

Sunday, October 27, 2019

30th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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: 10:00am

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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 26th	4:00pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (v)	God's Healing Mercy on all our Sick Parishioner	Parish Family
Sunday 27th	8:30am 11:00am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	In Thanksgiving to God for members of our parish family	Parish Family
Monday 28th	10:00am	SS Simon & Jude FEAST	God's blessings and Peace on Ms. Theresa Johnson	Parish Family
Tuesday 29th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	God's blessings and Peace on Ms. Pauline Briscoe	Parish Family
Wednesday 30th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Rev. Joseph Begay+++	Milton Harris
Thursday 31st	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Thanking God for safe delivery of Bridget	Family
Friday 1st	8:00am	All Saints Solemnity	Eternal repose of the souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Pastor's Prayer for Parishioners

Good and gracious God, I come to you praying for those who are members, formally or informally, in the congregation I serve. I pray for the young and the elderly, the sick and healthy, the employed and the unemployed, the happily married and the unhappily married, the active and the semi-active, the veteran saint and the new believer, and the spiritually passionate and the spiritually frustrated. I am aware at this moment of the diverse and divergent life experiences confronting each individual on this day. I pray for those who are at the top of the mountain, experiencing success in their business, stability in their home, growth in their faith, good health, and/or unspeakable joy in their heart. I also pray for those who are currently in the valley of despair, experiencing frustration in their business, anxiety in their home life, Lukewarmness in their faith, mounting concerns with their health, and/or perplexing grief in their soul. I pray for every member of this spiritual family to know the deeper purpose of congregational life, to worship and to serve with faithfulness, to listen and to speak with intentionality, to be honest and to be humble, to be reverent and to be respectful, and to weep and rejoice, privately and together, as needed. Help us as your family to balance those ongoing tasks of reaching out to those outside our family while ministering to each other within the family, so that neither task is lacking.

Help us as your people to work energetically for the common good of your community-yet-under-construction, so that our personal ambitions and our preferential agendas do not derail or defeat your initiatives that are often invisible to the self-absorbed eye. Help us as your church to experience an emerging momentum toward faithfulness, the elation of cheerful giving, the gratification of serving, a growing willingness to make sacrifices, and the inner peace that comes only through your divine presence within. Help us as your children to continually and wisely realign our lives, not conforming to the mirage of pop culture, but always being transformed by the durable and timeless work of Jesus Christ.

Keep us in tune with your Spirit who convicts and comforts, guards and guides, and equips and encourages, and who is working actively to generate good in all circumstances, especially those things that we perceive as devoid of good. Encourage and equip us to be your hands and your feet, your light and your love, and your disciples and your servants in a world that needs authentic witnesses of your love and your mercy. May we receive each day as a gift, and like Jesus, to value relationships above the quest for riches and the preservation of traditions, and to prioritize covenant loyalty above comfort, convenience, and temporary gratification. As you free us to live life to the fullest, make us to be incarnate representatives of your presence and illustrative constituents of your grace, for we pray in the name of the one who came to give us life and life more abundantly. Amen.

Excerpt Culled from <https://baptistnews.com/article/a-pastors-prayer-for-parishioners/#.XbJNs->

REFLECTION FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows.

But something else lurks in his heart: pride. *"O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector."* For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. *"O God, by merciful to me a sinner."* This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who *"went home justified."*

How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
NOVEMBER 2ND**

4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & R. Watson

8:30am Mass
S. Mode & D. Savoy

11:00am Mass
S. Williams & M. Benovil

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
NOVEMBER 2ND**

4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & P. Hamlin

8:30am Mass
L. Washington & C. Holland

11:00am Mass
D. Baker & B. Sweeney

Readings for the Week of October 27th 2019

Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16- 18/Luke 18:9-14
Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/ Luke 6:12-16
Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25/Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30/Psalms 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Luke 13:22-30
Thursday: Romans 8:31b-39/Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30 - 31 [26b]/Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wisdom 3:1-9/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3- 9/John 6:37-40
Next Sunday: Wisdom 11:22—12:2/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2/ Luke 19:1-10

Bible study for the week

2 Maccabees 12:43-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Helen Quarles Dennis Williams, Renee Isaac-Millet,

Barbara Tatum, and

Alliha Ferrell.

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

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$3,196.00

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

320

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

Lamont Diggs , Jr.
Marita C. Edelin
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Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
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Steve Halle
Milton Harris Sr.
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
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James Holley
Rudolph Holley
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Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
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Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Kecia Proctor
James Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
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Gloria Thompson
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Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia Williams
Carrie R. 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 38 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.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY: will be held on Friday November 1st at 10am and 6pm.

THE COMMENMORATION OF ALL SOULS DAY MASS: will be held on Saturday at 10am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HOLY NAME SOCIETY are having their Memorial Mass and brunch on November 17 at the 11:00am Mass followed by a reception in the Hall Tickets are \$10.00 for more information contact Phil Smith at 301-675-6208 or Toni Neal at 202-316-9322.

ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER Get your appetites ready for the pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Ecumenical ministry on Monday, November 25th in the Church Hall.at 6:00pm Food and monetary donations are accepted and there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE SECOND COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2019 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. These priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that will be passed out to you on the weekend of November 2 and 3.

NOVEMBER 2019 PARISH CALANDER

					1 All Saints Day 10 am & 6pm	2 All Soul's Day 10am
3 Sodality meeting @9:30am CWA @12:30pm	4	5 Belly Dance @ 6pm	6	7	8	9
10 Holy Name Society @ 9:30am Igbo Mass@ 1:15	11	12 Belly Dance @6pm	13	14	15	16
17 CWA@ 10:30am Daughters of Isabella @9:50am MEMORIAL MASS 11am CFC Mass @ 1:30pm	18	19 Belly Dance @ 6pm	20	21 Presenta- tion of the Blessed Vir- gin Mary	22	23 SHARE
24 Knights of Columbus @ 9:30am	25 Ecumenical ministry Thanks- giving Dinner 6pm to 8pm	26 Belly Dance @ 6pm Distributions of bags & 10am	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30