

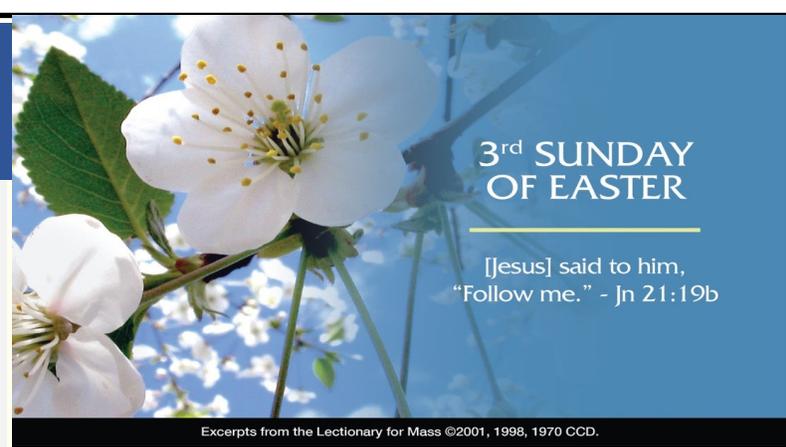
Sunday, May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him,
"Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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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

WHEN JESUS ASKS SIMON, "DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?" WHAT IS HE REFERRING TO?- 3RD SUNDAY C 2019

BY FR. BILL KEMPF

What is the "THESE" that Jesus is referring to when he asks Simon if he loves him more than these? You almost miss the important part of the question that begins the threefold affirmation of Peter. You get so caught up in the "Do you love me questions" that you miss the context in which John frames the whole affair. Those threefold affirmations are introduced by a three word modifier, which is so important in understanding the rest of the text: "Do you love me more than these?" Most often, we kind of skip over that question – because it seems like Jesus is just stirring it up, kind of like my family as we press mom about who is her favorite son. (The good news from my last visit – she said it could be any of you four. The bad news – mom has five sons.) Jesus asks Simon: "Do you love me MORE THAN THESE?" Let's look at that a bit.

Peter's been out fishing with his disciples – his original occupation. It must have been so familiar – the nets, the creaking of the boats, the muscle memory of thousands of casts and retrievals, the smell of the water, and the sunrise coming over the horizon. Even the lack of a catch was comfortingly familiar. And then, after swimming through the waters – a symbol of the cleansing waters of baptism and after a meal with obvious Eucharistic overtones, Jesus asks the question. "Do you love me more than THESE?" Do you love me more than this familiar life, do you love me more than the ordinary unfolding of a daily routine, do you love me more than THESE kinds of days and activities? Do you love me enough to leave THESE behind? Do you love me enough to let how I want your life to unfold to be the guide? Do you love me enough to be about the 'WORK OF EASTER' – that of feeding lambs and tending sheep? Do you love me more than all of this? For if you say yes, then someone else will stretch out your hands and lead you where you do not want to go... That is what it means to be a follower. Fortunately for us, Simon had the courage to say yes. And our world is different for that yes

Do you love me more than these, than the ordinary days and routines that we so blessedly find ourselves in, is the question that our Archdiocese lays before us these next few weeks in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each year, countless men and women – old and young – are impacted by the fruits of this appeal. We will hear more about this later in this mass, of how much of the appeal goes to support education and people programs and priests – retired and active. This appeal is perhaps the most concrete way you can love Jesus more than these – by feeding and tending and caring for the sheep.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Jesus was not trying to stir up a sibling rivalry among the disciples over who loved him MORE than the others. Rather, among the ordinary events of your lives –

- the unfolding of grace while folding the laundry,
- commuting in traffic,
- the family dinners with the kids and grandkids,
- the simple joy that comes from walks in the neighborhood
- and the ordinary events that fill up easy our life's time,
- He asks: Do love me more than these? Do you love me enough to let the broader needs of the diocese tie your hands and your wallet and lead you to a sacrificial gift so that the good news might continue?

After mass, this week and the next few, your pledge card will be in the back of church. Please pray over your gift. Your sacrificial pledge, however small or large, will ensure that Newman Centers, Catholic Education, the Seminary and all the crucial, hands-on services that make Jesus' love so real and concrete to the world, will continue to be there for all who need to be fed and tended and cared for. "People of St. Justin Martyr parish, do you love me more than these? Then tend my sheep... Amen."

<https://stjustinmartyr.org/178182/when-jesus-asks-simon-do-you-love-me-more-than-these-what-is-he-referring-to-3rd-sunday-c-2019/>

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Brenda Smith, Marita Edelin, Carolyn Holland, St. Anthony T. Wallace, Sr., Myeisha Davis, Mary-Jane S. Deuppi, and Philoene Ekobena.

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

Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Revelation 5:11-14/ John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/John 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/John 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/John 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/John 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/John 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/John 10:27-30

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 5/2 St. Athanasius	Thursday 5/5 Easter Weekday
Tuesday 5/3 SS. Philip & James	Friday 5/6 Easter Weekday
Wednesday 5/4 Easter Weekday	Saturday 5/7 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	
Tammy Berry	Joshua M. Faison	Lawrence Lee	Rolland Taylor	St Luke military
William P. Brown	Kimbolyn Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Gloria Thompson-	families.
Ruth Bundy	Anthony Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Price	
Beatrice Carroll	Tina Garvin	Doreene Mahoney	James F. Thompson,	All the Homeless men
Melinda Conrad-	Katrina Griffin	Barbara Mallory	Jr.	and women in our
Brown	Florence Hall	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	community.
Edith Cornish	Steve Halle	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	
Aniceto Charles	Chris Hawkins	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	Please pray for all
Patricia Chase	Charlene Haywood	David Neal	Marquita Ward	those who are sick but
Valene Chemoo	Brenda Henson	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	have no one to pray
Joyce Cristwell	James Holley	Marlene Patterson	Steven Washington	for them
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams	
Iyana Davage	James Hughes	Doreene Redd	Lois Williams	



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 4/24/2022:

\$ 9,182.08

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." John 21:18

MOTHERS DAY MASS: Next Sunday is our annual celebration of mothers day. We would offer Masses for all women who play the role of mothers in our parish and family. **MAY GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS.**

ST. LUKE SODALITY will be selling raffle tickets as part of the Sodality Union's Annual raffle to support youth in the Archdiocese attend Catholic School. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket. Tickets will be sold after mass in the rear of the church. Thank you for supporting our youth.

First Holy Communion: The Sacrament of Holy communion would be received for the first time our children on Sunday May 15th. Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will always direct the heart and minds of our young people.

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.