

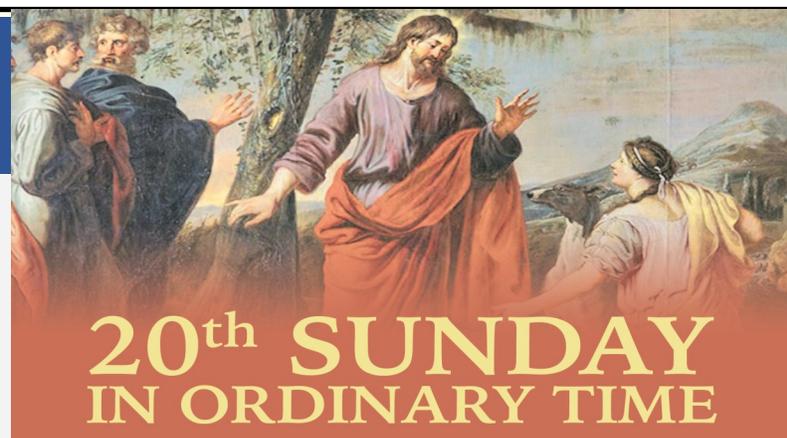
Sunday, August 16, 2020

20th 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

Scraps from the Table

By Ken Collins

One of Jesus' rare excursions into Gentile territory took place near Tyre, a city which is now in Lebanon. A Canaanite woman begs Jesus to heal her little daughter who is possessed by an unclean spirit. Now this is indeed an odd but moving sight. A pagan woman prevailing upon a Jewish rabbi for his services! When people are afflicted with persistent illness, they often try anything to get rid of it. They don't necessarily believe the quackery, it's just that they figure they have nothing to lose, so why not? My grandmother wore copper bracelets for her arthritis in accordance with a then-popular folk cure. She wore them not because they offered any relief, but simply because she figured they couldn't hurt anything and they just might help.

Finally, she stopped wearing them when her doctor convinced her that she had an adverse reaction to the copper. Then she started drinking a mixture of vinegar and honey, which was supposed to do the same thing. It didn't help either, but it didn't hurt anything. So in many cases when desperate people come to Jesus for help, He makes them examine their motives: in effect, He asks them, Do you really believe that I can do this, or am I just another copper bracelet? The longest such discourse we have is in John 11, where Jesus discussed faith at great length with Mary and Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead.

So Jesus asks the Canaanite woman if it is really proper for a Jewish rabbi to give Jewish things to a gentile; in other words, is it proper to take the children's food and give it to the dogs? Was this an offensive question? Of course it was, but probably not as offensive to her ears as to ours. Since Jewish things are meant for Jewish people, and by Jewish standards, non-Jews are not worthy, the metaphor is apt. We are offended today because we are preoccupied with our own innate dignity and worth. In medieval times they were preoccupied with human sin and depravity, but neither preoccupation can validly be read into the first century. The woman would have—and did—see the figure of speech as it was intended.

Incidentally, we know from other passages in the New Testament that Jesus is very observant and probably did not need to ask this question for his own information. So I think that he was really setting His apostles up for a lesson. Jesus was probably staging this discussion and using this exorcism to prepare them for their mission to the gentiles later on. The woman's reply indicated that her request came from faith and not from a spirit of desperate experimentation: Even the dogs eat the children's table scraps. By saying this, the woman shows that she's not just looking for a magic trick; she acknowledged Jesus' standing and authority and the genuineness of His ministry, she acknowledged her own unworthiness to receive it; she prevailed upon His grace.

So Jesus cast the demon out of her daughter. Note in passing that it is the petitioner, not the sick person, who needs to have faith. When we ask things of God, are we bossing around a subordinate? Are we operating a cosmic vending machine? Or are we petitioning the grace of a King, and throwing ourselves upon His mercy? Are we willing to humble ourselves to attain a greater blessing?

We have a lot to learn from the Canaanite woman's style of prayer.

<https://www.kencollins.com/worship/pray-07.htm>

REFLECTION FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Lamont P. Diggs, Sr. , Joan Davis, Sha'mya Davis, Damonte D. Scott-Terrell, Linda Davis, Sharon Nickens, Carolyn Fleming, Brenda Edmond, Melissa Hyde & Monique Williams., Trenita E. Russell and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Paulette Hamlin and to Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Rene Millet.

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

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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.

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

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

Monday: Ezra 24:15-24/Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezra 28:1-10/Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezra 34:1-11/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezra 36:23-28/Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ezra 36:25]/Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezra 37:1-14/Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezra 43:1-7ab/Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Matthew 23:1-12

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 08/17

Weekday

Tuesday 08/18

Weekday

Wednesday 08/19

St. John

Thursday 08/20

St. Bernard

Friday 08/21

St. Pius

Saturday 08/22

The Queenship 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/UCxLUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/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:

"Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment." Matthew 15:28

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 visibleesign@adw.org.

SMALL GROUP 101: Join parish leaders and volunteers for a virtual two part training on how to start and lead a small group in your local community; Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27, from 7:30 until 9:00pm. Whether you lead small groups for adults, young adults, students, or youth, this training will teach you how to create a small group plan, offer respective hospitality, facilitate group conversation, and invite and accompany participants. To register, visit DCCatholic.eventbrite.com. For questions email Anthony Esser at essera@adw.org. ASL interpretation provided. This training is part of a series of webinars hosted by the Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns.

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 re-