

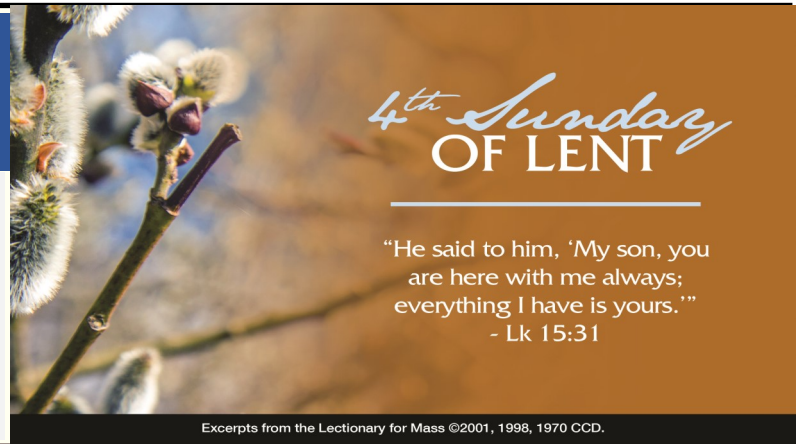
**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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

### LENTEN REFLECTION ON THE PRODIGAL SON

The younger son was never afraid to ask, not even after he had wasted all of his inheritance. The greater chasm between the older son and the younger son is knowledge of the father's generosity. The older son, though apparently better, was painfully hardened to the father's generosity. He believed that the father wouldn't even share a young goat with him while the younger son foolishly asked for everything.

Even though it seems irrational, I don't think that the father gave away half of his belongings without good reason. I think the father gave away his inheritance because he knew his son and his son was more valuable than everything he owned. Isn't it odd that the father was waiting, looking for his son to come back? It's like he knew his son would come back. I believe he was comfortable letting his younger son leave with half of his belongings because he had faith in the son's fearless asking. He expected the son to remember the generous land he came from and he had faith that his son would think to ask again.

This lent I think we have to remember both sons. The older son so we don't become bitter with God as we work for the kingdom of God and the younger son so we do remember we are not at home in this foreign land away from heaven. Most importantly, I think we need to remember the Father's generosity. After all that's where we are heading, towards the gift we never even thought to ask for. The greatest gift, his beloved son.

Excerpt culled from <https://joyintruth.com/a-lenten-reflection-on-the-prodigal-son/>

### REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Barbara Roberts, Gertrude Quarles, Mary Whisonant, Keyanna M. Taylor, Shirley Williams, Edwinna Taylor, Hilda McDougald, Paulette Hamlin, Barbara Nipper, Victoria Watson, and Annie Harris .

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

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

**Sunday:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Corinthians 5:17-21/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21/Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/John 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ezra 47:1-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/John 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15/Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/John 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/John 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20/Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/John 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 43:16-21/Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11

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 3/28**  
 God's blessings and protection for Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson by Family

**Thursday 3/31**  
 Eternal repose of the soul of George P. Dugue, Jr. by Faimily

**God's Blessings and protection Patterson Family by Family**

**Tuesday 3/29**  
 Lenten Weekday

**Friday 4/1**  
 Lenten Weekday

**Wednesday 3/30**  
 Lenten Weekday

**Saturday 4/2**  
 St. Francis of Paola

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

Iyana Davage  
 Joyce Diggs  
 Lamont Diggs, Sr.  
 Crawley Easely  
 Marita C. Edelin  
 Joshua M. Faison  
 Kimbolyn Flowers  
 Anthony Flowers  
 Tina Garvin  
 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  
 Doreene Redd  
 Corley 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)

**The Light is on— Confession Fridays @ 5:30 to 6:30pm**

**Stations of the Cross/ Friday Adoration is now 6:30pm**

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

Saturday @ 4pm, Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchsj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

### Offertory Contributions for 3/20/2022:

\$7,094.63

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." Luke 15:18

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION:** THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY APRIL 1 FROM 6PM TO 7:30PM. There would be adoration, confession, stations of the mercy (cross) and reflection by Deacon Willis Daniels. Come and be energized in preparation for the Paschal Mystery.

**CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund Committee is hosting a Double Good Popcorn fundraiser! All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund and be saved for future awardees. Our fundraiser will begin on March 27th at 12pm and end on March 31st at 12pm. Please feel free to pick up a flyer from the foyer of the church. Thank you in advance for supporting the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund!

**ST. LUKE LENTEN FISH FRY** will take place on April 8th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. You may call the Rectory to place an order.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**HOPE BLOSSOMS 2022** benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Honorees: Judy and John Ritz And Steve Heidenberger Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 6pm to 8pm**, Location: Columbia Country Club: 7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 To purchase tickets please visit: [www.stanns.org/events](http://www.stanns.org/events) Questions? Please contact: Carolyn Boyle: 301.559.5500 or: [cboyle@stanns.org](mailto:cboyle@stanns.org)

**EUCHARIST RETREAT APRIL 27TH** A powerful Lenten half-day retreat is coming to the Seton Shrine! Join Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR, on a day of reflection on the Real Presence of the Eucharist on Saturday, April 2nd at the Seton Shrine. Throughout the retreat, participants will be invited to reflect on "What is the Sacrament of the Eucharist? What is Transubstantiation? Anamnesis? Why do we do Adoration?" as well as the healing power of the Eucharist. Cost: \$15 Learn more or register at [setonshrine.org](http://setonshrine.org) or call 301-447-6606.