

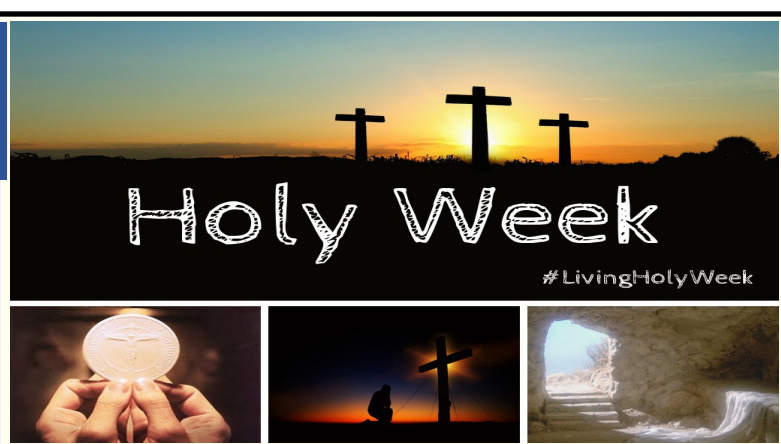
Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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.

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 the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every 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 IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis said he will grant a plenary indulgence to the faithful who watch or listen to his extraordinary blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) at 6 p.m. Rome time March 27. Special indulgences have also been granted to those suffering from COVID-19, their caregivers, friends and family and those who help them with their prayers. But what is this ancient practice of offering indulgences through prayer and penance and what is needed to receive them?

An indulgence is not a quick ticket to heaven, as St. John Paul II once said; rather, it is an aid for the real conversion that leads to eternal happiness. Sins are forgiven through the sacrament of penance, but then there is a kind of punishment still due the sinner, the late pope explained during a general audience in 1999. God's fatherly love "does not exclude chastisement, even though this always should be understood in the context of a merciful justice which reestablishes the order violated," he said. The pope had said the "temporal" punishment that remains after forgiveness is a grace aimed at wiping away the "residues of sin," offering the reformed sinner the chance of complete healing through "a journey of purification" that can take place in this life or in purgatory.

By God's grace, participation in a prayer or action that has an indulgence attached to it brings about the necessary restoration and reparation without the suffering that would normally accompany it. It frees a person from the punishment their sinfulness warrants as it is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The granting of an indulgence by the church is "the expression of the church's full confidence of being heard by the Father when, in view of Christ's merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints, she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace," the late pope said.

An indulgence, then, is the result of the abundance of God's mercy, which he offers to humanity through Jesus Christ and through the church, he said. But this gift cannot be received automatically or simply by fulfilling a few exterior requirements nor can it be approached with a superficial attitude, St. John Paul said. The reception of an indulgence depends on "our turning away from sin and our conversion to God," he said. That is why there are several conditions for receiving an indulgence:

- A spirit detached from sin.
- Sacramental confession as soon as possible.
- Eucharistic communion as soon as possible.
- Prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.
- Being united spiritually through the media to the pope's special prayer and blessing on March 27.

Those who are sick and their caregivers can also unite themselves spiritually whenever possible through the media to the celebration of Mass or the recitation of the rosary or the Stations of the Cross or other forms of devotion, according to Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court that deals with matters of conscience and with indulgences. If this is not possible, "they are asked to recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and an invocation to Mary," he told Vatican News March 21. "

All others -- those who offer prayers for the souls of the dead, those who suffer and plead for an end to the pandemic -- are asked, where possible, to visit the Blessed Sacrament or to participate in eucharistic adoration. Alternatively, (they can) read the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour or recite the rosary or the Way of the Cross," he said. The faithful can claim the indulgence for themselves or offer it on behalf of someone who has died.

<https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2020/what-is-a-plenary-indulgence.cfm>

Reflection for Palm Sunday

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ashley Gale, Fr. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, Aryn Renee Malone and Jasmine Wilson.

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

Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7/Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a/Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Psalms 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Revelation 1:5-8/Luke 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16]/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12/Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Luke 23:46]/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Psalms 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Exodus 14:15—15:1/Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Isaiah 54:5-14/Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Isaiah 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [John 6:68c]/Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28/Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Romans 6:3-11/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Matthew 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

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And clicking on the donate button.

You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116

God bless and keep you safe.

Feasts for the Week

Monday 03/30

Monday of Holy Week

Thursday 04/02

Thursday of Holy Week

Tuesday 03/31

Tuesday of Holy Week

Friday 04/03

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Wednesday 04/01

Wednesday of Holy Week

Saturday 04/04

Holy Saturday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
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

Kecia Proctor
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Marquita Ward
Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia 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 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Mass Live Stream @ 11:00am

Wednesday Bible Study Live stream @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper Live stream @ 7:00pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Live Stream @ 2:00pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Live Stream @ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday Rosary Live Stream @ Noon/ 12:00pm

Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil Live Stream @ 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass Live Stream @ 11:00am

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

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Bible Quote for the day: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—**Isaiah 41:10**

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Create a Family Prayer Space in your home

Begin by identifying a table or space that can remain the designated family Prayer Space. Place a tablecloth, scarf or piece of material in, or over, the space. Ideally, something purple would set the tone for the Lenten season. Items for Your Prayer Space Don't go shopping! Look around your house with your children to identify items that would be good to include in the prayer space. Have your children describe things that help them to pray. Allow each person in the family to add at least one item to the prayer space.

Some items you might include: Bible Crucifix a candle Rosary a basket or small container, for holding place special intentions (and small pieces of paper to write on) Saint Statue/Holy Cards Palm branch Bell to call family to prayer

Set designated times for family prayer. At the appointed times join there as a family. You may want to read from scripture, share a saint story, pray a decade of the Rosary, sing a favorite Church hymn, offer special intentions, or any combination of the above. Each prayer experience can be different and be led by different members of the family. What is important is the routine.

JUBILARIAN MASS The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. Friday, May 22, 2020 is the last day to register couples for the Parish. Any couple interested in