

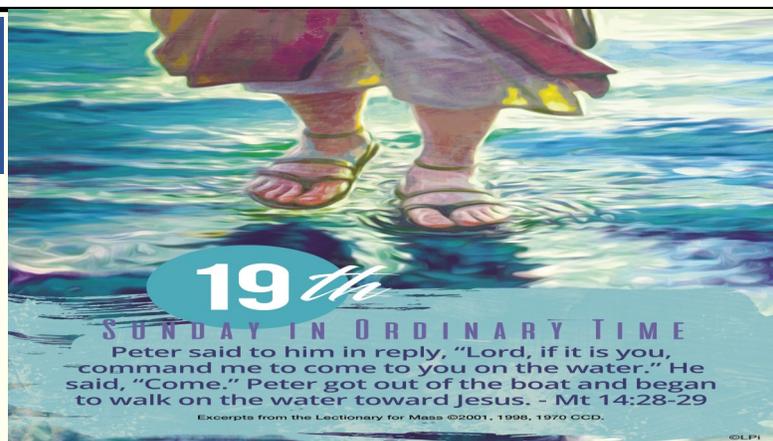
Sunday, August 9, 2020

18th 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

Take Courage

By Maureen McCann Waldron

One thing about **Ignatius**—he had courage. Common sense isn't always apparent in his early life; humility came later, too, and Ignatius grew into his relationship with God, as we all do. But whether it was misdirected or not in his youth, his fearlessness has always been apparent. Maybe because I never feel like I have enough courage, Mark's Gospel about Bartimaeus caught my attention recently. The blind man sits at the side of the road begging until he hears that Jesus is passing by on his way out of town. He puts up a fuss—another thing I am not likely to do. He starts yelling for pity and even when people try to silence him, he continues to yell for Jesus.

But then Jesus realizes someone needs him and tells the crowd to send Bartimaeus over. They say to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." What an amazing thing: Bartimaeus' call to healing starts with the words, "Take courage." He is told to get up and get going—"Jesus is calling."

Some days the idea of Christ calling me makes me want to stay in bed and hide under the covers. What does he want *now*? What kind of hard thing will he ask me to do? Will it be too big or too difficult for me? Take too much courage? Apparently, whining goes hand-in-hand with fear in my prayer life. But it's not just the crowd inviting me to **courage**—it is Jesus, who says it over and over again to his disciples and to me. I can tremble with what Jesus might ask of me.

Will it be to step before hungry lions in the Coliseum, stand in front of the oncoming army of an unjust government, or join with Mother Teresa's sisters in India? OK, probably not. Maybe courage is really the invitation from Jesus to have a big heart. Could it be that Jesus just wants me to live the way he lives—with love and compassion for others—and be unafraid when it comes to speaking up for the poor?

Pope Francis recently suggested to a group of students and teachers that they be magnanimous. He said: *What does it mean to be magnanimous? It means to have a big heart, to have a great spirit; it means to have great ideals, the desire to do great things to respond to that which God asks of us, and exactly this doing of daily things well, all of the daily acts, obligations, encounters with people; doing everyday small things with a big heart open to God and to others.*

So maybe the real call from Christ is simply to live my own life doing the daily things well and doing them with a big heart. Not very dramatic, but challenging. I just need to remember that it is Jesus who is calling me and who is with me. And on the days we want to pull the covers over our heads and stay in bed, we get up and take courage. Jesus is calling us to be healed.

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/take-courage/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Lois Jameson, Vonda Gale, Violet Tinsley,
 James E. Nelson, III, Charles A. Wilson, Jr. ,
 Renee Johnson, Jaylah Neal, Jermaine Hamlin
 and Patricia Davis.**

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

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ezra 2:8—3:4/Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ezra 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday Ezra 12:1-12/Psalms 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ezra 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28. *Day:* Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28

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 08/10
 St. Lawrence**

**Tuesday 08/11
 St. Clare**

**Wednesday 08/12
 St. Jane Frances de
 Chantal**

**Thursday 08/13
 SS. Pontian,
 Hippolytus**

**Friday 08/14
 St. Maximilian**

**Saturday 08/15
 The Assumption of
 the Blessed Virgin
 Mary**

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

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUgPb4HGgIYm9NWkBN7g/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:

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Priscilla M. Hicks on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Viewing at 10:00 am and funeral at 11:00am.

HELP OUR MARRIAGE Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 4th—September 6th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Call (443)400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.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.

You should not be asked to fill out a census form by email, and you will never be asked to provide your social security number, bank account numbers, or other private security information. If you ignore it. That is a scam. There is no citizenship question on the census. The results cannot go to law enforcement, ICE, or your landlord. It is safe and secure.