

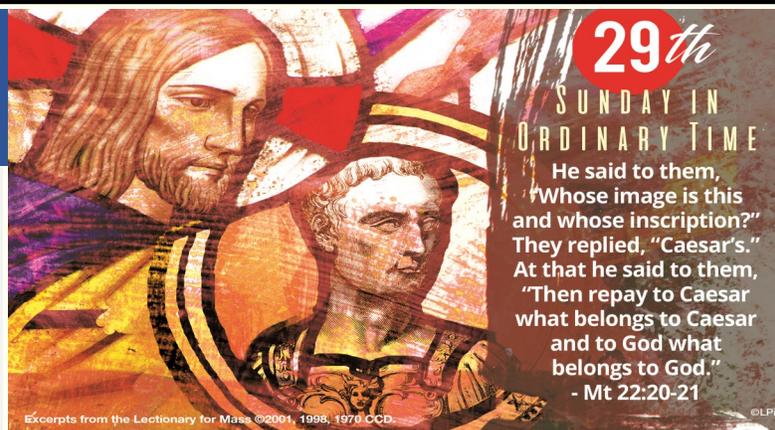
Sunday, October 18, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Pope Francis: 5 Ways to Avoid Being a Hypocrite

When I became an atheist, I was very disillusioned with Christians. My father worked for the Church in some capacity for most of my childhood and this exposed me to wonderful, loving people but also to what I like to call the “underbelly” of the Church. My dissatisfaction with religion was fueled by interactions and models of behavior among some Christians that were nothing like Christ. Now that I wear a veil and am a visible symbol of the Church, I am acutely aware that my sinfulness could push someone away from the faith. I try not to let this awareness cripple me, or push me to act like a Stepford nun, but I do allow it to spur me to desire greater holiness. Pope Francis has spoken a lot about the danger of hypocrisy during his pontificate saying “The sign that we are far from the Lord is hypocrisy.” Here are five pieces of advice from Pope Francis to avoid hypocrisy and grow in holiness.

1. Acknowledge Our Own Faults: Hypocrites often have their fingers pointed at everyone else but him or herself. But the first weapon against hypocrisy is to admit it openly and acknowledge that we are not perfect. Not all of us feel comfortable doing this; it seems that more of us put on a show to some degree to appear more put-together than we actually are. Pope Francis said once in a homily: “Men and women who can’t learn how to acknowledge their own faults become hypocrites. All of them? All of them: starting from the Pope downwards: all of them.”

2. Reach Out, Help Others: A hypocrite is unable to reach beyond his or her own interests, perhaps partly because maintaining a mask, and acting like someone he is not takes up so much energy. Pope Francis says: “Take care of the neighbor: the sick, the poor, the needy, the ignorant ... This is the yardstick. The hypocrites do not know how to do this, they can’t, because they are so full of themselves that they are blind on account of watching others.”

3. Pray with Tears: A person who prays draws closer to the light of God and this dazzling light allows us to see ourselves as we truly are. It is through prayer that we recognize the need to change, to become more like the God who we love. When we allow ourselves to cry, especially in prayer, it shows a level of authenticity and vulnerability that is impossible for the hypocrite who feels the need to maintain a façade of competence and self sufficiency. Pope Francis exhorts us saying: “[Ask for the] gift of tears [so] as to make our prayer and our journey of conversion ever more authentic and without hypocrisy.”

4. Avoid Excessive Formalism: When we fall into hypocrisy, we can put an excessive emphasis on rules, especially the ones we are following. This is not to say that rules are bad, but when a person loves rules more than the Gospel, our faith becomes more about exterior actions rather than exterior behavior *and* interior transformation. Both are necessary. Pope Francis spoke of this when pointing to the sin of “formalism”: “Christian hypocrites [are] only interested in their formalities. It was a Sabbath? No, you cannot do miracles on the Sabbath, the grace of God cannot work on Sabbath days. They close the door to the grace of God. We have so many in the Church, we have many! It is another sin.”

5. Learn the Language of Truth: One sure-fire way to avoid hypocrisy is to speak the truth in all situations. Hypocrites may have no problem pointing out other peoples’ faults but when it comes to self analysis, they are usually lacking. To avoid hypocrisy Pope Francis tells us that truth is essential: “[Hypocrites] do not like the truth. They only like themselves and so they try to deceive and to involve others in their falsehood, in their lying. They have a false heart, they are unable to tell the truth.” Christianity holds a high standard for us all and if we are honest with ourselves, we don’t meet it most of the time. The truth is we are all hypocrites; we desire to avoid sin and yet continue to sin. But it is also true that there is a hypocrisy of degrees, and we can strive to surrender our inconsistent behavior to Jesus to transform it. *Jesus, I give you all within me that is lie, all that fights against the good in me, the person you made me to be. I surrender my hypocrisy to you and ask you to transform it, to make me more like you.*

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/pope-francis-5-ways-to-avoid-being-a-hypocrite>

REFLECTION FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It’s bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God’s kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God’s kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jamir E. Nelson, Ikia O. Nelson, Paulin Eric Deuppi, Stervon West, Mary Robinson, Porcha W. Thompson and Dominique Lewis.

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

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6/Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b/Matthew 22:15-21
Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22/Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6/Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Luke 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26/Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40

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 10/19 SS. John, Isaac & Jagues	Thursday 10/22 St. John Paul II
Tuesday 10/20 St. Paul	Friday 10/23 St. John
Wednesday 10/21 Weekday	Saturday 10/24 St. Anthony

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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.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

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 10/18/20: \$284.52

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible quote:

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

PASTORAL VISIT TO ST. LUKE

Dear parishioners, it is with great joy that I inform you of a scheduled pastoral visit of Archbishop Wilton Gregory to our parish. Date for his visit will be Saturday October 24 at 4:00pm. We will livestream the Mass for those who are unable to attend.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY WEEKEND: Pope Francis reminds us, especially in this year of crisis, that we are personally called to mission—as baptized Catholics -to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten, our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Please respond through prayer and generous sacrifice to the Society for the Propagation of Faith.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER is offering "Personal Retreat Days" on November 20 and December 4 from 8:30 to 4:00pm for \$120. Advance registration is required. Please visit www.ourladyofBethesda.org or call 301-365-0612

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.