

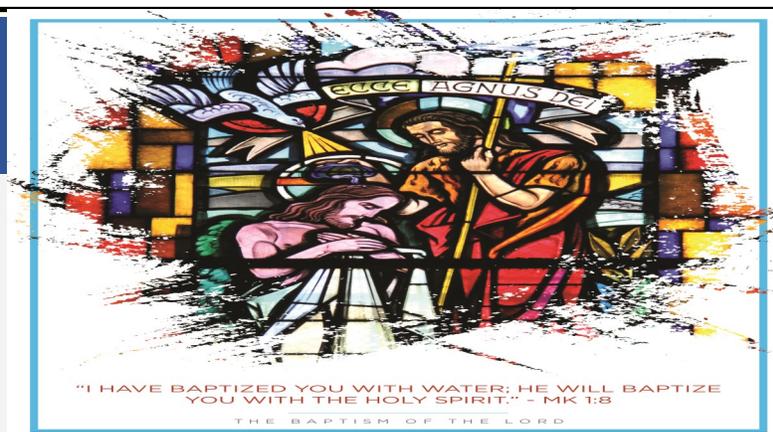
Sunday, January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

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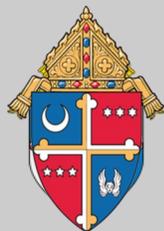
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Welcome

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

Why is Baptism important? What change does it make in me?

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit” (Jn 3:5). Christ commanded his disciples to preach the Gospel, draw people to faith in him, and baptize those who come to conversion. The Church does not neglect the mission she has received from Christ to ensure that all be baptized and reborn of water and the Spirit. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, Original Sin and all personal sins, and temporal punishment due to sin is removed. After one has been reborn in Christ, there is nothing to prevent one’s entry into God’s Kingdom. However, though all sins are removed, there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin that I called *concupiscence*. This inclination to sin shows itself in what is sometimes referred to as a darkening of the mind and a weakening of the will, that is, the inability to know clearly the right or wrong of an action and/or the lack of strength to resist temptation and always to do the right thing no matter how hard this is. The effects of Original Sin need not harm us so long as we seek strength to resist them through the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a whole-hearted dependence on God.

Baptism also gives us new life as adopted children of God. We become sharers of divine life and temples of the Holy Spirit. We are now made righteous by God and live in a state of grace, that is, we live in union with God because of his gracious and loving initiative. Our permanence in the state of grace is called *sanctifying grace* because God “sanctifies” us, that is, makes us his holy people by giving us his life. God continues to assist us by many helps that are called *actual graces*. Thus, we have the ability to live and act under the guidance and light of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This helps us mature in goodness through the practice of virtues, such as the Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We share in the priesthood of Christ as well as his prophetic and royal mission. “You are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Pt 2:9). We enjoy the community we find in the Church, share our talents and gifts with its members, respond willingly to its teachings and requirements, and assume the responsibilities that our membership implies.

Baptism provides a common foundation among all Christians, including those not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. The Church recognizes the validity of Baptism in other Christian Churches as long as the rite involved the pouring of or immersion in water, a Trinitarian formula, and the intention to baptize. Those who have been baptized have been saved by their faith in Christ and the grace of Baptism. “They therefore have a right to be called Christians and with good reason are accepted as brothers [and sisters] by the children of the Catholic Church” (CCC, no. 1271, citing UR, no. 3). “Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all Baptism cannot be repeated” (CCC, no. 1272).

Excerpt culled from <https://www.archspm.org/faith-and-discipleship/catholic-faith/why-is-baptism-important-what-change-does-it-make-in-me/>

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God’s voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God’s help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Penny Glover, Jaea O. Scott-Terrell, Westley Douglas II, and Chikelue Onianwah.

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

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.

Readings for the week of January 10, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mark 1:7-11 or Isaiah 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 John 5:1-9/Mark 1:7-11
Monday: Hebrew 1:1-6/Psalms 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: Hebrew 2:5-12/Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrew 2:14-18/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrew 3:7-14/Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrew 4:1-5, 11/Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrew 4:12-16/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. John 6:63c]/Mark 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/John 1:35-42

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 01/11
 Repose of the soul of
 Gloria H. Thomas+++ by
 Parish Family

Tuesday 01/12
 Repose of the soul of
 LaShann Cooper+++ by
 Parish Family

Wednesday 1/13
 Repose of the soul of
 Harry Henry Holmes+++
 by Parish Family

Thursday 1/14
 Repose of the soul of
 Haydee Patterson+++
 (Birthday Blessings) by
 Patterson Family

Friday 01/15
 Repose of the soul of
 Clinton Brown++ by Pat-
 terson Family

Saturday 01/16
 Repose of the soul of
 Charles Fantroy+++ by
 Hilda McDougald

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- Bro
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 Edith Cornish
 Aniceto Charles
 Patricia Chase
 Valene Chemoo
 Joyce Cristwell
 Alvera Dance
 Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Florence Hall
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee

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
 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 @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm

Thursdays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)

Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NwKBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

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.

Offertory Contributions for 1/10/2020: \$929.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” -John 3:5

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR Gloria H. Thomas on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, LaShann I. Cooper on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 and Harry Henry Holmes on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. Viewing 10:00, Funeral Mass 11:00. Funeral Mass for LeRoy and Frances Johnson on Friday January 15. Viewing at 10, Mass at 11am. Please keep these grieving families in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. More information will follow.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES The next marriage preparation class will be offered on January 12, 14, 19, 21 & 23. The weeknight sessions will be held virtually from 7:00pm – 9:30pm and the Saturday session will be held in-person at St. Elizabeth’s parish in Rockville from 10:00am – 12:30pm, following social distancing protocols. [If you have concerns about COVID regarding the Saturday in-person class, please contact the Office for Family Life.](#) For a full list of Marriage Preparation classes offered each month, [click here](#). Space is limited. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visible-sign@adw.org.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA: VIRTUAL SILENT RETREAT on January 22-24, 2021. The theme is: **In the Beginning...** Preacher: **Fr. Antônio Lemos, LC.** As they start a new year, they will meditate on God's love for us through the wonderful works of creation and redemption. This retreat will focus on selections from the Book of Genesis the Gospel of John. For more information contact Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center 7007 Bradley Boulevard Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Tel: (301) 365-0612 General Inquiries: info@ourladyofbethesda.org