



ST. LUKE'S ORDINARIATE PARISH ✠ WASHINGTON DC

The Epistle

A HISTORIC MASS IN DC: MARCH 17TH

On March 17 at 7 pm, Bishop Steven J. Lopes, our recently ordained first bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, will come to Washington DC to celebrate a historic Chrism Mass, the very first Chrism Mass for the Ordinariate here at St. Luke's at Immaculate Conception.

The Most Reverend Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be in attendance. The presence at the Ordinariate's Chrism Mass of Archbishop Viganò, the Holy Father's personal representative to the US, is a powerful sign of the Holy See's support and encouragement for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

A Chrism Mass is the Mass at which a bishop blesses the holy oils that will be used in his diocese throughout the year to baptize and confirm catechumens and to anoint the sick. Since only a bishop can bless the holy oils, Ordinariate priests have until now obtained the oils used for anointing from the geographical dioceses in which they reside. Also during the Mass, the priests of the Ordinariate will renew their

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priestly promises.

“It is an honor that Bishop Lopes has chosen to come to St. Luke's for his first Chrism Mass, which is a landmark event in the life of the Ordinariate,” Father Mark Lewis, pastor of St. Luke's, said.

A recent article in the UK Catholic Herald bore the headline, "Why You Should Attend A Chrism Mass at Least Once in Your Life." The author was struck that many people, some as yet unborn, would be anointed with the oils blessed at that Mass. The Chrism Mass at St. Luke's at Immaculate Conception will be additionally interesting because it will be the first Chrism Mass in the Catholic Church celebrated according to *Divine Worship: The Missal*, the newly promulgated Missal which blends language from the Anglican tradition with a fully Catholic Mass.

The choir and schola of St. Luke's will be singing a Mass setting and motets by Charles Wood. You owe it to yourself to be present for what will be a beautiful Mass. There will be a wine and cheese reception immediately after the Mass. Mark your calendar!

NEXT STEP FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE ON FRIDAY OF SORROWS



We hope parishioners and friends of St. Luke's, especially those who live or work downtown Washington DC, will make a special effort to be present for the morning Mass the day after the Chrism Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Lopes at 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception. This will be the Mass of Saint Mary in Passiontide, situated on the Friday before Palm Sunday as a special observance also known as the Friday of Sorrows. It commemorates the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, loss of the Christ Child for three days, witnessing Christ carry his cross, the Crucifixion, the taking down from the Cross, and the burial of Christ).

The feast of St. Mary of Passiontide was once a prominent feast, holding the rank of a major double feast until 1954, when it was reduced to a commemoration and subsequently fell into abeyance. We are fortunate that our *Divine Worship Missal* restores it to a place of prominence in our liturgy, providing propers and a beautiful collect.

Rite of Candidacy for our Deacon in formation

Meanwhile, yet another special event will take place at the Friday Mass. Bishop Lopes will institute our own Mark Arbeen to the Ministry of

Lector. This is one of the steps to becoming a permanent deacon. Lector used to be one of the four Minor Orders (acolyte, exorcist, lector, porter); Minor Orders were distinguished from the Major Orders, such as Deacon and Priest. In 1972, however, the Minor Orders became ministries; only two, Lector and Acolyte, were retained. A Lector comes before an Acolyte. We hope as many of you as possible will be on hand to offer Mark our support and good wishes.



EVENING PRAYER AT THE ABBEY

Our monthly Evening Prayer at the Abbey takes place this Saturday, March 6th at 4 pm. This quiet service of thanksgiving and reflection is followed by a time of fellowship in the Abbey's Fort Augustus Room. The English Benedictine Congregation at St. Anselm's has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Ordinariate and its mission, and the monks are eager to maintain a relationship of support and friendship with St. Luke's. Please join us on the first Saturday of every month (from September to May) at the Abbey, located at 4501 South Dakota Ave. NE, Washington DC.



St. Anselm's Abbey
on South Dakota Ave. NE



GOOD FRIDAY: BEHOLD THE WOOD OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Christian year, falls on March 25. St. Luke's Good Friday commemoration of the death of the Lord on the Cross begins at noon.



