

Sunday, September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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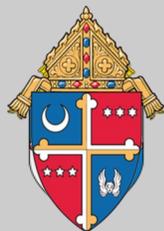
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"Thus, the last
will be first, and
the first will be
last." - Mt 20:16

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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

God's Overflowing Generosity

God is extremely generous with his resources. Psalm 104:10-18 describes God's abundant provision for his creation, including humanity. He waters the earth and gives food to the animals – and blesses men and women as well. 1 Timothy 6:17 encourages us not to put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to “hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” God is gracious to give us not only what we need for sustenance, but to provide for the enjoyment of life.

God's most generous act was to give us his Son as our Savior. Romans 8:31-32 “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” Notice that “God is for us.” There is a misconception among some that if you become a Christian, God will take everything away from you and make your life miserable.

But God demonstrates that he is for us by giving up his own Son on our behalf. Jesus came down from his glorious, heavenly existence to become a human being, to live in our squalid, evil planet as one of us (see 2 Corinthians 8:9). We were living as enemies of God, violating his ways. He did not owe us redemption, only condemnation for our sin. Yet he saved us in an act of incredible generosity. And if God is that generous, this passage of Romans argues, we can certainly trust him to “graciously give us all things” that we need.

Our Generosity Flows from God's Generosity

Our generosity, then, is a response to God's abundant generosity toward us. When we are generous, our lives reflect the heart of God. God uses our generosity to express his own generosity, as he channels his resources through us to bless others. Every act of generosity that you offer someone ultimately points them to God's generosity.

<https://www.pursuegod.org/dont-forget-gods-generosity/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Francis A. Cooper, Constance Young, Chelsea Julienne Njieukam Touani, Ricardo C. Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Westley & Natoshka Faxio Douglas.

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

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020
Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9/Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a
Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9/Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Luke 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ezra 18:25-28/Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

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	Thursday 09/24
Monday 09/21	Weekday
St. Matthew	
	Friday 09/25
Tuesday 09/22	Weekday
Weekday	
	Saturday 09/26
Wednesday 09/23	SS. Cosmas & Damian
St. Pius	

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Barnes | Marita C. Edelin | Dawn Lattimer | Leroy Sandifer | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| Blanche Bourm | Florence M. Fields | Lawrence Lee | Betty Smith | St Luke military families. |
| Barbara Batts | Tina Garvin | Maria A. Logan | Kayla Tatum | |
| Tanisha Bennett | Elizabeth Gillem | Bernadette Mahoney | Rolland Taylor | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Tammy Berry | Florence Hall | Doreene Mahoney | Gloria Thompson-Price | |
| Ruth Bundy | Steve Halle | Barbara Mallory | James F. Thompson, Jr. | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Beatrice Carroll | Chris Hawkins | Doris McCannon | Matthew Thompson | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Charlene Haywood | Alice L. Montague | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Edith Cornish | Brenda Henson | Veronica Murray | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Aniceto Charles | Norma Henson | David Neal | Marquita Ward | |
| Patricia Chase | James Holley | Florence Patterson | Shiela Washington | |
| Valene Chemoo | Rudolph Holley | Marlene Patterson | Steven Washington | |
| Joyce Cristwell | James Hughes | Silvia Perry | Cecelia Williams | |
| Alvera Dance | Melvin Jamison | Lillian Pharms | Wellington Waters | |
| Iyana Davage | Mary Ann Johnson | Kecia Proctor | Dolores Woodard, Jr. | |
| | David & Keisha Jones | Doreene Redd | | |



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

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

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.

Offertory Contributions for 09/13/20: \$

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible quote: Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?"

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2020: The East of the River Fall Revival will be celebrating its 31st Revival at St. Luke Catholic Church at 7pm on Monday, October 5th, 2020. This is a virtual event only. The revivalist will be Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, S.S.J. Please support the Revival by sending a donation to ERRC/St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 East Capitol St. S.E., D.C. 20019 or electronically via St. Luke WEBSITE: <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/> then click on "Fund ERRC". To join the revival live stream please go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/> Or Dial 425-436-6339, Access code 269615. The East of the River Revival will be available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber.

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE : October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: When I Call for Help (http://bit.ly/usccb_dv). If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224(TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you are in immediate danger dial 911.