

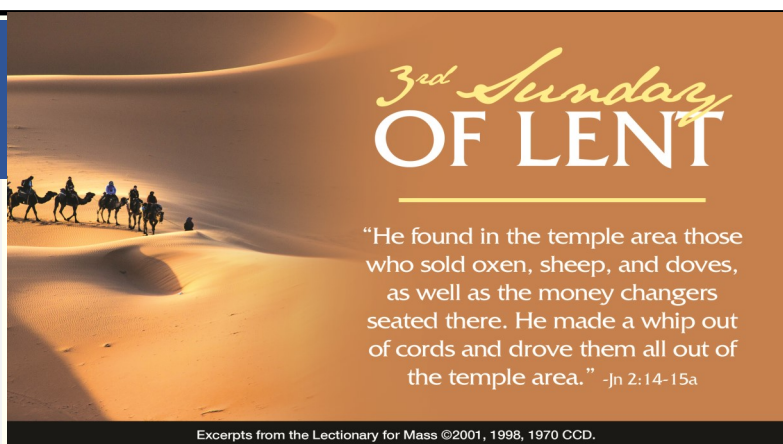
Sunday, March 7, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

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 & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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

“You Shall Not Make for Yourself an Idol” (Exodus 20:4)

The second commandment raises the issue of idolatry. Idols are gods of our own creation, gods that have nothing to them that did not originate with us, gods that we feel we control. In ancient times, idolatry often took the form of worshiping physical objects. But the issue is really one of trust and devotion. On what do we ultimately pin our hope of well-being and success? Anything that is not capable of fulfilling our hope—that is, anything other than God—is an idol, whether or not it is a physical object. The story of a family forging an idol with the intent to manipulate God, and the disastrous personal, social, and economic consequences that follow, are memorably told in Judges 17-21.

In the world of work, it is common to speak of money, fame, and power as potential idols, and rightly so. They are not idolatrous, per se, and in fact may be necessary for us to accomplish our roles in God's creative and redemptive work in the world. Yet when we imagine that we have ultimate control over them, or that by achieving them our safety and prosperity will be secured, we have begun to fall into idolatry.

The same may occur with virtually every other element of success, including preparation, hard work, creativity, risk, wealth and other resources, and favorable circumstances. As workers, we have to recognize how important these are. As God's people, we must recognize when we begin to idolize them. By God's grace, we can overcome the temptation to worship these good things in their own right. The development of genuinely godly wisdom and skill for any task is “*so that* your trust may be in the Lord” (**Prov. 22:19**; emphasis added).

The distinctive element of idolatry is the human-made nature of the idol. At work, a danger of idolatry arises when we mistake our power, knowledge, and opinions for reality. When we stop holding ourselves accountable to the standards we set for others, cease listening to others' ideas, or seek to crush those who disagree with us, are we not beginning to make idols of ourselves?

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/old-testament/exodus-and-work/israel-at-mount-sinai-exodus-191-4038/instructions-about-work-exodus-201-17-and-211-239/the-ten-commandments-exodus-201-17/you-shall-not-make-for-yourself-an-idol-exodus-204>

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can't tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships.

When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Doris L. Dunkins, Kecia Acty Proctor,
 Deacon Richard Walker,
 Colethia Quarles, & Toddlethia West.**

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

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [John 6:68c]/1 Corinthians 1:22-25/John 2:13-25 or Exodus 17:3-7/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/ Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Malachi 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hosea 6:6]/Luke 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Ephesians 2:4-10/John 3:14-21 or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 03/08
Repose of the soul of Johnny Bolden+++
Tuesday 03/09
St. Francis
Wednesday 03/10
Lenten Weekday

Thursday 03/11
Lenten Weekday
Friday 03/12
Lenten Weekday
Saturday 03/13
Lenten Weekday

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
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Florence Hall
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee

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
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith

Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 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 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)

Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

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

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

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 3/7//2021: \$1,173.70

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise.” –W.E.B. Dubois

COVID-19 VACCINE SIGN UP @ ST. LUKE CENTER: We are seeking to sign up 200 people in Ward 7 in order to bring the health department to St. Luke Center to administer COVID-19 Vaccine. Please use the link below. Date and time will be known when we get enough participants.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwa1u6MEVwx-CDn9_thFov5fzluignt-G8d5_h2G45uQGlyg/viewform?

If you have any problem signing up please contact the rectory at 202-584-8322.

St LUKE LENTEN RIVAVAL 2021: You are invited to an evening of praise, worship, prayer, reflection during this Lent. The Revival date is Monday March 22nd. Time is 7pm (In person and Livestreams)

Thank You for participating in last week's Double Goods popcorn fundraisers for our scholarship fund. 46 persons supported the cause. We raised \$2,059 of which 50 percent will go to our scholarship fund. May God reward you abundantly.

CELEBRATE YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY with a drive by the FIRE DEPARTMENT. You may contact Pat Everett at 727-3296 or William Wright at 673-3331. This applies to all children and adults who live in Washington, D.C. in all Wards.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. More information will follow.