

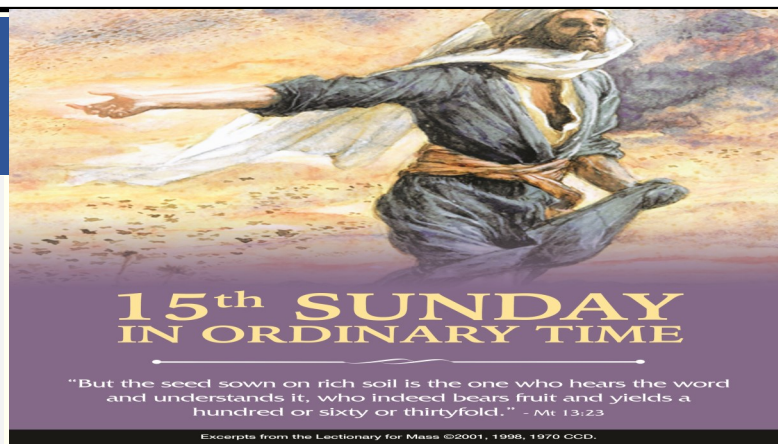
**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

15th 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

## THE GENEROUS SOWER

When I planted seeds for the first time my mother taught me this old proverb (which has many variations):

*One for the mouse*

*One for the crow*

*One to rot*

*And one to grow.*

Of the seeds you plant, maybe one in four will grow, the adage said. Some versions have the wind or the rook taking away seeds as well. I like the idea of the birds and burrowing rodents sharing the abundance, the wind grasping seeds only to drop them into surprising places. I even like the realistic allowance for biological chance - some seeds folding back into earth without the quickening spark to initiate fulfillment of the life cycle.

The Sower is generous, profligate, even. I can't imagine wantonly throwing seed amongst rocks and thorns and pathways. Jesus means to make us laugh. What kind of sower sows with such excess, such uninhibited childish extravagance?

I no longer think of the thorns, the rocks, the pathways, the birds as "others" with us nice Christians as the fertile soil. I embody the infertility, the leaving to chance, the impossibly stubborn thorns, the immutable rocks, the shallow soil, the unprotected ground, the carelessly trodden pathways wide open for winged robbers and burrowing thieves.

But some patches of good rich soil receive the grace the Sower scatters with such playful abandon. And maybe that little bit is enough to multiply one hundred fold. I need not hoard grace - so you birds of the air, you little mice, feed your families, eat your fill. Plenty of grace for all.

~Suzanne

<http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/proper10a.html>

## REFLECTION FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Regina A Rivers, Gloria A. Thompson-Price, Betty D. Gale, William Brown, Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, Kelly Tatum, Syparia Harris, Jewel Martin Leach, Cinque Smith, Sharon M. Lucas-Smith, Byron Wilson, Caitlyn Boatwright, Nadia Ratiff and Gregory Evans and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Serge & Blise Kipepe.

**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

God bless and keep you safe.

## Readings for week of July 12, 2020

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Monday:** Isaiah 1:10-17/Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Matthew 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:1-9/Psalms 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Psalms 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday:** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Micah 2:1-5/Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Matthew 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

EASTS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday 07/13**  
**St. Henry**

**Tuesday 07/14**  
**St. Kateri**

**Wednesday 07/15**  
**St. Bonaventure**

**Thursday 07/16**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Friday 07/17**  
Weekday

**Saturday 07/18**  
St. Camillus de Lellis

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  
Irena Fields  
Florence M. Fields  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
Florence Hall  
Steve Halle  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Norma Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Melvin Jamison  
Mary Ann Johnson

David & Keisha Jones  
Dawn Lattimer  
Lawrence Lee  
Fred Lewis  
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  
Xavier Roots  
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

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.

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

**Bible Quote for the day:** “But blessed are your eyes, because they see,  
and your ears, because they hear ” — Matthew 13:16

**Dear Parishioners, our regular Sunday Masses resumed . We are permitted to have a maximum of 100 persons in our church each Mass. You are welcome to now attend Mass in person with Masks and social distancing.**

**2020 GRADUATES MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** will take place on Sunday July 26th at the 11am Mass. Graduates who will be attending in person, please call the Parish office for notifications.

**FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The 2020 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund is now available. If you are currently enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply to our online application. You can find the online application on our website [www.stlukechurchssj.org](http://www.stlukechurchssj.org) or by requesting the link by emailing [stluke.dc@adw.org](mailto:stluke.dc@adw.org). The deadline to apply is Sunday, July 19, 2020. Please note: There are no paper applications available this year.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES —COVID 19 OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:** Food Distribution—Join Catholic Charities Food Distribution team! We are recruiting a team of volunteers to direct cars through a pickup line to receive a box of food containing frozen proteins and fresh produce for 4 people and a bag containing prepared meals to take home. Distribution typically happens on Friday from 10am – 2pm. Please see this link for the latest details and to sign up: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>

**SHARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Join us on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday at the SHARE Food Warehouse in Landon, MD to assist with the distribution of food. While maintaining safety precautions and social distancing, volunteers will assist senior citizens, load vehicles with food packages, and make sure people get the correct amount of food items. **Lifting 20 to 30 pounds repeatedly may be required and your temperature will be checked when you arrive at the Warehouse. Sign up at** <https://tinyurl.com/ShareWarehouse> .