

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

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 2022 is "You, O Lord, protect us always; preserve us from this generation." [Psalm 12:8] 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

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First 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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

<https://catholicdailyreflections.com2020/01/04-the-epiphany-of-the-lord>

REFLECTION FOR

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys’ prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astro-physicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, “Science gave me more love for God, not less.”

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today’s scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, “**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**”

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Penny Glover, Jae O. Scott Terrell, Evelyn Bemigho Mode, Nycos Mare Proctor and Marquita Cromwell, Tabitha Harris

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

Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12/Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mark 1:21-28 or Hebrews 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/ Mark 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14/Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Corinthians 1:1-3/John 1:29-34

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 1/9
The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday 1/12
Weekday

Friday 1/13
St. Hilary

Tuesday 1/10
Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

Saturday 1/14
Eternal repose of the soul of Ellsworth Williams+++ (BB) by Wilson Family

Wednesday 1/11
Weekday

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
Rita Clines
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
Betty Gale
Tina Garvin
Katrina Griffin
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
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
Barbara Mallory
Sadie Mason
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
Kathy Ndouga
David Neal
Martha Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Doreene Redd
Corley Redd
Regina Rivers
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
Charles Watson, Jr.

Cecelia Williams
Lois 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)

First Friday Adoration @ 6:00pm

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

Easter 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.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

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Offertory Contributions for : 1/1/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It is about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others. It is only then that we could have a full, happy contented life. (Inspirational Quotes @QuotellLoveU)

PARISH NEWS

2023 OFFERING BOOKS are in the back of the church in alphabetical order.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: ARCHDIOCESE OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA (AMS). The ministries offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families. It is the mission of this Archdiocese that they be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom and speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty. Please give generously.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: This year Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God's plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year by January 20, 2023.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION ON CREMATION The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese has thoughtful information for Catholics considering cremation of the body. "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (Canon 1176). The Church allows for cremation of the body, providing that those making that decision are not doing so because they fear the body is lost forever and has no future together again with the immortal soul. As the Catechism proclaims with joyful hope: "we shall rise like Christ, with him, and through him" (CCC 995). The interment of cremated remains in sacred ground is a *corporal work of mercy* for the one who awaits the resurrection of the body in Christ. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington have burial sections, columbariums and mausoleum niches. For information on the Catholic way of death and burial and the decision to cremate, visit ccaw.org.