

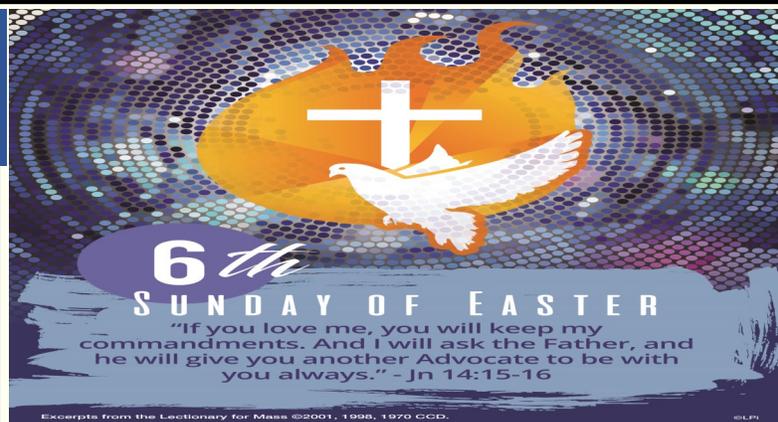
Sunday, May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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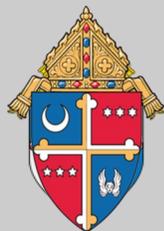
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Welcome

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN HOPE GIVES RISE TO JOYFUL FEARLESSNESS IN THE FACE OF HUMAN TROUBLE AND THREATS.

This is the immediate context of 1 Peter 3:15, where Peter says to be ready to give a reason for your hope. We'll start in verse 14: Even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

It appears that the question about Christians' hope is prompted by their perceived fearlessness. In Peter's mind this makes perfect sense. Hope is the root of fearlessness. You see this in the way Peter tells the wives to relate to their unbelieving husbands. "The holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening" (1 Peter 3:5-6). Godward hope makes gutsy women. And men.

Hope is not directly visible. It is a heartfelt conviction. Only God can see the heart directly. But when hope produces fearlessness, it is on the way to being visible. When that fearlessness frees you to "rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings" (1 Peter 4:13), your demeanor has now become so counterintuitive that someone may want to ask you a question.

And Peter says that what they ask about is your hope. Which shows that, in his mind, the Christian life gives the impression to others that we are not hoping in what they are hoping in (security, comfort, approval, wealth, etc.). They do not know where our fearlessness and our joy in affliction are coming from. But they assume we have a hope different from theirs. They do not assume we are indifferent to a happy future. They just don't know what it is.

So the question from unbelievers about the Christian hope is explained, first, by the fact that vibrant hope is the defining motion of the Christian heart; and, second, because authentic Christian hope gives rise to joyful fearlessness in the face of human trouble and threats.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-would-the-world-ask-about-your-hope>

Reflection for 6th Sunday of Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Florence Amah and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Walter and Betty Gale.

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

Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/John 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/John 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/John 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/John 16:16-20
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Ephesians 1:17-23/Matthew 28:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Psalms 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/John 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/John 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Ephesians 1:17-23/Matthew 28:16-20
 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Peter 4:13-16/John 17:1-11a

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 God bless and keep you safe.

Feasts for the Week

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| Monday 05/18 | Thursday 05/21 |
| St. John | The Ascension of the Lord |
| Tuesday 05/19 | Friday 05/22 |
| Easter Weekday | St. Rita |
| Wednesday 05/20 | Saturday 05/23 |
| St. Bernadine | Easter Weekday |

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Barnes | Marita C. Edelin | David & Keisha Jones | Kecia Proctor | Cecelia Williams |
| Blanche Bourm | Irena Fields | Dawn Lattimer | Doreene Redd | Wellington Waters |
| Barbara Batts | Florence M. Fields | Lawrence Lee | Xavier Roots | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| Tanisha Bennett | Tina Garvin | Fred Lewis | Leroy Sandifer | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| Tammy Berry | Elizabeth Gillem | Maria A. Logan | Betty Smith | St Luke military families. |
| Ruth Bundy | Florence Hall | Bernadette Mahoney | Kayla Tatum | |
| Beatrice Carroll | Steve Halle | Doreene Mahoney | Rolland Taylor | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Chris Hawkins | Barbara Mallory | Gloria Thompson-Price | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Edith Cornish | Brenda Henson | Doris McCannon | James F. Thompson, Jr. | |
| Aniceto Charles | Norma Henson | Alice L. Montague | Matthew Thompson | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Patricia Chase | James Holley | Veronica Murray | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Valene Chemoo | Rudolph Holley | David Neal | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Joyce Cristwell | James Hughes | Florence Patterson | Marquita Ward | |
| Alvera Dance | Melvin Jamison | Marlene Patterson | Shiela Washington | |
| Iyana Davage | Mary Ann Johnson | Silvia Perry | Steven Washington | |
| | | Lillian Pharms | | |

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

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Easter Sunday Mass Live Stream & Voice @ 11:00am

To join our Live Stream, please go to
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible Quote for the day: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—**Isaiah 41:10**

Catholic Charities Launches Program to Help Families Receive Stimulus Check

As you know, many individuals and families (with Social Security Numbers) are receiving sizable cash payments from the IRS. The IRS cash payments are part of the Government's \$2 Trillion economic stimulus legislation. Sadly, there are many individuals and families within your parish boundaries who will not be receiving these cash payments. Why? The reason is that the IRS has no way of knowing that individuals and families with low/no income exist. Individuals with income less than \$12,200/year (\$24,400 for married couples) do not need to file an income tax return. Thus, the IRS does not have a mailing address or a bank account to send these cash payments.

Catholic Charities has just launched a new outreach program to help low/no income individuals and families collect \$1,200/adult plus \$500/child from the IRS.

We need the help of your parishioners to spread this good news! The attached flyer can be handed out: in food pantries and grocery stores, to family/neighbors/friends and to other community service organizations.

Please distribute the flyers via email and/or your electronic church bulletin? Please call: Deacon Jim Shanahan Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org<mailto:Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org> Phone: (202) 262-1419

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements