

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

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 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

AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED...

By: Fr. Ben Agbo

Just imagine what believers who listened to Jesus and moved about with Jesus began to say after some moments of hardship and disappointments? The most painful was their denial of the resurrection. Just look at their language of reportage : 'Some women of our company amazed us...'

Even the empirical evidence of the empty tomb was discarded by people who were supposed to be disciples of Jesus as 'vision of angels'. Friends, scepticism is no wisdom! Jesus had to address them as 'Foolish men, slow at heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken'. Yes, if there was no prior evidence of scriptural revelation about the resurrection, their doubts could have been reasonable. Perhaps they were mere believers who did not know the scriptures as many are today.

But they now did something that was salutary and laudable. After their encounter with Jesus at the 3rd level, they asked him to stay with them longer. This led to deeper fellowship encounter. Their eyes were now opened during the breaking of bread (the primitive sacrament of the Eucharist) and they confessed : 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road, while he explained to us the scriptures?'. This is always the effect of every authentic Christian fellowship and exchange of the Word of God. This actually what every mass should be.

They went back to Jerusalem. This is the action we need to take today – going back to fellowship at the Upper room. Fellowship is the staying power of the Christian community – the only network by which we access God. That is the only place where the comforter comes to meet us – the Holy Spirit of power.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.homilyhub.com/homily-for-the-3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-a-2/>

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Bernard O. Robinson, Philip M. Faxio, Nayia Faxio-Douglas, Jephthe Ngamo, Alina Pace ,and Ethan Marshall..

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

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Peter 1:17-21/Luke 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/John 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/John 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Psalms 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/John 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/John 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]/John 6:52-59
St. Joseph the Worker: Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Psalms 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mathew 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/John 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Petert2:20b-25/John 10:1-10

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this 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
 God bless and keep you safe.

Feasts for the Week

Monday 4/27	Thursday 04/30
Easter Weekday	St. Pius
Tuesday 04/28	Friday 05/01
SS. Peter, Louis	St. Joseph
Wednesday 04/29	Saturday 05/02
St. Catherine	St. Athanasius

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	David & Keisha Jones	Kecia Proctor	Wellington Waters
Blanche Bourm	Irena Fields	Dawn Lattimer	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Barbara Batts	Florence M. Fields	Lawrence Lee	Xavier Roots	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Tanisha Bennett	Tina Garvin	Fred Lewis	Leroy Sandifer	St Luke military families.
Tammy Berry	Elizabeth Gillem	Maria A. Logan	Betty Smith	
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Bernadette Mahoney	Kayla Tatum	
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doreene Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Barbara Mallory	Gloria Thompson	
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Doris McCannon	James F. Thompson, Jr.	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	Alice L. Montague	Matthew Thompson	
Patricia Chase	Norma Henson	Veronica Murray	Barbara B. Tyler	
Valene Chemoo	James Holley	David Neal	Wayne A. Wallace	
Joyce Cristwell	Rudolph Holley	Florence Patterson	Marquita Ward	
Alvera Dance	James Hughes	Marlene Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Iyana Davage	Melvin Jamison	Silvia Perry	Steven Washington	
	Mary Ann Johnson	Lillian Pharms	Cecelia 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

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Easter Sunday Mass Live Stream & Voice @ 11:00am

To join our Live Stream, please go to
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

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

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign
of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Refuge and our Hope, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test
- and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.