



Mass of Gratitude for the
Ministry and Leadership of
Reverend Monsignor
Joseph L. Luca

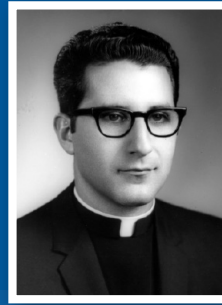
Noon, Sunday, June 6, 2021
St. Louis Catholic Church



After over a half century of ministry, Monsignor Luca is retiring from active ministry on June 30, 2021. A Mass and concert will be held on Sunday, June 6 in recognition and appreciation for Monsignor Luca's 51 years of priesthood, 26 years as pastor of the St. Louis Parish Community and three years as pastor of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community.

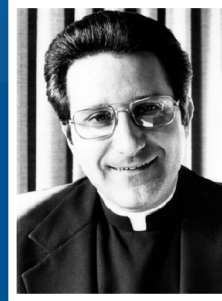
The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William L. Lori and will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/stlouisvideos/live. Due to pandemic restrictions, there will be very limited seating in the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Gratitude Mass through the live stream.

In tribute to Monsignor Luca and to rejoice in his retirement, the St. Louis Concert Series is offering a free concert, *Reflect, Rejoice*, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 6. This concert is in collaboration with The Columbia Orchestra and the music ministries of St. Francis and St. Louis. It will feature music that reflects on life forever changed by the pandemic, and that rejoices in the indelible mark that Monsignor Luca's leadership has left in our hearts. Musical pieces will include the *Mozart Requiem*, and pieces by Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein, among others. The concert is free and we are offering limited capacity seating in the church with an advance reservation, or the concert can be livestreamed online. For tickets and further information, please visit www.stlconcertseries.org.



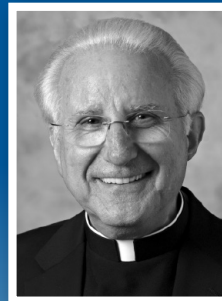
1970

Joseph L. Luca is ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore



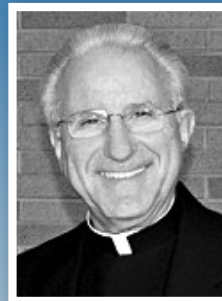
1995

Fr. Joseph Luca becomes Pastor of St. Louis, Clarksville



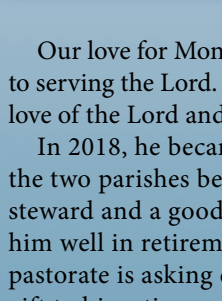
1996

Fr. Joseph Luca is elevated to the title of Monsignor by Pope John Paul II



2004

Ground is broken for the new church



2006

Church is dedicated and renovated Parish Offices and Pastoral Center open in 2007



2014

New Parish Activity Center is dedicated



2018

Monsignor Luca becomes the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Fulton and both parishes become the St. Louis/St. Francis Pastorate



2020

Completion of Campus Master Plan and Dedication of the Bell Tower



2021

Monsignor Luca retires from active ministry

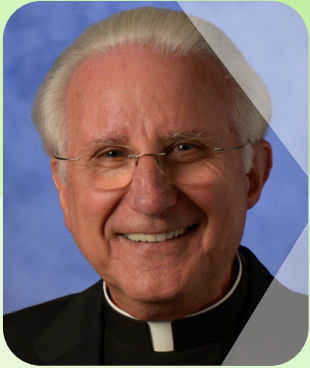
Our love for Monsignor knows no limits. He has dedicated his life to serving the Lord. Since 1995 he has lead St. Louis Parish with his love of the Lord and with his fortitude and knowledge.

In 2018, he became pastor of St. Francis Assisi, Fulton when the two parishes became a pastorate. He has been a faithful steward and a good friend to all and it is now our time to wish him well in retirement and thank him for his service. The pastorate is asking each parish individual and family to make a gift to his retirement burse. A burse is a thank you gift that will assist in supporting him in his retirement. Please use the enclosed reply card and envelope to make your gift by cash/check or you may make your gift online by visiting www.osvonlinegiving.com/1899.





REFLECT REJOICE



Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:00 PM

with

**The Columbia Orchestra, Pastorate
Music Ministries, Guest Soloists**

featuring

Mozart Requiem, Copland, Bernstein

REFLECTING on life forever changed by the pandemic
REJOICING in the exceptional leadership of Monsignor Luca

Free, in-person with advance reservation OR livestreamed

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