

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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ST. LUKE

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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 St. Luke Church

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

WHY THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Each year the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent, also known as the last Sunday of the liturgical year. As Catholics, we've been recognizing Christ as our King for over 2,000 years. Each time we attend mass, genuflect in front of the altar, or receive a sacrament, we are honoring our King. So why do we have a special day set aside to remember our King? The man who holds the answer is Pope Pius XI who, in 1925, was compelled to institute this feast. At the time of Pope Pius XI's papacy, the world was in turmoil. In many regions, people were facing the spread of dictatorships.

These dictators had a stronghold on their countries and many people following them, regarded them as mighty, almost idol-like beings. In addition, the threat of secularism, atheism, and agnosticism was running rampant throughout parts of Europe, Russia, and Mexico. Pope Pius XI witnessed with great heartbreak a lack of reverence and belief in Christ. He felt a strong need to put a stop to the anti-Catholic sentiment that was becoming a crisis during the first part of the 20th century.

On December 11, 1925, the pontiff presented an encyclical, *Quas Primas*, establishing the Feast of Christ the King. He stressed that "The manifold evils in the world are due to the fact that the majority of men have thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics..." He went on to explain the importance of recognizing Christ as King:

"He [Jesus] is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. A nation is happy when its citizens are happy. What else is a nation but a number of men living in concord? If therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ... With authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a sense and solid foundation."

When Pope Pius XI speaks of Christ as King, he isn't speaking about authority or domination, but service. Jesus' kingship is one that represents salvation, one that annihilates hatred and evil. He doesn't want to control us, He wants to save us. He speaks of a spiritual kingdom. "My kingdom is not of this world... But now my kingdom is from another place." (John 18:36) While governments and leaders around the world crumble throughout history, Christ's reign will never fall.

<https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/church-celebrates-feast-christ-king/>

REFLECTION FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them.

The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life.

If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Lois Williams, Jamallon Owens, Khiya Martin, Elijah Messiah Grinage, Alvin Hyde, Rita Kitchings and Kara Smith-Oneukwu.

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

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday Deuteronomy 7:13-14/Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Revelation 1:5-8/John 18:33b-37
Monday: Deuteronomy 1:1-6, 8-20/
 Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 2:31-45/Deuteronomy 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Deuteronomy 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Deuteronomy 6:12-28/Deuteronomy 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Luke 21:20-28
Friday: Deuteronomy 7:2-14/Deuteronomy 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Luke 21:29-33
Saturday: Deuteronomy 7:15-27/Deuteronomy 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Luke 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16/1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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 11/22 Eternal repose of the soul of Marcella A. Graham+++ by Hilda McDougald	Thursday 11/25 St. Catherine
Tuesday 11/23 SS Clement I, Columban	Friday 11/26 Weekday
Wednesday 11/24 St. Andrew	Saturday 11/27 Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Dawn Lattimer	Betty Smith
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Kayla Tatum
Barbara Batts	Kimbolyn Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Rolland Taylor
Tanisha Bennett	Anthony Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Doreene Mahoney	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	Matthew Thompson
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Barbara B. Tyler
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Wayne A. Wallace
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Marquita Ward
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Shiela Washington
Patricia Chase	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Steven Washington
Valene Chemoo	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Cecelia Williams
Joyce Cristwell	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Wellington Waters
Alvera Dance	Melvin Jamison	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Iyana Davage	Mary Ann Johnson	Corley Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.
	David & Keisha Jones	Leroy Sandifer	

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 & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm

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

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

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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 11/14/2021:

\$3,377.75

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“But the Wisdom of God, which is His only-begotten Son, being in all respects incapable of change or alteration, and every good quality in Him being essential, and such as cannot be changed and converted, His glory is therefore declared to be pure and sincere.” - *Origen*

PLEASE SUPPORT ST LUKE ON GIVING TUESDAY: What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish community? Beginning Monday, November 15, support St. Luke Catholic Church at washington.igivecatholic.org with a donation, or by sending or dropping off a gift of check or cash in any amount at the parish.

Every gift can go a long way when we unite to give on from November 15-30! Go to washington.igivecatholic.org to support our parish with a donation!

Beginning Monday, November 15, visit washinton.igivecatholic.org and support St. Luke Catholic Church.

All donations are secure and tax-deductible.

Join us in showing that Catholics are the most generous donors! A little goes a long way when our parish community gives as one. Join us from November 15- 30 for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday!

ST. LUKE CONFIRMATION: Registration Blanks for CONFIRMATION are now available at the rear of the church. Candidates for Confirmation should be in grades 7-12. Classes beginning shortly on ZOOM. Please include an e-mail address and a cell phone #. It is our only method of contacting you! All questions should be directed to: Ms. Shirley Williams, DRE at 301-518-5596 or papermom@verizon.net.