

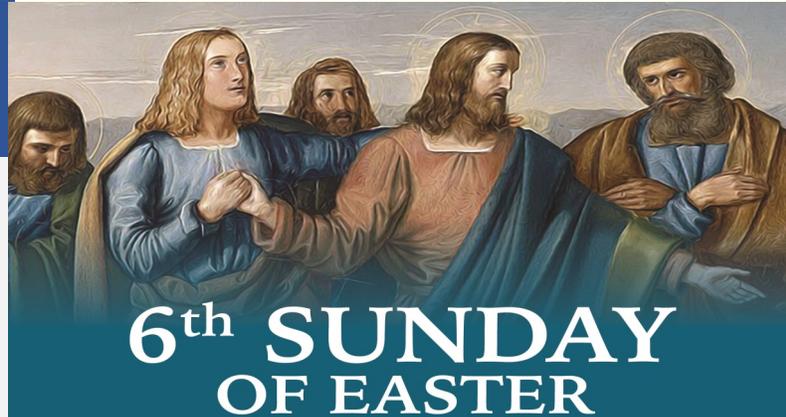
Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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

The Persistence of Scent

Cindy Williams Gutiérrez

Mother, you will persist in fragrances—
the nectar-scent of carrots, pineapple, pecans
baking in a two-layer cake.
I will shorten my mornings
into hours of praise.

More than alchemy, fresh cilantro—
in pungent handfuls—will be sautéed with
garlic, onions, tomatoes. And like magic,
beans will turn into savories in my ordinary
kitchen.

And the aroma of lilies
will not be resisted.

I will plant tigers, stars, Easters,
cannas, callas.

The rain on their talcum will conjure you—
your skin this satiny scent—
here, on the porch swing,
just after a bath.

I will sprinkle lily petals on my pond,
dip my hand in this holy water,
rub your silk into my fingers.
But it is the tang of the sea that will return
your salt to soothe my wound.

Here in this watery
womb of the earth—this place you love only
from a distance since
you never learned to swim—
here I will stop holding
my breath, inhale the sting.

<https://poets.org/poem/persistence-scent>

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
May God Bless and Reward you.

REFLECTION FOR 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Aretha Mansaray & Deborah A. Jackson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Mr. & Mrs. Milton and Sandra Harris.**
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

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 John 4:7-10/John 15:9-17
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/Ps 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 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/John 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Psalms 47:2-3, 8-10, 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 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mark 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 John 4:11-16/John 17:11b-19

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 05/10
God's protection & blessings for Mrs. Bernadine Conrad by Linda Sangfield-Hilliard

Thursday 05/13
The Ascension of the Lor

Tuesday 05/11
Easter Weekday

Friday 05/14
St. Matthias

Wednesday 05/12
SS Nereus & Achilleus

Saturday 05/15
St. Isidore

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
 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.

Innocencio Quinones
 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)

First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 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**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 5/9/2021: \$976.11

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” John 15:10

FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP The 2021 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. If interested, please send an email request to stluke.dc@adwparish.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. Venue is St. Luke Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 7pm.

THE PROGRAM “STAY DC” provides financial assistance to residents unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to COVID-19 pandemic. Through STAY DC the District will —Pay unpaid rent going back to April 2020; Pay forward rent up to 3 months at a time; Pay for water, gas and electricity expenses on your behalf, and Provide extended housing support for up to 18 months, per tenant. We encourage anyone who is struggling to pay their rent or utility bills to visit stay.dc.gov or call 833-4-STAYDC from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. , Monday through Friday. We do not want a situation where the public health emergency ends and suddenly we have residents who owe thousands of dollars in back rent and bills.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON MAY SECOND COLLECTION is the Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the weekend of May 15 through 16. Half of your contribution stays in the local community, while the other half funds projects that brings the Gospel into homes across the country and beyond through film, television, radio and the internet. Thanks to your generous gift to the campaign, dioceses and parishes across the United States were able to livestream Mass for people unable to attend in person during the COVID 19 pandemic. Please give generously.