

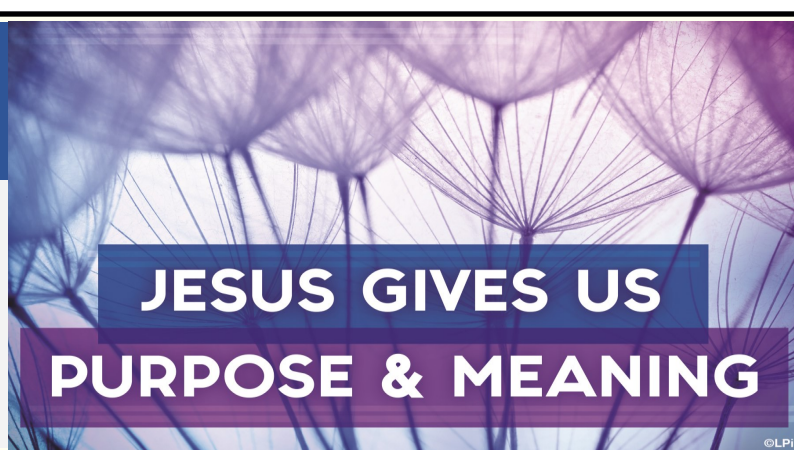
Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

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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 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 the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every 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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 14th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Lent (v)	God's blessing and protection for Jacqueline Wilson	Wilson Family
Sunday 15th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Lent Third Sunday of Lent	PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END IN THIS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY IT	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 16th	10:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	Please pray for God's blessings & protection for Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 17th	8:00am	St. Patrick SR	God's healing on all those suffering from coronavirus	Parish Family
Wednesday 18th	8:00am	St. Cyril SR	God's blessings and protection for Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 19th	10:00am	St. Joseph SOL	Eternal repose of the soul of Geraldine Marshall+++	Hilda McDougald
Friday 20th	8:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	God's healing on all those suffering from coronavirus	Parish Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY'S FULL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

PROVIDING AID AND RELIEF TO THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

“The outbreak of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, has impacted the lives of hundreds of millions around the world, and is spreading here in the United States. We pray especially for those who are ill and for those who have died. We also offer prayers for those affected by disruptions, such as quarantines and closures of workplaces and schools. Finally, we pray for health care workers, and express our gratitude for their service in combating this disease.

“At this time, lawmakers are considering with urgency a number of policies that could provide aid and relief. Because of the quickly developing nature of the situation, it is appropriate simply to offer encouragement to members of Congress and the Administration for their efforts to address the many challenges ahead. Special consideration is warranted for those most vulnerable: the poor, the elderly, the homeless, those in prison or detention facilities, immigrants and refugees, and those with severe underlying health conditions.

“Several of the policies under review have previously been supported by the bishops, such as increased food security measures, paid sick leave, adequate care for immigrants regardless of status, and greater assistance for low-income workers, the unemployed, and those experiencing homelessness or housing instability. In order to safeguard the health of all, everyone who is sick with the virus should have access to health care that is not a financial burden, whether or not they have insurance. Additional consideration is warranted for suspending work requirements related to programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), given likely workplace disruptions, making available additional federal funds potentially through a federal disaster declaration, refraining from immigration enforcement efforts at sensitive locations like hospitals and clinics, and additional resources for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

“We are grateful for the efforts by lawmakers during this difficult time and urge them to go forward in finding a path to bring greater relief to everyone suffering from coronavirus and its effects on society, especially those most in need. May the Divine Physician be with all those affected by this illness and restore us quickly to health and peace.”

Culled <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-43.cfm>

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

Liturgical Publications 2015

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
MARCH 22**

4:00pm Mass
K.H. Ndouga & R. Watson

8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & P. Nixon

11:00am Mass
CCD Students

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
MARCH 22**

4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & P.Hamlin

8:30am Mass
L. Washington & M.Harris

11:00am Mass
T. Hyde & V. Tinsley

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b/Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Psalms 42:3]/Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hosea 6:6]/Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Terrenthia Sweeney, RoseMarie Jones, Michael Smith, and Rita Brown-Hall.

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

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

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LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

366

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

Marita C. Edelin
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Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson

David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms

Kecia Proctor
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
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.

NO MASS AT ST. LUKE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Due to the deadly coronavirus pandemic, we regret to announce the cancelation of all Masses and parish events with effect from Saturday March 14th till further notice. We apologize for the inconveniences this may cause you. I will offer Mass for you and your family. This will be livestreamed on Sunday at 11am. You can view live on our parish Facebook page @ StLuke CatholicChurch DC. I pray that God will protect us from all hurt, harm and danger. Remember this, God “will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” [Deuteronomy 31:8]

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR ELSIE WILLIES: will take place on Monday March 23rd 2020. viewing will start at 10am and Mass will follow at 11am. Please pray for her family.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT: we regret to announce the death of our brother Fred Lewis. He passed on Tuesday March 10th after a prolonged illness. Please keep his family in your prayers.

MS. HILDA.....

SAVE THE DATE : Sunday, April 19 when St. Luke Catholic Church presents “Essence of the Orient”, a belly dancing event. More information will follow later.

2nd BENEFIT CABARET AT THE ST. LUKE CENTER 4923 East Capitol Street S.E. on April 25, 2020 from 8:00pm to 1:00am. Sponsored by the St. Luke Center Angels. Food while it last and music provided by DJ Nate D. Skate WPFW 8.3 FM Radio. Free set ups. Donation is \$20.00.

PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSION: St. Luke will co-host a Penance Service and Confession with St. Francis Xavier, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Church of the Incarnation on Wednesday March 25th @ 6:45pm. Venue is St. Luke. Come let us praise God and receive his gift of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

JUBILARIAN MASS ON LINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN! The Annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51 plus years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. To register please contact the Rectory. For ore information please call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or email visiblesign@adw.org.

WOMEN’S RETREAT—THE GRACE OF YES WITH LISA HENDY—March 28, 2020 8:30-3:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD, 20659. How do we prayerfully give God our best “yes” an live as generous spirits in the world around us. Inspired by Mary’s strong and faithful fiat, this retreat will focus on generosity in our faith lives, relationships, our work and during times of challenge and, how sometimes a prayerful no can be our best yes to God and our loved ones.

EVENINGS WITH THE MERCIFUL JESUS On the 22nd of every month from 7-10pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. (3900 Harewood Rd., N.E.) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MLK MULTIFAITH PROGRAM will appeal to people of all religions and ethnicities who respect the work of Dr. King to “uphold the worth and dignity of all people.” The date is Sunday, April 19 2020 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm at the Metropolitan AME Church at 1518 M. Street, N.W. D.C. 20005.