

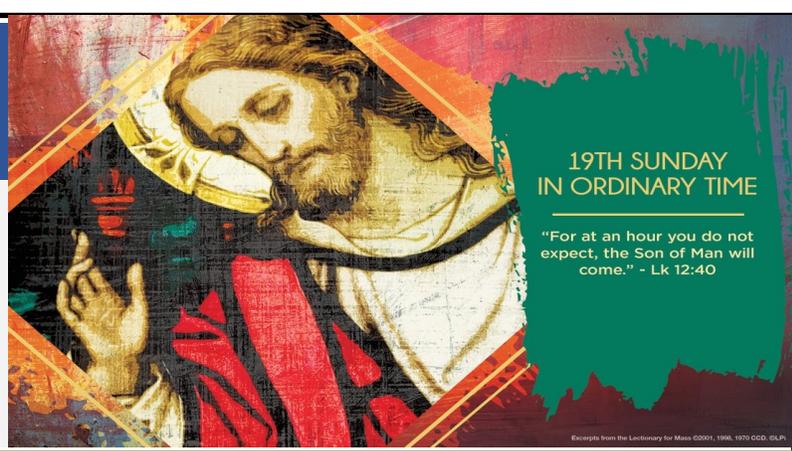
**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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19TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:40

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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 St. Luke Church**

**Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm**

**Holy Hour/ Adoration**

**Every First 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

### What does living by faith mean?

Faith is at the center of our lives as Catholics but what does living by faith truly mean? Living by faith in today's world can be quite a challenge especially because contemporary culture conditions us to value hard facts and accuracy and faith is quite the opposite of these things. Faith requires a certain degree of uncertainty and surrender. It can be quite intimidating when we think about it. Our faith is not something that is limited to religious activities such as mass or when we pray. Our faith should be part of our daily life and identities. We must put it into action and live it in our day to day decisions and activities.

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He wants us to live lives filled with grace, spiritual purpose and growth. However, we all have free will which gives us the freedom to do what we want. This can be tricky because sometimes we are confronted with problems in which the solutions are not clear cut. It is in times of uncertainty that our faith is put to the test. During these difficult moments, we must trust in God to lead us to make the right choices and this is where our living faith comes into the picture.

Practical tips on how we can live by faith

#### 1. Devote time to study God's Word

Living by faith is not about making assumptions based on feelings about what God wants us to do. It involves knowing what He wants for us which is only possible if we commit to diligent study His word and laws. With this said, we must make it a priority to read and study the Bible. Devote regular time each day to read God's Word. You could start by allocating an hour in the morning, a great way to start your day or in the evening right before you go to bed. Don't passively read the Bible verses, take time to reflect upon them and how they apply to your daily life and struggles. There are devotional and Catholic Faith books that can serve as a study guide or can complement your Bible readings.

#### 2. Pray

Prayer lets us communicate with God and seek out His will for us. Some of us only pray when we need something but this should not be the case. We want to keep in touch with our loved ones and it should be the same with God. We can only be mindful of His presence and will for us if we are in constant communication with Him so pray daily. Make prayer a habit by allocating time each day to doing it. The following are some prayer routines that you can do alone or with your family:

#### 3. Think of eternity

To live by faith has a more profound meaning when we put it in the context of eternity. When we are mindful that all of our actions, from the smallest act to any life-changing decisions, will ripple into eternity, we become less self-centered and more focused on the long-term.

It's a common struggle for all of us to integrate the different areas of our lives into one spiritually cohesive whole. For example, it may be easy for us to be kind and forgiving during Sundays when we are surrounded by fellow Christians but it can be very challenging to do this outside the church when we are surrounded by people who are different from us. If we really think about it, our life should not be compartmentalized but, rather, centered wholly on Christ and focused toward eternity. This spiritual outlook should therefore manifest in every bit of our lives. Whenever you are about to make a decision, always start with the end in mind. Don't just think about the here and now but what implications your actions will have on your spiritual journey.

#### 4. Serve others

We strengthen our faith when we put it into action and one way to do this is by serving others. Jesus is a prime example of a servant leader. He led by serving others and shepherding them into a life in God. His death on the cross is the ultimate act of sacrifice and humility. The world will certainly be a much better and more compassionate place if each of us learned to think about others first.

Excerpt culled from [www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/the-meaning-of-living-by-faith/](http://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/the-meaning-of-living-by-faith/)

### REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Vonda Gale, James E. Nelson III, Renee Johnson, Dennita Ferrell, Jaylah Neal, Jermaine Hamlin, Patricia Davis, Darryl Gale, and Charles A. Wilson, Jr.

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

Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

**Sunday:** Wisdom 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**Monday:** Ezra 1:2-5, 24-28c/Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Ezra 2:8—3:4/Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/John 12:24-26

**Thursday:** Ezra 12:1-12/Psalms 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Matthew 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Ezra 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Ezra 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Matthew 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Hebrews 12:1-4/Luke 12:49-53

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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

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 8/8**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Xavier D. Roots+++ by Mildred Roots  
Birthday Blessings for Rhiamhe Enwezor by Family

**Tuesday 8/9**  
St. Teresa

**Wednesday 8/10**  
St. Lawrence

**Thursday 8/11**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Florence Hall+++ by Parish Family

**Friday 8/12**  
St. Jane

**Saturday 8/13**  
God's Blessings and Protection for Karis Felton by Family  
God's blessing and protection for TK Wilson by Wilson Family

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes  
Blanche Bourm  
Barbara Batts  
Tanisha Bennett  
Tammy Berry  
William P. Brown  
Ruth Bundy  
Beatrice Carroll  
Rita Clines  
Melinda Conrad-Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Aniceto Charles  
Patricia Chase  
Valene Chemoo  
Joyce Cristwell  
Alvera Dance

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Anthony Flowers  
Tina Garvin  
Katrina Griffin  
Steve Halle  
Chris Hawkins  
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  
Kathy Ndouga  
David Neal  
Florence Patterson  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Doreene Redd

Corley 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  
Charles Watson, Jr.  
Cecelia Williams

Lois 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)

**First Friday Adoration @ 6:00pm**

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

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**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 7/31/2022:

\$4,907.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day

Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time. -Oswald Chambers

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Florence Hall on August 11, 2022. Viewing at 10:00am and Mass at 11:00am. Please pray for the family.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S FOURTH APPARITION IN AUGUST 1917** The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "**The Blue Army**" Invites you to **Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing** with St. Rafael Healing oil **Saturday, August 13 at 1:00pm** in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770.

**2022 BETHANY BEACH WEEKEND/WEEK FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS** Sept.3 thru Sept. 10 retreat/vacation. Mass Daily w/ Fr. T. Morrow. Includes all meals, Beach chairs, tennis courts—volleyball. One block from the beach. Sponsored by the St. Catherine & St. Lawrence Societies for single Catholics. For ore info. Contact Fr. T. Morro [tgmmorrow1@gmail.com](mailto:tgmmorrow1@gmail.com).

**UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY & STRESS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD WORKSHOP SERIES:** Starts September 8, 2022 Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, the series will run monthly on **Thursday evenings**: Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 2; **each session duration: 7:00-8:30pm** The cost for each session is \$60 per person, or sign up for the entire series for \$300 per person. Come to all or some. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)