

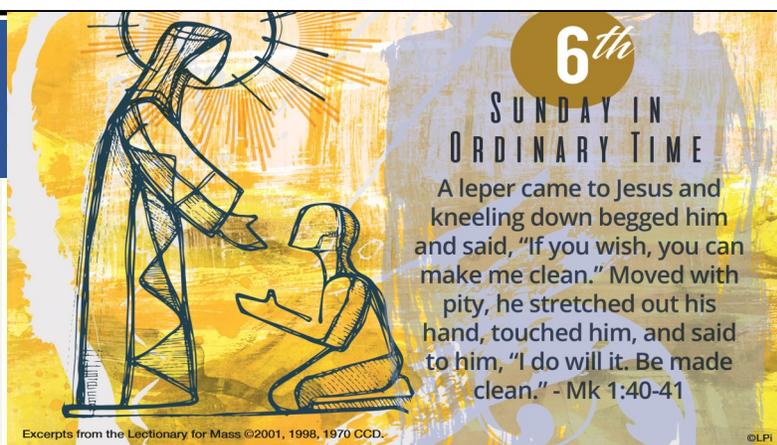
**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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

### "I DO WILL IT. BE MADE CLEAN."

Recent Gospels have shown Jesus in action. When word spread that the "wonder-worker" was in town, people would bring their relatives and friends seeking a cure. Last Sunday we saw how they crowded around the door of Peter and Andrew's house. This Sunday a leper approaches Jesus. Please use your imagination in order to capture the true impact of this scene. First we are given a description of the plight of lepers in the first reading today from the Book of Leviticus. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out: 'Unclean, unclean!'"

Imagined having to live this way. Imagined being shunned by people and having to live apart from others including one's own relatives. It would be impossible to make a living. One would be reduced to begging in order to survive. Try to really put yourself into this man's situation. Try to feel his anguish and despair. Try to experience living without hope. In the Gospel today this leper comes to Jesus and kneels down. He is already breaking the laws of his society. He is supposed to stay apart and announce his uncleanness when he approaches others. He cries out: "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Obviously he has heard about Jesus. Perhaps Jesus had already cured the ten lepers when only one returned and gave thanks. Perhaps someone told him about the wonder-worker. In an instant his life is completely changed: "I do will it. Be made clean." Jesus asks the man not to publicize the event but the man cannot contain himself. I think we can forgive the man his exuberance. I cannot imagine his joy. He is now free. He is now whole. He is accepted into society. He can go about freely. He can earn a living.

He is a good example to us of gratitude. There are many things we take for granted in life. In the midst of complaining about ice and snow, we can be blind to the blessings before us. February 18th we begin the season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to take notice of the blessings in our lives and to live gratitude. Lent is not about self-improvement. It is not about looking good before others. It is not about proving we can give something up. Lent is about appreciating what God is doing for us in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead.

Please decide now what you will do this Lent in order to draw closer to Christ. Let gratitude be your guide. Feel the anguish and isolation of the leper in your own spirit and cry out to Jesus: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus will make you clean if you but recognize where you need cleansing and then call upon Him, recognizing that indeed there is a God and you are not he. May the Lord give you peace.

Rev. James M. McNamara

<https://licatholic.org/i-do-will-it-be-made-clean/>

### REFLECTION FOR

### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday  
to Janice M. Williams,  
Steven B. Quarles, Bernadine Conrad,  
Barbara Batts, Colette Matiki,  
Louise Washington, Christian Quinones, and  
Toni Neal.

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

**Readings for the week of February 14, 2020**

**Sunday:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/Mark 1:40-45  
**Monday:** Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mark 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mark 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18/Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Psalms 40:5a]/Luke 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Isaiah 58:1-9a/Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Matthew 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Isaiah 58:9b-14/Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Luke 5:27-32  
**Next Sunday:** Genesis 9:8-15/Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15

**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

**WEEKLY MAS**

**Monday 02/15**  
**Repose of the**  
**soul of Wardell E.**  
**Washington+++ by**  
**Parish Family**

**Tuesday 02/16**  
**Weekday Mass**

**Wednesday 02/17**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday 02/18**  
**Thursday after Ash**  
**Wednesday**

**Friday 02/19**  
**Friday After Ash**  
**Wednesday**

**Saturday 02/20**  
**Saturday After**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**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/Stations of the Cross 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/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 2/14/2021:

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." (Mark 1:41)

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

(In person and Livestream):

Masses are at 10am and 6pm. Ash distribution @ 12pm-12:30pm- East Capitol side

**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.

**SHELTER HOTLINE!!! ORGANIZATION: UNITED PLANNING ORGANIZATION** : No one should be forced to live out on the street, especially during extreme weather conditions. As DC's one and only provider of transportation services for the homeless, UPO's Shelter Hotline helps bring people without a place to live to local shelters—no matter the time of year. We also provide those in need with clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and other items that can help them feel a bit more comfortable. The Shelter Hotline is staffed by a dedicated team of more than 40 employees, with services offered around the clock from November 1 through March 31 and 8 a.m. to midnight from April 1 through October 31. Concerned community members are encouraged to look out for homeless individuals and families in their neighborhood and call to have them transported to the comfort and care of a nearby facility.  
1-800-535-7252, 202-399-7093 <https://www.upo.org/communitywellness/>

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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