

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
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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 2023 is "You are my inheritance O Lord, you have made my destiny secure." [Psalm 12:8] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: 7:00pm

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

Life out of death

Father Robin Ryan, C.P.

In the opening line of the gospel passage for Mass on Easter Sunday, we are told: "On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark." Can you imagine what was darting through the mind of this brave follower of Jesus on that somber, loveless morning? Her mind must have been filled with conflicting memories. There were cherished images of Jesus bringing life and hope to so many people whom he encountered, including her. But these memories were crisscrossed by the nightmarish images of Calvary: the deafening shouts of the crowds and the horrific sounds of hammers driving nails into wood. The dramatic events of Calvary had taken from her the one she had come to love and to follow. The darkness of that early morning hour reflected the darkness that enveloped her heart.

She and the other disciples discover, however, that Jesus is no longer a prisoner of the tomb. At first, she does not fully understand the wondrous event that has taken place. So she goes to share her news with Peter and the Beloved Disciple. The gospel tells us that the Beloved Disciple came, saw the empty tomb, and believed. The good news of Easter begins to sink into the minds and hearts of the disciples.

During the past year, our world has endured a time in which a pandemic has at times made us feel that we were enveloped by darkness. It has taken the lives of more than half a million people in the United States alone. We have been waiting for the stone to be rolled away so that we might come out of the tomb. And in addition to a lethal virus, we have experienced political strife and a resurgence of the racism that has scarred our nation so severely through the centuries. And so we Christians celebrate this Easter Sunday as part of a wounded nation and a wounded world. We come at this time to profess our belief in the resurrection of the Lord. As Peter says in the first reading for today's liturgy, we have been chosen by God to be witnesses to the good news of Easter.

Our belief in the resurrection does not give us easy answers to the profound questions occasioned by suffering, like, why are there killer viruses in God's good creation? But our faith does give us the hope that there is a light shining in the midst of the darkness. It seems to me that two aspects of the Easter message are especially important at this time. First, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus assures us that the presence of God can be found in the person who is suffering, even in one undergoing a horrific death by crucifixion. And second, Easter assures us that God's signature activity is to bring life out of death. We cannot always grasp how God is doing that. The lines of God's lifegiving action cannot be drawn with precision. But we believe that God is always on the move to bring new life out of the many forms of death that we experience. This is, in fact, what God does for a living.

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202103/a-reflection-for-easter-sunday/>

Reflection for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, **"out of whom he had driven seven demons."**

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

Father John Muir

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu, Chinua Enwezor, Donniebell Sweeney, Lauren Marshall, Kayla D. Wilson~Porter, Jessica Fassaya
MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/John 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Luke 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Luke 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Psalms 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/ John 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Psalms 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mark 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during these 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 4/10
 Eternal repose of the souls of Norbert & Patricia Kerner+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner
 Birthday Blessings for Chinua Enwezor by Angela Enwezor
Tuesday 4/11
 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday 4/12
 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday 4/13
 Eternal repose of the souls of Anne & Leo Schreiner+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner
 Eternal repose of the soul of Patricia Ann New-some+++ by J. Townsend
Friday 4/14
 Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday 4/15
 Eternal repose of the soul of Emmitt Gillespie+++ by Jacqueline Gillespie

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Barnes | Joyce Diggs | Melvin Jamison | Gertrude Quarles | celia Williams |
| Blanche Bourm | Lamont Diggs, Sr. | Mary Ann Johnson | John Quarles | Lois Williams |
| Barbara Batts | Crawley Easley | David & Keisha Jones | Doreene Redd | Wellington Waters |
| Tanisha Bennett | Marita C. Edelin | Dawn Lattimer | Corley Redd | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| Tammy Berry | Joshua M. Faison | Lawrence Lee | Regina Rivers | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| William P. Brown | Kimbolyn Flowers | Maria A. Logan | Leroy Sandifer | St Luke military families. |
| Ruth Bundy | Anthony Flowers | Bernadette Mahoney | Betty Smith | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Beatrice Carroll | Betty Gale | Barbara Mallory | Helen Smith | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Rita Clines | Tina Garvin | Sadie Mason | Kayla Tatum | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Katrina Griffin | Doris McCannon | Rolland Taylor | |
| Edith Cornish | Steve Halle | Alice L. Montague | Gloria Thompson-Price | |
| Aniceto Charles | Chris Hawkins | Veronica Murray | James F. Thompson, Jr. | |
| Patricia Chase | Faye L. Hawkins | Kathy Ndouga | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Valene Chemoo | Brenda Henson | David Neal | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Joyce Cristwell | Carolyn Holland | Martha Neal | Marquita Ward | |
| Alvera Dance | James Holley | Florence Patterson | Shiela Washington | |
| Iyana Davage | Rudolph Holley | Marlene Patterson | Steven Washington | |
| | James Hughes | Silvia Perry | Charles Watson, Jr. Ce- | |



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

\$ 2,699.69

Offertory Contributions for 4/2/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

— Romans 10:9

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR BABIES. Our Lady of the Visitation parish in Darnestown is constructing this special area next to its church where parents, family and friends can remember babies who died in the womb or at birth. Polished brass plaques to memorialize a baby may be purchased for \$450. For more information and to order a plaque, go to: <https://olvp.org/olvp-for-life>

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT St. Michael the Archangel Parish and the Office of Family Life are offering a marriage enrichment retreat for any married couple on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00am – 4:00pm in the Williamsburg Room. Topics will include communication, spirituality of marriage, finances, parenting skills and more. For more information contact John Webster at smacc.marriage@gmail.com or the Office of Family life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-4546.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSCIANS : Are you a church musician, director, or organist? Do you need resources and/or would like to have some connection to other ADW musicians near you? The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is a non-profit organization for professionals, volunteers, and anyone who cares about the liturgical life of the Church. The local DC Chapter is actively looking for members who want to know about upcoming workshops, concerts, or job opportunities! Please join us! For more information, go to: <https://npm.org/> Questions, contact Katie at music@ccjgs.org