

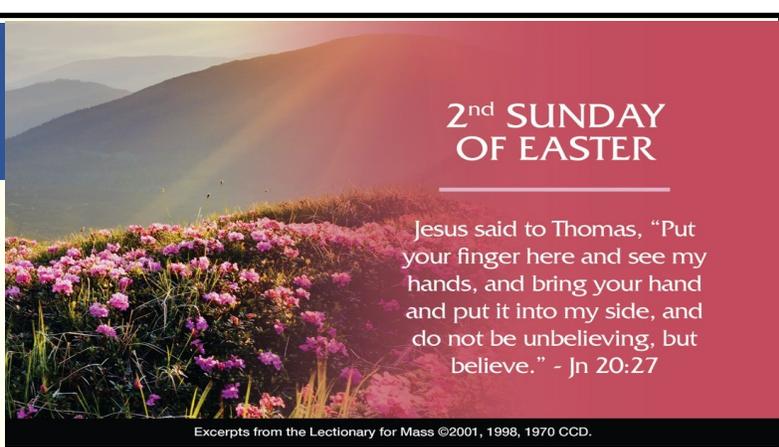
Sunday, April 24, 2022

Second 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 St. Luke Church

Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God," and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You."

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

There are many aspects of the Divine Mercy devotion, including the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy image, and the "hour of great mercy" (3:00 p.m.). The popularity of these devotions, focused on the Lord's infinite mercy, has grown rapidly in recent decades. Regarding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus said to her, "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person" (Divine Mercy in My Soul, no. 811).

"Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy' (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." — St. John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday Homily, April 22, 2001

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter>

REFLECTION FOR

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God.

They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday
 To Bernard O. Robinson, Nayia
 Faxio-Douglas, Ethan Marshall
 and Alina Pace.

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

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/John 20:19-31
 Monday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14/Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mark 16:15-20
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/John 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/John 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/John 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/John 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/John 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Revelations 5:11-14/John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 4/25 Eternal repose of the soul of Paul Knight+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner	Thursday 4/28 SS Peter, Louis
Tuesday 4/26 Easter Weekday	Friday 4/29 St. Catherine of Siena
Wednesday 4/27 Easter Weekday	Saturday 4/30 Easter Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



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 Adoration @ 6:00pm

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

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

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 4/17/2022:

\$ 7,107.80

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life... All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." ~ Pope Francis.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

LIGHT THE WORLD! CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: Since 2016, Light the World! Summer Institute has welcomed over 240 high school age participants to Washington D.C. to explore the interaction between faith and culture. The application is now open for the 2022 program with two available weeks, June 12-18, 2022 and June 26-July 2, 2022. Participants will spend the week on the campus of The Catholic University of America and interact with CatholicU faculty, staff, and students, explore the Nation's Capital, and meet Catholic professionals who live out their faith in their careers. For more information, visit trs.catholic.edu/summer-ltw or contact Brian Rhude, Program Director, at lighttheworld@cua.edu. A \$500 program fee and \$25 application fee apply, financial aid is available.

PAINT & SIP FUNDRAISER sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday, May 20th at 7pm. Adults only, 21 & over. There will be art, food and fellowship. Tickets cost \$50.00. Wine, food and refreshments will be served. For tickets contact Cynthia Washington at (303) 818-4442. Cost is \$50.00. You may pay by cash or tax deductible check made out to Holy Family Church.

HOPE BLOSSOMS 2022 benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Honorees: Judy and John Ritz And Steve Heidenberger Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 6pm to 8pm**, Location: Columbia Country Club: 7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 To purchase tickets please visit: www.stanns.org/events Questions? Please contact: Carolyn Boyle: 301.559.5500 or: cboyle@stanns.org