the church. This is sponsored by the Sodality.