

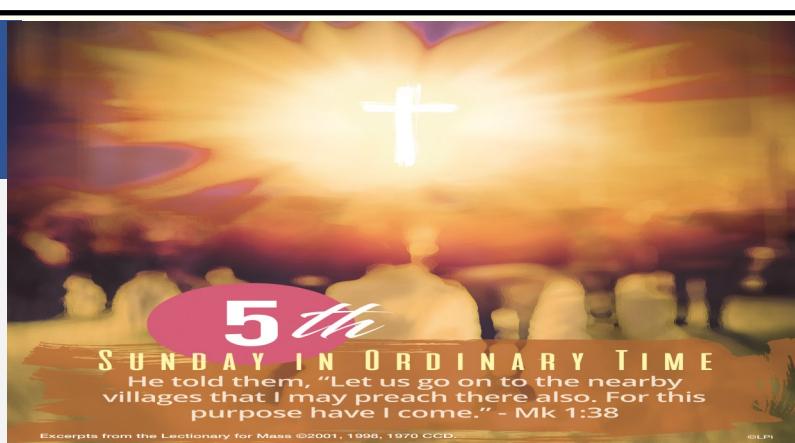
# Sunday, February 7, 2021

5th 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

### PRAYER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

O God of every family on earth, Loving and compassionate God, We come before you in prayer. Unable to fully comprehend the horror of women and men and children

Transported to unknown places  
To be exploited and abused Because  
of greed and profit.

We are people of many creeds, united  
in our sadness and our anger.

We cry out together against the degrading practice of  
human trafficking.

Our hearts are saddened and our  
spirits angry that their dignity and  
rights Are being transgressed  
through threats, deception, and force.

Give us the wisdom and courage to  
stand up against the evil that makes  
it possible For people to buy  
and sell and trade others.

Give us the wisdom and courage to  
stand in solidarity with the victims,  
That together we will find a way To  
the freedom that is your  
gift to all of us.

We pray for it to end.

AMEN

[http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/uploads/1/3/0/4/13041697/prayers\\_to\\_end\\_human\\_trafficking.pdf](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/uploads/1/3/0/4/13041697/prayers_to_end_human_trafficking.pdf)

### REFLECTION FOR

### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**Joseph Thomas, Catrina Glover,**  
**Elizabeth Patterson and Alonzo Jones**  
and a wonderful wedding anniversary to  
**Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Jamallon Owens.**

**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

**Readings for the week of February 7, 2020**

**Sunday:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7/Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/Mark 1:29-39

**Monday:** Genesis 1:1-19/Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Genesis 1:20—2:4a/Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17/Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Genesis 2:18-25/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mark 7:24-30

**Friday:** Genesis 3:1-8/Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Genesis 3:9-24/Psalms 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mark 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/Mark 1:40-45

**WEEKLY MAS**

**Monday 02/08**  
Repose of the soul  
Wardell Washington  
II+++ by Carlita  
McDonald  
Birthday Blessings  
for Elizabeth Patter-  
son by Family (99  
years old)

**Tuesday 02/09**  
Weekday Mass

**Wednesday 02/10**  
St. Scholastica

**Thursday 02/11**  
Our Lady of  
Lourdes

**Friday 02/12**  
Weekday Mass

**Saturday 02/13**  
Birthday Blessings  
for Bernadine Conrad  
By Family

**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.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](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 2/7/2021: \$1,034

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. (1Corinthians 9:22)

**Funeral Mass** for Wardell Washington will take place on Thursday February 11th. Wake is at 10am and Mass of Christian burial will begin at 11am. Please pray for the family.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL:** The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

Please visit <https://give.adw.org> to find our parish and make a gift ahead of the upcoming Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021** for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. More information will follow.

**TAX STATEMENTS** reflecting your offerings for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 are at the back of the church next to the offering booklets. Please call the Rectory with any questions.