

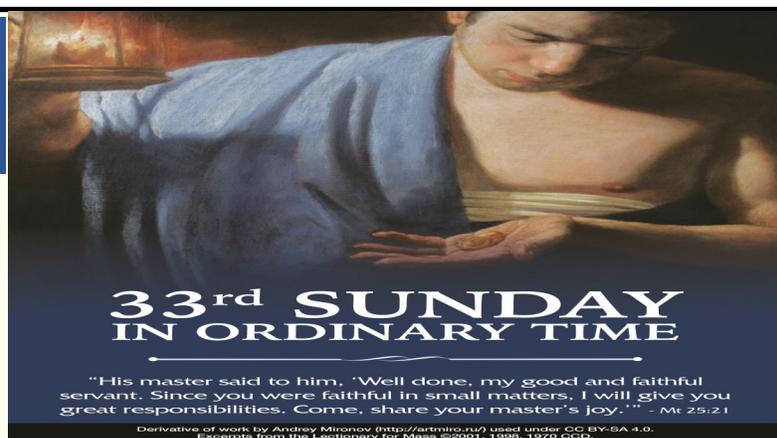
**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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

### Make the Most of Your Talents

BY RICK WARREN

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV). God has given you unique abilities, talents, and gifts. At Saddleback Church, we say they represent a person’s SHAPE: spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences. This bundle of talents is the thing God has given you that makes you who you are and sets you apart from other people.

If you think your talents are simply for you to make a lot of money, retire, and die, you’ve missed the point of your life. God gave you talents to benefit others, not yourself. And God gave other people talents that benefit you. We’re all a part of the body of Christ, and each part matters. There are no insignificant people in the family of God. You are shaped to serve God, and he is testing you to see how you are going to use the talents he gave you.

Whether you are a musician or an accountant, a teacher or a cook, God gave you those abilities to serve others. Today’s verse says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV). You are a manager of the gifts God has given to you. They may be great or small in your eyes, but they matter to God. “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV). When God made you, he made an investment in you, and he expects a return on that investment.

Are you using what he’s given you for the benefit of others to make the world a better place? Or are you just using those talents to benefit yourself? When God gives you a talent, he expects you to use it. It’s like a muscle. If you use it, it will grow. If you don’t, you’ll lose it. If you have a talent but are afraid to use it, or if you get lazy and don’t use it to benefit others, you’re going to lose it.

Like the parable of the 10 talents in Luke 19, if you don’t use what God has given you, he will take it away and give it to someone else who will. But if you use your talents wisely, God will give you more. If you use your time wisely, God will give you more time. If you use your energy wisely, God will give you more energy. If you use your influence wisely, God will increase your influence. God will bless your level of faithfulness.

<https://pastorrick.com/devotional/english/make-the-most-of-your-talents>

### REFLECTION FOR 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God’s greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God’s kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God’s gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus’ blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God’s greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God’s treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God’s picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God’s kingdom, God’s vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is “mine” and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God’s kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God’s most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday Walter Gale, Makay'la Cromwell, Mary D. Jackson, Daphyne Washington, Khiya Martin, and Ashley N. Wilson.

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

## Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

**Sunday:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/  
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/  
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday:** Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Revelation 2:17]/Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Revelation 3:21]/Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Revelation 4:1-11/Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Revelation 5:1-10/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Revelation 5:10]/Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** Revelation 10:8-11/Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Revelation 11:4-12/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Luke 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Ezra 34:11-12, 15-17/Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/Matthew 25:31-46

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 11/16**  
Repose of the soul  
of Renee Isaac Mil-  
let+++

**Tuesday 11/17**  
St. Elizabeth

**Wednesday 11/18**  
Weekday

**Thursday 11/19**  
For the souls of  
purgatory by Beatrice  
& Family

**Friday 11/20**  
Weekday

**Saturday 11/21**  
Repose of the Soul of  
Robert V. Logan, Sr.+++  
by Hilda McDougald

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  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
Florence Hall  
Steve Halle  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Melvin Jamison  
Mary Ann Johnson  
David & Keisha Jones  
Dawn Lattimer  
Lawrence Lee

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/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](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 11/15/20: \$453.83

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Bible quote:

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Matthew 25:21)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**YOUR PERSONAL RETREAT DAY AWAITS YOU:** Upcoming dates are November 20 and December 4. The schedule is from 8:30am-4:00pm. The cost is \$120 per person. There will be one-on-one spiritual direction, continental breakfast and lunch, Mass, Confession & Eucharistic Adoration is included in schedule and private room provided for your personal refuge. Contact [adraley@ourladyofbethesda.org](mailto:adraley@ourladyofbethesda.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Thanksgiving dinner pick-up will be served at St. Luke Catholic Church on Monday, November 23rd from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** may be picked up from St. Luke Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 24 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

**COMMUNITY TURKEY GIVEAWAY:** In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Providence Health System and UCC churches are partnering to provide turkeys for the community. A free turkey drive-thru event will be held on Friday, November 20 at Providence Health System at 1150 Varnum Street, NE at 10:30 am.