

Sunday, August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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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 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

World Youth Day Prayer

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith.

Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith
and hope on the road ahead.

Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter.

Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored. Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.

Transform us. Empower us to give of ourselves to the poor; to welcome the lost; to forgive those who hurt us; to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.

Bless those who travel from the United States of America to Panamá, to join the universal Church for World Youth Day. Bless, too, those who celebrate stateside, united in faith and joy.

Like the disciples who journeyed up the mountain to witness the Transfiguration, may this experience be an encounter that strengthens us for our work in the world.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of our nation, may we be worthy witnesses of our faith, humble representatives of our country, and inspired missionaries bringing peace, hope, and mercy into our communities. We ask all this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St. José Sánchez del Rio, pray for us. St. Juan Diego, pray for us. Bl. Sor María Romero Meneses, pray for us. St. John Bosco, pray for us. Bl. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, pray for us. St. Martin de Porres, pray for us. St. Rose of Lima, pray for us. St. James the Apostle, patron of pilgrim travelers, pray for us. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, young faithful witness from our native land, pray for us.

St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of missionaries, advocate for youth, pray for us.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of young adults, man of the beatitudes, pray for us.

St. John Paul II, founder and patron of World Youth Day, pray for us.

Culled from <https://www.usccb.org/wydusa-prayers>

REFLECTION FOR

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Vonda Gale, James E. Nelson III, Karen Brown, Renee Johnson, Dennita Ferrell, Jaylah Neal, Jermaine Hamlin, Rhiane Enwezor, Darryl Gale, Sister Pauline Mboyana

MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD

BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Matthew 17:1-9

Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15/Psalms 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13/Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Psalms 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/John 12:24-26

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40/Psalms 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday:Deuteronomy 6:4-13/Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Matthew 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

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 8/7/2023
 Birthday Blessings for Rhiane Enwezor by Angela
 Eternal repose of the soul of James Freeland by Patterson Family

Tuesday 8/8
 St. Dominic

Wednesday 8/9
 St. Teresa

Thursday 8/10
 Eternal repose for the souls of Haydee & Berta Patterson by Patterson Family
 Prayers and protection for Agnes Harrell by Johnny Lattimer

Friday 8/11
 St. John

Saturday 8/12
 Blessings and protection for safe travels for relatives and friends by Sandra Stubbs

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

Lamont Diggs, Sr.
 Crawley Easley
 Marita C. Edelin
 Joshua M. Faison
 Kimbolyn Flowers
 Anthony Flowers
 Betty Gale
 Tina Garvin
 Nichole Gramh
 Katrina Griffin
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Faye L. 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
 Steven N.
 Kathy Ndouga
 David Neal
 Martha Neal
 Silvia Perry
 Gertrude Quarles

John Quarles
 Dorene 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.
 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

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

Offertory Contributions for 7/30/2023: \$991.50

Donation for Maintenance: \$1,802.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young.”

— Maya Angelou

PARISH NEWS

ST. LUKE ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT AND FUND DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH @12:30PM. VENUE IS CHURCH PARKING LOT/FIELD. SPECIAL GUEST-MPD POLICE BAND. COME FOR GOOD FOOD AND GREAT MUSIC.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Shirley T. Graham on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Viewing at 10:00am and a Funeral Mass at 11:00am Please pray for the family.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK BAG DRIVE: It is almost that time again for the annual back to school book bag drive! This summer we'll start end of July through last Saturday in August, prior to our St. Luke Family/Friends Fun Day! They can be placed in the back of the church, as always, St. Luke Book bag Committee appreciates your support!

SISTER ACT the Musical: The Daughters of Isabella and Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality presents a trip to: *Toby's Dinner Theater* on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Tickets are \$135.00. You can make 4 payments the 1st payment: is due ASAP and the final payment. is due Sept. 10th. Lunch is served upon arrival. For reservations contact Janice Williams and Joyce Thomas. Flyers are in the back of church.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsored a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat September 29 - October 1, 2023. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS The Office of Family Life with St. John Neumann will be offering a Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30am – 7:00pm. Any parent who has lost a child no matter how long ago or the cause, is welcome to attend. [Click here](#) for the link for registration. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-4546.