

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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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

The Essence of the Most Holy Trinity

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/05/29/the-essence-of-the-most-holy-trinity/>

REFLECTION FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see.

Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back.

Father John Muir
Liturgical 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

**John Faxio,
Lita Murchinon,
Ruthie Miles**

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

Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9/Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Corinthians 13:11-13/John 3:16-18

Monday: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8/Psalms 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14/Psalms 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Psalms 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mark 12:28-34

Friday: Tobit 11:5-17/Psalms 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tobit 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mark 12:38-44

Next 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

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 6/5
Eternal repose of the soul of Irshaad Ellis-Bey+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Thursday 6/8
Eternal repose of the soul of Micheal Vincent Crawford+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Tuesday 6/6
Weekday

Friday 6/9
St. Ephrem

Wednesday 6/7
Weekday

Saturday 6/10
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

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
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.
Cecelia 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

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 5/28/2023: \$1,215.00

Donation for Maintenance: \$2,801.08

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“For to have the fruition of God the Trinity, after whose image we are made, is indeed the fullness of our joy, than which there is no greater.”
~St. Augustine

PARISH NEWS

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.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS and those others who want to reserve a date on the Parish calendar from July through December 2023 please have your dates to the Rectory by the second week in June. You may call the Rectory on 202-584-8322 or email the Rectory at stluke.dc@adw.org. Thank you.

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 drive is being sponsored by the Sodality.