

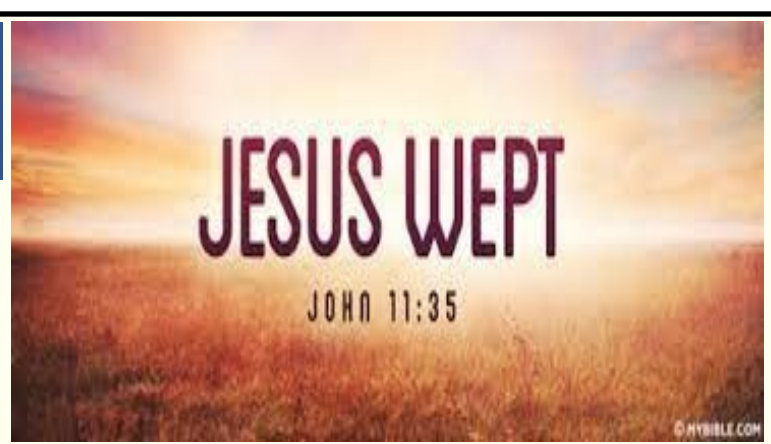
**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

First Sunday of Lent

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**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.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Jewels Of The Sun

By: Patty M

Overtured are my struggles  
to find the jewels of the sun.  
A stealth of time, purveyor of death,  
watches me constantly.

He is the sole survivor;  
bag of bones, a Lazarus, rising from the grave,  
his dark half my constant shadow.  
Shrouded in mist the ghost moon rises.  
I feel snared in its web of dreams.  
Null regions, temp idle chance,  
The Mirrored Realm on high, indeterminately drifts.  
Dog Chewers battle the Serpentine  
Lynx' their violence flares.

Hugging the thorn-bush I become  
both pawn and victim,  
making frightened noises while rooted to the spot.  
Then a brief interlude as War-birds fly over, and the  
hunters flee their domain.  
The shore line winds bone-white past  
deserted fishermen's shacks as  
gulls shriek eerily over a turbulent sea.

Vaporous thought, as a perpetual chill  
seeps through my skin,  
how I yearn for yesterday's blankets,  
but yesterday was years ago.  
I slip into oblivion, boulder-gray blown  
about in frantic wind gusts.

Suddenly tiny creatures descend through the darkness;  
each small hand holding a glowing ember, as they flit on  
tiny wings offering hope from up above.

I stare, dazzled by sunlit-ice no mouth of death, this, but  
a luminous feeling of well being. Now descending is a  
glorious presence scattering goodness upon the earth.  
Two embers she gently places in my hands, jewels of the  
sun, see how they gleam and flicker,  
or could they be stars?

Culled from <https://hellopoetry.com/poem/700131/jewels-of-the-sun/>

## Reflection for Fifth Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it!

We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday.

Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this trying times. We need your help to keep up the utilities.

You can mail your check or give online through our website:

<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

And clicking the donate button.

God bless and keep you safe.

#Weareallinthisogether.

## Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

**Sunday:** Ezra 37:12-14/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Romans 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/John 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9/Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/John 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Deuteronomy 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/John 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Genesis 17:3-9/Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/John 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/John 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ezra 37:21-28/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/John 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**Feasts for the Week**

Monday 03/30

5th Week of Lent

Thursday 04/02

5th Week of Lent

Tuesday 03/31

5th Week of Lent

Friday 04/03

5th Week of Lent

Wednesday 04/01

5th Week of Lent

Saturday 04/04

5th Week of Lent

**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  
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.

**OUR CHURCH DOORS MAY BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY BUT GOD'S HEART REMAINS OPEN PERMANENTLY:** I will offer Mass for you and your family. This will be livestreamed on Sundays 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]

### **ST Luke Catholic Church Current Schedule**

#### **Wednesdays**

Bible Study live stream @ 6pm. Facebook page: St Luke CatholicChurch DC  
You can join by voice. Dial: 425-436-6339. Access code: 269615

#### **Fridays**

Holy Hour live stream @ 7pm on the Facebook page: StLuke CatholicChurch DC

#### **Saturdays**

Pray the Holy Rosary @ 6pm Dial: 425-436-6339. Access code: 269615

#### **Sundays**

Mass live stream @ 11am Facebook page: StLuke CatholicChurch DC

**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**

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

#### **Create a Family Prayer Space in your home**

Begin by identifying a table or space that can remain the designated family Prayer Space. Place a tablecloth, scarf or piece of material in, or over, the space. Ideally, something purple would set the tone for the Lenten season. Items for Your Prayer Space Don't go shopping! Look around your house with your children to identify items that would be good to include in the prayer space. Have your children describe things that help them to pray. Allow each person in the family to add at least one item to the prayer space.

Some items you might include:  Bible  Crucifix  a candle  Rosary  a basket or small container, for holding place special intentions (and small pieces of paper to write on)  Saint Statue/Holy Cards  Palm branch  Bell to call family to prayer

Set designated times for family prayer. At the appointed times join there as a family. You may want to read from scripture, share a saint story, pray a decade of the Rosary, sing a favorite Church hymn, offer special intentions, or any combination of the above. Each prayer experience can be different and be led by different members of the family. What is important is the routine.

**JUBILARIAN MASS** The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. Friday, May 22, 2020 is the last day to register couples for the Parish. Any couple interested in registering may contact the Rectory at 202-584-8322.