

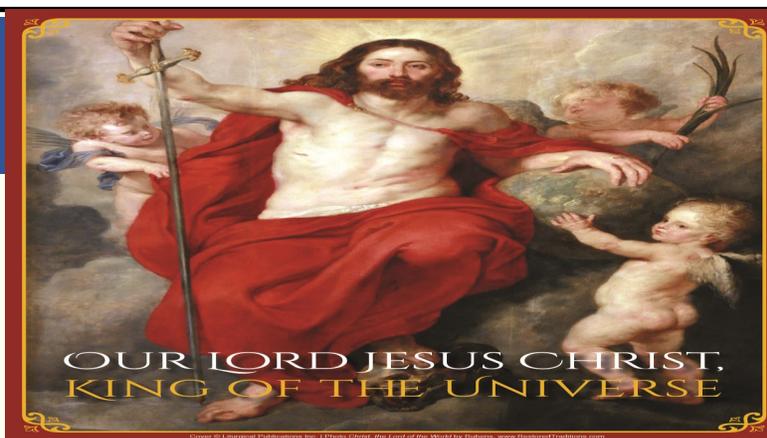
**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**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 Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent. When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always.

But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world. Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingship by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with "civil" law. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth.

At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be! Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all! *Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You.*  
<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2020/11/21/the-solemnity-of-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe/>

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?  
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday Lois Williams, Jamallon Owens, Beatrice Kouemou, Elijah Messiah Grinage, Alvin Hyde, Rita Kitchings, Kara Smith-Onyeukwu and a wonderful wedding anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Chinazor & Charmaine Onianwah.

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

**Readings for the week of November 22, 2020**

**Sunday:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/Matthew 25:31-46  
**Monday:** Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Revelation 14:14-19/Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Revelation 15:1-4/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Revelation 15:3b]/Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Revelation 19:9a]/Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Revelation 21:3b]/Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Revelation 22:1-7/Psalms 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Corinthians 16:22b]/Luke 21:34-36  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Mark

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

<b>Monday 11/23</b> Repose of the soul of James Brisbon+++ by Hilda McDougald	<b>Thursday 11/26</b> Birthday blessings for Emillienne Tchako by Beatrice & Family
<b>Tuesday 11/24</b> Birthday blessings for Beatrice Kouemou by Family	<b>Friday 11/27</b> Repose of the soul of Norma Henson +++ by Sodality
<b>Wednesday 11/25</b> St. Catherine	<b>Saturday 11/28</b> Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	Maria A. Logan	Kayla Tatum	St Luke military families.
Blanche Bourm	Tina Garvin	Bernadette Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	
Barbara Batts	Elizabeth Gillem	Doreene Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price	
Tanisha Bennett	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Tammy Berry	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	
Ruth Bundy	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	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
Beatrice Carroll	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Aniceto Charles	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Steven Washington	
Patricia Chase	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams	
Valene Chemoo	Melvin Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Wellington Waters	
Joyce Cristwell	Mary Ann Johnson	Kecia Proctor	Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
Alvera Dance	David & Keisha Jones	Doreene Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.	
Iyana Davage	Dawn Lattimer	Leroy Sandifer		
	Lawrence Lee	Betty Smith		



## 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 11/22/20: \$622.51

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Bible quote:

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:45-46

**GIVING TUESDAY IS ON DECEMBER 3RD 2020:** Dear parishioners and friends of St. Luke. Every Tuesday after thanksgiving day is giving Tuesday. Our parish will once again participate in this opportunity for fund raising. Please consider sharing the joy of thanksgiving with us by going to [igivecatholic.org](http://igivecatholic.org). Type in St Luke Catholic church (Location– Washington DC) and the golden image of our sanctuary will appear of the right side of your screen. Thanks again for your continued support. May the joy of giving to the Lord be your strength.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER is offering Silent Retreat Weekends (In Person) for Women December 11-13, Men December 18-20. Limited attendance and other safety precautions are in place to maintain a healthy and safe environment. Cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more retreats and links to register on the website [www.ourlayofbethesda.org](http://www.ourlayofbethesda.org).

### COMMUNITY NEWS

SIMPLE HOUSE OF STS. FRANCIS AND ALPHONSUS that is based in Southeast DC encourages any new/expectant mothers, anyone trying to raise and feed their family, people interested in learning more about Christ through Bible studies, anyone struggling with loneliness, etc. please call Ms. Sadie Facile at 605-413-3733.