

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"
- Mk 4:39-40

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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 the Martin De Pores Chapel

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

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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

Jesus Calms The Storm Story: The Significance & What We Learn

Reading through the gospels you may come across the story of Jesus calming the storm a couple of times. There is a lot within this story that we can learn and apply to our own lives. Why is Jesus calming the storm important? The story of Jesus calming the storms shows us God is with us even when we do not realize it. Jesus is in control. He is with us in the storms. The story of Jesus calming the storm is found in Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:22-25. They are all accounts of the same story but give us different perspectives on what was going on. They all encourage us today in our walk with Christ.

Jesus Calms The Storm: This story starts after Jesus had preached to a crowd gets in a boat the disciples follow him and Jesus says that they will go to the other side of the lake. The disciples are simply following Jesus wherever he goes. As they traveled across the sea of Galilee a great windstorm occurred that there was water coming into their boat. While this was going on Jesus was asleep in the stern. The disciples proceeded to wake up Jesus and tell him what was going on.

They wake him up letting him know they are in danger and perishing because of the storm. Jesus then gets up and rebukes the wind and the waves and they stop. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?" The disciples are amazed but then Jesus asks them where their faith is. The disciples are afraid and wonder who could control the wind and the waves.

Before the disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee the disciples heard Jesus teach about the kingdom of God through parables and even heal people. Following their adventure on the sea of Galilee, they land in Gerasenes heals a man with a demon. Throughout these passages, they got to see a lot of what Jesus was doing during his earthly ministry and saw his power demonstrated, but still had little faith. When Jesus died and rose again, they then saw and realized that Jesus is the Messiah, who is fully God and fully man.

The Significance Of The Story: This story has a lot of importance for us today. It is incredible to see the peace that Jesus had in this situation and the complete turmoil that the disciples were in. Jesus was at peace and not worried about the storm around them. There was no reason for the disciples to be afraid. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. The wind and the waves that surrounded the disciples were huge and scared all on board except Jesus.

We know that Jesus knew what was going on from the beginning because he reprimanded the disciples for their lack of faith. They did not trust in Jesus and all he could and would do. At that moment, the disciples had more fear of the storm than trust in God. This story highlights some key components in our walk with Christ. There are trials that we come against, but we must trust in God and His sovereignty over the situation. Both the disciples and we who read this story today can learn from this story the significance of our faith in Jesus in times of trial and can grow in our confidence in the fact that God is in control, and we can trust in him.

Excerpt culled from <https://justdisciple.com/jesus-storm-calm/>

REFLECTION FOR TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Brenyce Sweeney, Lucy Johnson and Odile Ngonsambi & a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony and Kimbolyn Flowers and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Tajuana Hyde.

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

Readings for week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Job 38:1, 8-11/ Psalms 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Mark 4:35-41

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9/Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: Genesis 13:2, 5-18/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: *Vigil:* Jeremiah 1:4-10/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Peter 1:8-12/Luke 1:5-17

Day: Isaiah 49:1-6/Psalms 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15/Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Matthew 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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 MASS

Monday 06/21
Thanksgiving to God for His Mercies and love by Theresa Odionyenma and family

Thursday 06/24
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday 06/22
SS. Paulinus, John & Thomas More

Friday 06/25
Weekday

Wednesday 06/23
Weekday

Saturday 06/26
Weekday

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)

First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm

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

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

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH AND THE EUCHARIST

Dear parishioners, I would like to welcome you back to your home (God's dwelling place). The past year and half have been difficult, challenging and shocking. It has also been a period of blessing; for we are still alive in the land of the living. So we (St. Luke faithful's) are thankful to the Lord for his blessings and protection. Now that many of us have been fully vaccinated (hopefully you have), we are invited back to our church to physically worship together. Truth be told, I miss your presence deeply and we miss seeing each other, praying for one another and supporting others. As you make the decision to return, please call your neighbors and encourage them to do likewise. We promise to keep observing the guidelines and best practices that would help us gather without incidence. I pray that God would protect us all and grant us His grace and mercy.

I am longing to have you back to share your warmth, joy and passion for the Kingdom.

PS: Fr. Cornelius loves you.

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchsj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 06/20/ 2021:

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

"Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad, and that's why I call you dad, because you are so special to me. You taught me the game and you taught me how to play it right."

- Wade Boggs

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL OF INNOCENCIO QUINONES: will take place on Friday June 25th. Viewing will begin at 9am. Mass will start at 11am. Please pray for his family.

GRADUATION MASS this Sunday , June 27, 2021 at 11:00am: Please contact the rectory to let us know about the graduates in your family by Wednesday, June 23rd at 4:00pm. Thank you

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MT. OLIVET CEMETERY IS HIRING: The position title is Counselor (Family Assistance, Customer Service). Work hours are 40 hours a week. Minimal educational requirements is a high school diploma or GED; valid driver's license. You may get more information at the St. Luke Rectory (Secretary) 202-584-8322 or Mt. Olivet Cemetery at (202)399-3000.

ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION: On June 27, 2021 we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which among supporting the Universal Church includes helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his works that benefits our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppressions and disasters.