



## St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

### A Message from the Pastor

*April 7, 2020*



Dear Parishioners,

Today is a story of betrayal in the Gospel of John. Judas, who had spent very intimate moments as a disciple of Jesus, would soon hand Him over to His persecutors. But, let's not forget! Judas is not the only betrayer for we know that Peter, the Rock, would soon deny Him even though he protested that he would lay his life down for Him.

St. Paul reminds us: "Shall we persist in sin that grace may abound?" We won't point fingers here lest it be forgotten that we have all been in both of those positions; moreover, the complacency of our lives and faith often is the real betrayer.

"The lesson of Judas is that, even if we know Jesus, we can convince ourselves to betray him if we're not careful. The lesson of Peter is that, even if we betray Jesus, we can repent and be reconciled to him." We continue our journey toward the moment of Judas' betrayal and Peter's thrice denial knowing that, we too, are weak in our discipleship. Let us pray for one another to embrace the powerful grace of God present even in those weakest moments to be the hand of forgiveness, the motion of mercy, and the presence of the Holy One seeking to recreate and restore all into unity.

***- Join us this week in our celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday -***

#### **Mass of the Last Supper**

**Holy Thursday, April 9**

***Viewing Time: 5:00 pm***

#### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 10**

***Viewing Time: Noon***

#### **Easter Sunday Mass**

**Sunday, April 12**

***Viewing Time: 6:30 am***

The recordings will be available on our Parish website, [www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org), and sent through our e-communications at the *approximate times above*. The services will remain posted so you may view at your convenience.

Thank you for all your kind e-mails, messages in the mail, and your generosity to keep our parish and school going through these most difficult times. Be assured of our continued prayers and blessings.

Prayers and blessings from cyberspace,

Fr. Mark

Visit [lacatholics.org/holyweek](http://lacatholics.org/holyweek) each day to read daily reflections and discover ways to live Holy Week at home. Additional resources available at: <https://stluketemplecity.org/lenten-season-2020>.

Please visit our Parish Website for continued COVID-19 information related to parish activities and previous e-communications: <https://stluketemplecity.org/covid-19>