The liturgy for this day is fittingly stark and full of drama. It begins with the priest going to the altar in silence and prostrating himself in reverence. This act signifies “both the abasement of ‘earthly man,’ and also the grief and sorrow of the Church,” according to a document from the Congregation for Divine Worship. Another striking feature of the liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross, a practice that originated in the fourth century in Jerusalem, where a fragment believed to be of the True Cross was venerated. The practice was adopted in Rome in the seventh century. A crucifix is progressively unveiled and then the priest and people kneel and kiss the feet of the corpus. Good Friday is the one day of the year when the Church does not celebrate the Mass, but Holy Communion, which has been presanctified, is distributed to the faithful. Christ was on the cross from noon until three in the

afternoon and all Catholics should do something special on Good Friday to remember his sacrifice for us. And remember also that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

MUSIC THIS MONTH

6 MARCH: LAETARE SUNDAY

Missa Brevis [James Macmillan, 1977]

Laudate Dominum [Carlo Rossini/Vinzenz Goller, early 20th century]

Astiterunt reges terrae [Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1585]

13 MARCH: PASSION SUNDAY

A Canterbury Mass (missa brevis) [Cecilia McDowall, 2007]

Confitebor tibi [Vinzenz Goller, early 20th century]

Stabat Mater [Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, 17th century]

20 MARCH: PALM SUNDAY

Missa Quarti Toni [Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1592]

Improperium [Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1593]

O Domine Jesu Christe [Francisco Guerrero, 1570]

27 MARCH: EASTER SUNDAY

Missa Secunda [Hans Leo Hassler, 1599]

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 [Johann Sebastian Bach, 1731]

Jesu Dulcis Memoria [Tomás Luis de Victoria, 16th century]

LADYDAY TRANSFERRED TO APRIL 4TH

The Feast of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would be the mother of Our Lord, is celebrated on the 25th of March. However, it is the practice of the Church never to celebrate the Annunciation on a Sunday during Lent, during Holy Week, or during the Octave of Easter, and this year Good Friday falls on March 25. When important holy days



conflict, the Church has the authority to transfer one of them to a different date. It is the practice of the Church to move the Annunciation to the next open day after the Octave of Easter [the major feasts of Christmas and Easter each have an Octave—that is the feast itself lasts eight days]. This year that is Monday, April 4. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, the Annunciation is one of the most important feasts of the Church, celebrating, as it does, the actual Incarnation of Christ, precisely nine months before His Nativity. Though it was originally considered a feast of Our Lord, it is now a Marian feast.

The Annunciation
by Luc Oliver Merson
[1908]

MONTHLY WORK OF MERCY: BABY FORMULA



The Northwest Center, which is dedicated to promoting the dignity of women by helping them to continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and adequately care for their children, has a great need for baby formula. The Center has asked St. Luke's parishioners to help by contributing Similac, a nutritional formula for babies. Similac is a formula designed to give babies a strong start in life. It is available at Target, Walmart, and other outlets. The cost for a single 1.45 pound container is around \$25. We have adopted this as our Monthly Work of Mercy for March. If you can help with this important endeavor, please bring your Similac to the coffee hour after Sunday Mass. The Knights of Columbus will collect it and take it to the Center. Founded in 1981 by students and alumni of Georgetown University, the Northwest Center is also a good place to volunteer year-round. To see about volunteer opportunities, consult the Center's website northwestcenter.net.

Please check our website for more information on upcoming events!
StLukesOrdinariate.com

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St. Luke's at Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, which was established on January 1, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI in response to repeated requests by Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and traditions, including liturgical traditions.

**THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE
OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER**

That we all may be one

FROM THE PASTOR

Avanti!

Before leaving Rome to assume his new role as Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, Bishop Lopes asked our Holy Father what message he wanted him to deliver to the people of the Chair of St. Peter. Our Holy Father responded with one word—"Avanti!" (Forward!)

My dear brothers and sisters, I believe we should take the Holy Father's word to heart: it should be our battle cry and our mission—forward! We must never become complacent in our faith, in our relationship with Jesus Christ, or our mission. We must be growing in our love for and knowledge of Jesus Christ, His Church, and the faith. In addition, we have a special mission, we are to bring our separated brothers and sisters home to Holy Mother Church.

May everything we do be about this work and may we heed the command of our Holy Father—**Avanti!**

Fr. Mark Lewis

All are invited to

The First

Chrism Mass

according to

Divine Worship: The Missal

The Most Reverend
Steven J Lopes

Bishop of the
Personal Ordinariate of the
Chair of Saint Peter

CELEBRANT

**Thursday, March 17th
7 pm**

Immaculate Conception Church
8th and N Streets NW
Washington DC

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