

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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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

We Are Lazarus; We Are Martha and Mary: How the Lord Raises Us to New Life

By Monsignor Charles Pope

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As is proper with all the Gospel accounts, we must not see this as merely a historical happening of some 2,000 years ago. Rather, we must recall that we are Lazarus; we are Martha and Mary. This is also the story of how Jesus is acting in our lives. Let's look at this Gospel in six stages and learn how the Lord acts to save us and raise us to new life. He permits. The Gospel opens noting that a close friend of Jesus, Lazarus, is deathly ill. Sometimes there are trials in our life, by God's mysterious design, to bring us to greater things. The Lord permits these trials and difficulties for various reasons. But, if we are faithful, every trial is ultimately for our glory and the glory of God.

He pauses. "So when Jesus heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was." Note that the text says Jesus delayed because he loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus. This, of course, is paradoxical, because we expect love to make one rush to the aid of the afflicted. Somehow our waiting is tied to strengthening us and preparing us for something greater. Note, too, how Jesus' delay enables something even greater to take place. He pays. Jesus is determined to go and help Lazarus even though he puts himself in great danger in doing so since they are plotting to kill Jesus in Judea.

He prescribes. Encountering Martha, Jesus inquires about her faith. Our faith and our soul are more important to God than our bodies and creature comforts. And so before raising Lazarus and dispelling grief, Jesus checks the condition of Martha's faith and elicits an act of faith: "Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe." He is passionate. Coming upon the scene, Jesus is described as deeply moved, as perturbed, as weeping. In his human heart, Jesus experiences the full force of the loss and the blow that death delivers. Its full force comes over him, and he weeps — so much so that the bystanders say, "See how much he loved him."

He prevails. "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands ... In the end, Jesus always wins. You can skip right to the end of the Bible and see that Jesus wins there, too. Jesus can make a way out of no way. He partners. "So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go free.'" Notice something important here: Although Jesus raises Lazarus and gives him new life, Jesus also commands the bystanders to untie Lazarus and let him go free. Christ raises us, but he has work for the Church to do: Untie those he has raised in baptism, and let them go free. Jesus speaks to the Church — parents, priests, catechists, all members of the Church — and gives this standing order regarding the souls he has raised to new life: "Untie them and let them go free."

We are Lazarus, for we were dead in our sin, but we have been raised to new life. We are also the bystanders. Just as we are in need of being untied and set free, so do we have this obligation to others. Just as Jesus involved the bystanders then, he still involves the Church (which includes us) now.

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/we-are-lazarus>

Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

Father John Muir

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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, James F. Thompson,
 Jr., Edwinna Taylor, Paulette Hamlin,
 Barbara Nipper, Victoria Watson, Annie
 Harris and Paul Francis Sullivan

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

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<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

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Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ezra 37:12-14/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Romans 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/John 8:1-11

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9/Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezra 37:21-28/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/John 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Philemon 2:6-11/ Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 3/27
 Eternal repose of the soul
 of Mary Ndengwe+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Thanksgiving for 67 years
 as a Daughter of Charity by
 Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Tuesday 3/28
 Lenten Weekday

Wednesday 3/29
 Lenten Weekday

Thursday 3/30
 Eternal repose of the soul
 of Quentin Johnny Richard
 Townsend+++ by Townsend
 Family

Eternal repose of the souls
 of Anne & Leo Schreiner+++ by
 Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Friday 3/31
 Lenten Weekday

Saturday 4/1
 Eternal repose of the soul
 of Juan L. Greene+++ by K. J.
 Brisbon

Eternal repose of the
 souls of Betty & Pete Scafidi+++ by Sister Anne Marie
 Schreiner

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
 Carolyn Holland
 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
 Gertrude Quarles

John Quarles
 Doreene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Helen Smith
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Marquita Ward
 Shiela Washington
 Steven Washington
 Charles Watson, Jr.
 Cecilia 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)

Stations of the Cross Fridays @ 6pm/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

\$ 3,127.46

Offertory Contributions for : 3/19/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Know Your Faith

What is the name of the Box behind the altar?

As Catholics we call the box a tabernacle and it contains the “holy of holies,” Jesus present in the Eucharist. The word *tabernacle* means “dwelling place” and refers to the “tent of meeting” that the Israelites built to facilitate their worship of God in the desert (Exodus 26).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

04/02~ Palm Sunday (Sat) 4pm (Sun) 8:30am & 11am

Triduum

04/06~ Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm

04/07~ Good Friday Station of the Cross @ 2pm Good Friday Passion Service @ 3pm

04/08~ Easter Vigil Mass @ 7pm

04/09~ Easter Sunday @ 8am and 11am.

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will take place every Friday during the season of Lent at 6:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Anne Marie Schreiner for her 67 year Anniversary as a Daughter of Charity. St. Luke Parish family offers many prayers and blessings to you on this joyous occasion.

SODALITY MEETING: There will be a Sodality meeting on Sunday, April 2 after 8:30 Mass. This will continue every 1st Sunday for May and June. For those that cannot attend in person you may dial in for meeting at 10:00am or shortly thereafter. The dial-in number is 425-436-6339 and the code is 269615#

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke's last Lenten Fish Fry for the season will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023. Time is from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Flyers and menus are in the back of the church. Please come and support our parish fund raising effort.