

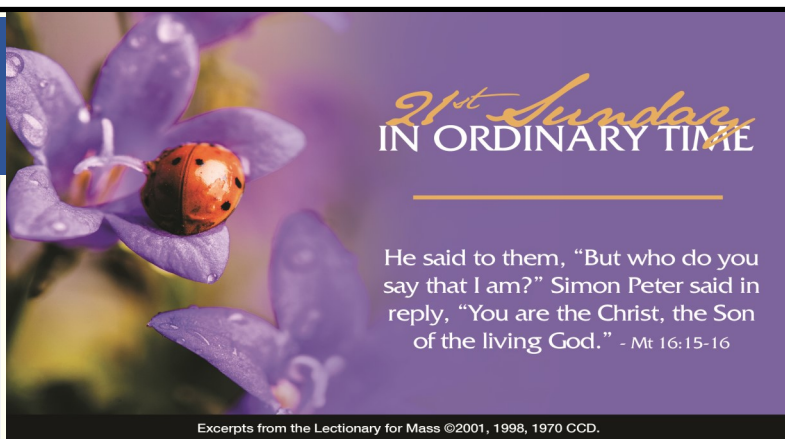
Sunday, August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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

"Who do people say I am?"

by Thomas Gumbleton

I hope we recall last Sunday's gospel because it was a very important turning point in the life of Jesus. Remember where Jesus had asked the disciples, "Who do people say I am?" and they said Elijah or one of the prophets, John the Baptist, and he said, "But who do you say I am?" Then Peter spoke up for all of them and said, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God," and it was then that Jesus, as we heard in today's gospel, set his face toward Jerusalem where he knew he would be handed over to his enemies, tortured, murdered, and then rise from the dead. As he set out then for Jerusalem, he told all of them who wanted to, "Follow me." That's the invitation that is given to us today -- follow Jesus, be one of his disciples.

If we listen carefully to the readings today, we discover something about what this means to be a disciple of Jesus. First of all, from the first lesson we hear something that is reinforcing what Jesus says at the beginning of Mark's gospel when he invites people to follow him. He says, "Be converted, change your lives," change your lives if you're going to follow Jesus." That means something very radical. In that first lesson, Elisha, who is being invited to follow Elijah the prophet, to be the prophet of God, what does he do?

He takes all of his belongings -- his oxen, his cart, everything he has that sustains him -- he slaughters the oxen to make a feast for his family, he burns the cart that was used to do the plowing, he has a feast, he leaves everything behind and follows. That's exactly what it means to follow Jesus. We have to radically change our way of thinking. St. Paul puts it in one of his letters, "You have to have a revolution in your mind, in your attitudes, how you look upon things if you're going to follow Jesus. Everything is different, so we have to begin to look how to make radical changes in our lives.

A second thing about following Jesus as we hear in the gospel is that it's an urgent call. One of the people who said, "I'll follow, but let me first go back and bury my father," that doesn't mean that his father had died just now and he had to go back and bury him, no, because in the Jewish tradition at the time (and it still holds true), people are buried almost immediately. Well, he was talking about going back to spend the last years with his father and to take over his inheritance, then maybe he would follow Jesus and Jesus says, "No, right now, follow me."

For us the same thing is true. It's an urgent call -- right now, change our lives, commit ourselves to follow Jesus. Another thing that it means is that we don't place our security in material things. It goes against our whole culture in this country of accumulating wealth. "The birds of the air have their nests, the fox have their holes, but he Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." We don't put our security in material things or in earthly power if we follow Jesus.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/peace-pulpit/who-do-people-say-i-am>

REFLECTION FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Kathy Harris Ndouga, Barbara Easterling, Kenard J. Bribson, Keith P. Quarles, Marvin Manassa, Ka'Mysha David, N'Kaih T. Scott -Terrell. Chiedozie Onianwah, Laylah Neal and Margaret E. Darlington and a wonderful wedding anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Frank E, Sr. and Janice M. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Abu, Sr. & Colette Mansaray and Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester and Evelyn Mode.

MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD

BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23/Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20

Monday: Revelation 21:9b-14/Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/John 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18/Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mark 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

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.

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 08/24
St. Bartholomew

Tuesday 08/25
Ss. Louis, Joseph

Wednesday 08/26
Weekday

Thursday 08/27
St. Monica

Friday 08/28
St. Augustine

Saturday 08/29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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
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.stlukesdc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

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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:

“But what about you?” Jesus asked. “Who do you say I am?” Matthew 16:15

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

THE ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS honoring couples celebrating mile-stone wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 2pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. If you would like to register please call the church rectory at 202-58-8322 by September 30, 2020. For more information call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4536 or email visiblesign@adw.org.

CENSUS 2020: 10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES, 10 YEARS OF IMPACT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES: Census data is used to allocate funding for roads, health care, child care, housing, schools. Make a difference today! Take this time to complete your Census 2020 questionnaire. You can choose any one of the three following ways to respond:

1. Online: 2020census.gov **2. By phone:** Call 844-330-2020 for English. You can complete the census by phone in 13 other languages or TDD: 2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html **3. By mail:** Some people will get a census form in the mail to complete by hand. Later, if you haven't responded online or by phone, you will also receive a form in the mail.

SISTERS in the SPIRIT in the Archdiocese of Washington (SIS-ADW) is inviting you to their annual **Triumph of the Cross celebration** on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 10am to 12pm noon. The theme is “*Triumph of the Cross—Unprecedented Times/Unprecedented Faith.*” The keynote speaker is Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu, moderator for SIS-ADW. The free event is virtual and held via zoon (a link to join is sent by completing the registration). A limited number of people may also attend in-person at St. Luke Catholic Church. Face masks are required. For either option registration is required using this link: <https://forms.gle/iyeYvN4CJCbcihwf8> to be completed by Monday, September 7th. For more information contact Cynthia Morris at 202-271-7253 or sistersinthepirit@gmail.com.