

Sunday, May 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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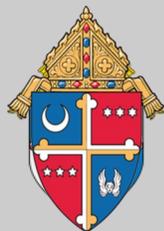
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Welcome

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

PENTECOST

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/pentecost.php>

Reflection for Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God.

If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Chijioke Onianwah, Byron A. Wilson, Jr., Angela Enwezor and Shelby Fisher.

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezra 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Romans 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalms 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ezra 37:1-14/Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/John 20:19-23

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Psalms 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/John 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18/Psalms 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12/Psalms 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15/Psalms 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mark 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Timothy 3:10-17/Psalms 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8/Psalms 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9/Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Corinthians 13:11-13/John 3:16-18

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.

EASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 06/01
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 06/02
SS. Marcellinus & Peter

Wednesday 06/03
St. Charles

Thursday 06/04
Weekday

Friday 06/05
St. Boniface

Saturday 06/06
St. Norbert

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
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
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-Price
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.

St. Luke Parish Weekly Schedule

Mondays Morning Mass Live Stream @ 10:00am
Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm
Thursdays Morning Mass Live Stream @ 10:00am
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.stlukesedc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

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**: 202-335-3116.

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**

VIRTUAL MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN: “A Path to Holiness...A Path to Happiness!” Discover the path to holiness and happiness that God has paved for you! The Women of Regnum Christi invite you to monthly mini-retreats focusing on personal conversion and transformation. Next Sessions: Evening retreat Wed., June 24, 7pm; Morning retreat Thurs., June 25, 9:45am. Advance Registration is required. Find more information and links to register at <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/monthly-mini-retreat-women>. \$10 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ.

ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS has been postponed until fall. More information will be available in upcoming weeks. We encourage you to continue to call the Rectory to register if you are interested.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES: The office of Family Life will be offering an introductory NFP class online on Saturday, June 27 from 10am to noon. Please contact the Office for Family Life to register or for more information: 301-853-4546. Couples seeking to learn NFP method can visit any of the following providers: Couple to Couple League, BOMA USA, Creighton Method and Marquette Method.

MORNING REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS: The Office of Family Life will be offering an on-line one hour reflection for parents who have lost a child on Saturday, June 20 from 9am to 10am. Any parent who has lost a child is welcome to attend, no matter how long ago the loss for the cause. For more information contact the Office of Family Life at visiblesign@adw.org or 301-853-4546