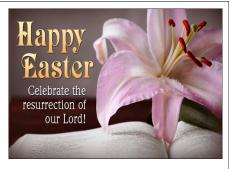


ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2019

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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 2019 is

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

2nd Sunday- 1:15 p.m Igbo Mass 3rd Sunday - 1:1:5 p.m. **Cameroon Community** Mass & Fellowship 3rd Saturday- 3:00pm **Prayer Meeting** Monday - -- 10:30 a.m. **Miraculous Medal Novena** Seniors Bible Study Group Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Novena to St. Joseph Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Friday - —---8:00 a.m. **Prayer for Vocations** 1st Friday - -6:00 p.m. **Holy Hour** Fridays———6:00pm **Stations of the Cross** Saturday --- 3:30 pm Rosary 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30 O/L of Guadalupe CWA



Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses In the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent 6:00 p.m.. ~ 7:00 p.m.
The Light is on-Confession & Adoration: Wednesdays 5pm-6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00~3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am~8:15am Sunday: 10:00am— 10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class. Parents and Godparents preparation is held on the First Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptisms will take place on the Third Sunday of each month. Please call parish office for more information.

rd Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 5, 2019

Weekday		Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday	4th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Easter (V)	Eternal repose of the soul of Phillip Anthony Taylor+++	Parish Family
Sunday	5th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Easter Third Sunday of Easter	God's Blessings and Guidance of all our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday	6th	10:00am	Easter Weekday	Eternal repose of the souls of Beatrice Kouemou's deceased family members and all the souls in purgatory. +++	Beatrice Kouemou
Tuesday	7th	8:00am	Easter Weekday	God's Blessing and Protection for Karis Felton	Family
Wednesday	8th	8:00am	Easter Weekday	Eternal Repose of the Soul of William Watts+++	Family
Thursday	9th	10:00am	Easter Weekday	Eternal Repose of the soul of Phillip Anthony Taylor +++	Phillip Smith
Friday	10th	8:00am	St. Damien OPT	In Thanksgiving to God for his blessings on Milton and Sandra Harris	Parish Family

REFLECTION FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing." Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing!

But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status turn-of-the-season busyness.

Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life.

We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."
2015 Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center

PASTOR'S CORNER

Leave the Past Behind By David Zerfoss

Without realizing it, we often carry *something* around with us everywhere we go. We bring it out in our conversations, and it shows up in our attitudes. Whatever that thing is from the past may never have really existed, yet its power lives inside us and keeps us from moving forward. Listen to people talk throughout the day, and take note of where their conversations are grounded—in the future, in the present, or in the past. Where would you guess most conversations draw from? The answer is the past.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. — Isaiah 43:18–19

Some of us take our past — and, therefore, stress us everywhere we go, towing it along behind us. Why do we do it? It's familiar to us. It's that warm and fuzzy bag of stories we like to take out and share with our family, friends, and coworkers. This comfortable past is often our "best friend." It's who and what we know best. It's like a worn-out easy chair or an old pair of shoes that fits us and feels just right. But God commands us, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." (Isaiah 43:18), lest we miss the new thing He is doing right in front of us!

When people talk about or think about their past, it seems to take on the characteristics of a real-life being. The past cannot breathe, talk, think, or do. However, it is immensely powerful and can take over our future—if we let it. It's like the sirens on the shore, luring you toward the rocks over and over again. Focusing on the past will certainly limit your choices for the future. For a lot of people, I know the past holds a difficult childhood, an abusive marriage, or a financially draining job loss. Yet no matter how painful our past may have been, for some strange reason we often choose not to let go. In order to get on with our future and simplify our lives, we must choose to make a clean break and leave the past behind.

There's an engaging Peanuts cartoon where Lucy is apologizing to Charlie Brown for missing a fly ball during a baseball game. She's sorry she missed the fly ball and says it's because she started remembering all the others she missed. "The past got in my eyes," she says. Many of us know people who are very reasonablethey have very good reasons for why they can't move forward in life. Take for instance a person who has endured multiple bad relationships or marriages. He is certain that because of these relationships, he's stuck in the terrible spot he's in today. Isn't it difficult to watch that person once again become attracted to the same type of person with whom he just ended a contentious relationship?

