

Sunday, September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."
- Mt 18:15

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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

"IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE..."

When you do a Google search for "Conflict Resolution," you come up with 34 million results, everything from Dale Carnegie courses to a video game for children called "Cool School—Where Peace Rules." But long before Dale Carnegie and video games ever came along, we had Matthew 18:15. Often this section of St. Matthew's Gospel is entitled "Fraternal Correction." But a more contemporary title might be "Conflict Resolution." Here Jesus gives his disciples and all of us a very practical lesson on what to do when someone sins against us.

Today's Gospel reading goes into detail on the proper process to follow: First, try to keep it between the two of you. If that doesn't work, bring in two or three witnesses. And if that doesn't work, then refer it to the Church. Beyond this process, however, there is also the matter of attitude, and today's second reading, taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, tells us about the attitude that we should have as we offer another person our friendly correction and/or advice: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

So what do we do when we have a complaint to make, or when we feel that some friendly correction and/or advice is needed? The first thing that we can and really ought to do is to approach the person in question one-on-one. We must try to show the person that we are seriously concerned about the harm that he has done to us, to someone else, or to themselves. "Go and tell him his fault," Jesus tells us, not by announcing it to everyone we know, but by going to him personally and privately, as a friend.

As you reflect on this Gospel passage, does anyone come to mind who needs some fraternal correction and/or advice? If so, then pray that the Lord will give you the courage and wisdom to reach out to that person during this coming week. And if during this coming week someone approaches you with some fraternal correction and/or advice, then pray that the Lord will give you the openness and humility to accept the fraternal correction and/or advice and to ask for that person's forgiveness.

<https://www.missionsandiego.org/if-your-brother-sins-against-you-go-and-tell-him-his-fault-between-you-and-him-alone/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations.

Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Marguerite Simpson, Charles Fantroy, Mavula Kinata Rose, Gabriello K. Deuppi, Jessica C. Thornton and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Gregory & Portia Evans and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Edith Wright.

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

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.

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ezra 33:7-9/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Psalms 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13/Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sirach 27:30—28:7/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Romans 14:7-9/Matthew 18:21-35

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 09/07

Weekday

Thursday 09/10

Weekday

Tuesday 09/08

**The Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

Friday 09/11

Weekday

Wednesday 09/09

St. Peter Claver

Saturday 09/12

**The Most Holy Name
of 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/stluke.stlukesdc/>

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.

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

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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.stlukesdc/> Or Dial 425-436-6339, Access code 269615. The East of the River Revival will be available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/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.

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 zoom (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/iyvYvN4CJCbcihwf8> to be completed by Monday, September 7th. For more information contact Cynthia Morris at 202-271-7253 or sistersnthspirit@gmail.com.