

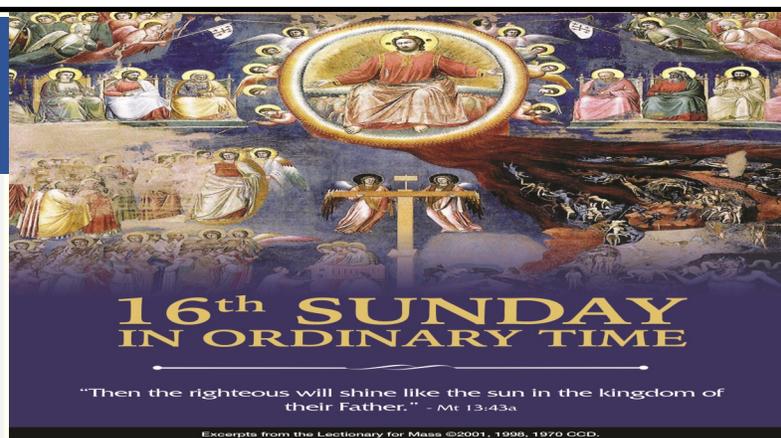
Sunday, July 19, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every 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

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND WEEDS

1. God has a plan that He is working out over time (be patient!). We live in a world where tragedies and accidents occur every day and where injustice and violence still wreak havoc in people's lives. Where is God and why doesn't He do something? The Parable of the Wheat & Weeds teaches us that God does have a plan for this world and He is working to accomplish it. However, it is unfolding over time and that means there's some waiting to do, something we find difficult. Jesus is teaching us patience - the patience of a God who chooses to delay His judgment. God is not in a hurry and we must be prepared to trust Him and wait for His time. In the end, God will win and good will overcome evil.

2. There is an enemy at work in the world (be alert!). Alongside the power of the Kingdom another power is at work seeking to disrupt God's plan. The action of this enemy, the devil, is a prominent feature in Jesus' ministry. This parable presents us with a worldview that accounts for and is not surprised by evil in the world. It also teaches us that evil will not be completely removed until judgment day but that does not mean that we should not fight against evil in all its forms in the meantime - in our own lives, in the church and in our society. This awareness calls us to live lives on spiritual alert while avoiding the extremes of being ignorant of the devil's schemes or of becoming overly preoccupied with his activity.

3. God alone is the judge of all people (be humble!). Right from the beginning of history there have been two seeds or two generations of people - the righteous and the wicked. We find our place in either group not by birth, by fate or by our good works but by our response to the grace of God that He shows toward us in unique ways. God desires everyone to be saved and to become His children. Each person will ultimately choose to be either for God or against God and will be treated accordingly. However, in the meantime it is vital that we not get caught up in determining who is IN and who is OUT. God alone knows the human heart and He will be their judge, not us. Wheat and weeds look very similar...until the time of harvest when their true nature is revealed.

In fact, Jesus hinted that we may be surprised who is in and who is out. We ourselves are a mixture of wheat and weeds - people in desperate need of the grace of God. This should cause us to be humble in our approach to other people. When it comes to judgment we must avoid caricatures of God that turn Him into either a sadistic monster ready to unfurl His wrath on people or into a soft grandparent who still give the kids chocolates even after a day of continual misbehaving. God has revealed Himself as a supremely loving, wise, beautiful, holy, just and true God. It is that combination of attributes that we must learn to see when it comes to the matter of judgment.

4. We are called to partner with God's purpose (be fruitful!). In the Parable of the Wheat & Weeds, we are the seed. God plants His people in His field - this world - and He desires us to be fruitful for Him. A partnership mentality helps us avoid the extremes of apathy (thinking that God will do it all) and of a messianic complex (thinking that we will fix the world and rid it of evil all by ourselves).

<https://www.klangwesley.com/lessons-from-the-parable-of-the-wheat-and-weeds>

REFLECTION FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win.

While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Louvina Miles, Janille M. Thompson, Caleb Brown,
 Alain Mansaray, Dominique Johnson, Mary Wood-
 ward, Carolyn Alston, Bill Alston, Gladys Lee Holley,
 and Marvin Ford

and a wonderful wedding anniversary to
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Dorene Mahoney.

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

Readings for week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8/Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalms 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Psalms 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Matthew 20:20-28

Next Sunday: Kings 3:5, 7-12/Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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

God bless and keep you safe.

EASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 07/20
St. Apollinaris

Tuesday 07/21
St. Lawrence

Wednesday 07/22
 St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday 07/23
St. Bridget

Friday 07/24
 St. Sharbel

Saturday 07/25
St. James

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
 Blanche Bourm
 Barbara Batts
 Tanisha Bennett
 Tammy Berry
 Ruth Bundy
 Beatrice Carroll
 Melinda Conrad-Brown
 Edith Cornish
 Aniceto Charles
 Patricia Chase
 Valene Chemoo
 Joyce Cristwell
 Alvera Dance
 Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
 Irena Fields
 Florence M. Fields
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Florence Hall
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 Norma Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson

David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee
 Fred Lewis
 Maria A. Logan
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Doreene Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 David Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Marlene Patterson
 Silvia Perry
 Lillian Pharms

Kecia Proctor
 Doreene Redd
 Xavier Roots
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Matthew Thompson
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Marquita Ward
 Shiela Washington
 Steven Washington

Cecelia Williams
 Wellington Waters
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.
 Harold Woodard, Sr.
 St Luke military families.

All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them

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)
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

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**: 202-335-3116.

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Dear Parishioners, our regular Sunday Masses resumed . We are permitted to have a maximum of 100 persons in our church each Mass. You are welcome to now attend Mass in person with Masks and social distancing.

Bible Quote for the day:

Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn. (Matthew 13:30)

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

FINANCIAL STABILITY MENTOR VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES :The Financial Stability Network (FSN) provides pro-bono financial services to those who otherwise would not have access to financial education and mentoring. FSN Mentors act as coaches to low to moderate income individuals, assisting them in achieving their financial goals. Volunteers will meet with clients once a month for 1-1.5 hour coaching sessions. **Get information and sign up here:** <http://bttr.im/3iwac>

FINANCIAL STABILITY INSTRUCTOR VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Financial Stability Network provides pro-bono (Free) financial services to those who otherwise would not have access to financial education and mentoring. The mission of the Financial Stability Network is to assist low to moderate income families and individuals with increasing income and building assets. The Financial Stability Instructor will teach classes on a variety of personal financial topics including budgeting, savings, credit reports, credit cards and other financial topics to community organizations, transition housing groups and churches. **Get information and sign up here:** <http://bttr.im/u554m>

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