Excerpt culled from https://www.faithgateway.com/leave-the-past-behind/

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes Blanche Bourm Barbara Batts Tanisha Bennett Tammy Berry **Ruth Bundy** Valene Chemoo **Beatrice Carroll** Mary E. Colbert Melinda Conrad Brown Brenda Henson **Edith Cornish Aniceto Charles** Joyce Cristwell **Alvera Dance** Joyce Diggs

Marita C. Edelin Irena Fields Florence M. Fields Tina Garvin Elizabeth Gillem Florence Hall Steve Halle **Chris Hawkins** Charlene Haywood Norma Henson **James Holley Rudolph Holley James Hughes Melvin Jamison**

Mary Ann Johnson David & Keisha Jones **Dawn Lattimer Lawrence Lee Fred Lewis** Maria A. Logan **Bernadette Mahoney Doreene Mahoney Barbara Mallory Doris McCannon** Alice L. Montague Veronica Murray **David Neal** Florence Patterson **Marlene Patterson**

Silvia Perry Lillian Pharms **Alfred Price** James Ratiff **Joyce Ratiff Doreene Redd Xavier Roots Leroy Sandifer Betty Smith** Kayla Tatum **Rolland Taylor** Gloria Thompson **Matthew Thompson** Barbara B. Tyler

Wayne A. Wallace Shiela Washington Cecelia Williams **Wellington Waters** Dolores Woodard, Jr. Harold Woodard, Sr. St Luke military families. All the Homeless men and women in community. Please pray for all James F. Thompson, Jr. those who are sick but have no one to pray for them

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2019

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/ Sunday:

Revelations 5:11-14/John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/John 6:22-

Acts 7:51--8:1a/Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and **Tuesday:**

21ab [6a]/John 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/John 6:35-40 Acts 8:26-40/Psalm s 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/John 6:44-51 Thursday: Acts 9:1-20/Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]/John 6:52-59 Friday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps alms116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/John 6:60 **Saturday:**

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Revelation 7:9,

14b-17/John 10:27-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Brenda Smith, Bertha Jordan, Carolyn Holland, Anthony Wallace, St. Anthony T. Wallace Sr., Aretha Mansaray and Mary-Jane S. Deuppi.

May the Joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

5/11/2019-4:00pm Mass V. Watson & P. Wines

5/12/2019-830am Mass P. Nixon & F.A. Cooper

5/12/2019- 11:00am Mass

M. Benovil & R. Johnson

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

5/11/2019- 4:00pm Mass K.H.Ndouga & P. Glover

5/12 /2019-8:30am Mass Y. Tolson & M. Harris

5/12/2019-11:00am Mass

J.Williams & L. Miles

OUOTE OF THE DAY

"The truth is, unless you let go, unless you forgive yourself, unless you forgive the situation, unless you realize that the situation is over, you cannot move forward."

- Steve Maraboli

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish. May God reward you abundantly

> \$2,959.46 **ATTENDANCE:** 276

"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

- Jn 21:18-19

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 38 leaves still available for memorializing decease 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.

<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u> will be held on July 29, 2019 through August 2, 2019. Registration is now open. Spaces are limited, so register now.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!: The 2019 applications for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund are now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. You may find the applications in the back of the church.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Phillip Anthony Taylor on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Viewing at 10am and Funeral Mass at 11am.

<u>CONFIRMATION RETREAT</u>: All candidates for this year's confirmation will be going on their retreat on Saturday May 18th 2019. Venue is St. Joseph Seminary—1200Varnum Street NE 20017. Arrival time is 9:30am. Please note that candidates must participate in this retreat in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 1st at the Basilica.

<u>PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANNSETON IN EMMITSBURG, MD.</u> on June 5, 2019. The bus will leave from St. Luke's parking lot at 8:00a.m and return at 5:00p.m.. Contact: Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, DC @ 205-919-0010 if you are interested in going for the pilgrimage.

<u>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES</u> special collection on the weekend of May 11, 2019. Thanks for your generosity.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: As part of the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic cemeteries and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectable, professional, and ethical way. If you or someone you know is interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries in the Archdiocese of Washington visit the employment opportunities section of the CCAW website http://ccaw.org/about employment.html/

ARCHDIOCESE for the MILITARY SERVICES 25th ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS, honoring the men and women of the armed forces. The Mass will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday May 19, 2019 at 4:30pm. Principal Celebrant and Homilist is The Most Reverend Timothy B. Broglio J.C.D. Archbishop. Car pooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform: Dress: Civilian—Business Attire; Military—Service Dress To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration

ST. IGNATIUS CHUIRCH-CHAPEL POINT, 37th Annual Rosary Pilgrimage on Saturday, May 11, 2019, 11:00am. Join the celebration to honor our Blessed Mother at historic and scenic St. Ignatius Church. The church overlooks the Port Tobacco River; where Jesuit from Andrew White settled over 375 years ago. Mass will be held at 11am in the church. It will be followed by procession led by the Knights of Columbus to the Shrine of our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Our First Communion children will crown Mary at the Shrine and we will pray the Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch will follow in the parish hall courtesy of the Catholic Daughters.

EVENINGS WITH MERCIFUL JESUS: on the 22nd of every month from 7-10pm, The Saint John Paul National Shrine in Washington, D.C. (3900 Harewood Road N.E.) host a gathering for young adults, and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

THE ART OF PRAYER: Taking place on Sunday evenings from 6—7pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, The *Art of Prayer* includes a presentation on interior prayer, time of silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information contact jp2shrine.org email pastoralprograms@jp2shrine.org.