

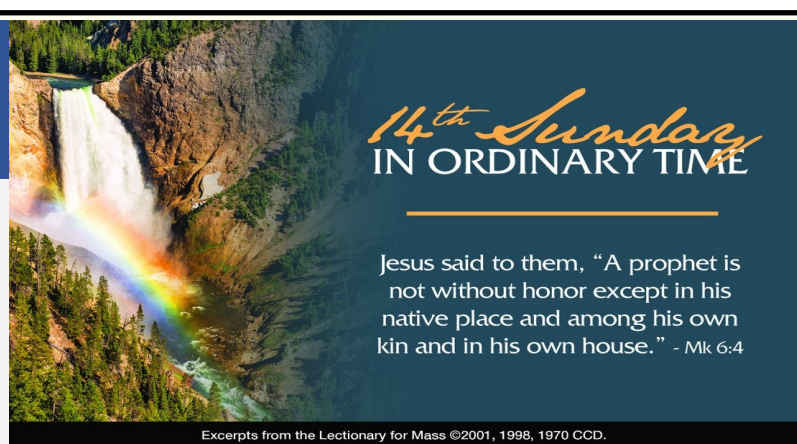
**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**ST. LUKE**

**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 & 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

### Familiarity Breeds Contempt

by Rev. Fr. Chidiebere Asogwa

Part of our problems as human beings is that often we do not know the value of what we have until we lose it. Consequently we are times take certain treasures for granted. In today's gospel, Jesus laments, "no prophet is acceptable in his own country."

His countrymen rejected Him because Jesus had become too familiar and or common for them. The same thing happened in the first reading where Naaman, a leper and a Commander of the Syria army refused to wash in the Jordan seven times because the Jordan water was too common for him compared to Abana and Pharpar.

Now what was the implication for both Naaman and the people of Nazareth? There was no healing for Naaman until he obeyed the words of Elisha, the prophet. Equally there was no miracle for the people of Nazareth because they disregarded the presence of Christ, having stayed long with Him.

Besides, our God is simple. He operates with simplicity. He made Christ, the simple Nazarene the Messiah. That was the confusion His people had. In the first reading, Elisha the prophet asked Naaman to do a simple exercise and be healed. Naaman needed a foreign or complicated style of healing. We need only to obey God through His **representatives** and do those little and simple things recommended for us Christians.

<https://www.nsuukcatholicdiocese.org/9-3-2015.html>

### REFLECTION FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Delores Woodard, Christine Tolson, Tracy Tatum, Peggy Wines, Taylor Boatwright, London Warner, Sharand Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest & Sunday Glover-Cox..

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

**Readings for week of July 4, 2021**

**Sunday:** Ezra 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Corinthians 12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6a  
**Monday:** Genesis 28:10-22a/Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Matthew 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 32:23-33/Psalms 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Matthew 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Matthew 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Matthew 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Matthew 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Psalms 69:33]/Matthew 10:24-33  
**Next Sunday:** Amos 7:12-15/Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mark 6:7-13

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 7/05**  
SS. Anthony & Elizabeth

**Tuesday 7/06**  
St. Maria

**Wednesday 7/07**  
Weekday

**Thursday 07/08**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Inocencio Quinones+++ by Hilda McDougald

**Friday 07/09**  
St. Augustine

**Saturday 07/10**  
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.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 07/04/ 2021: \$6,023.36

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

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### 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.

**ST. MARY'S 146th ANNUAL BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER and FAIR** on Saturday, July 31st. The time is from noon to 6pm, or until sold out. Carry Outs Only are \$16, No Indoor Dining. There is a Jousting Tournament from 1-4pm, which is free to spectators. There will also be a snack bar, baked goods, crafts, country store and more. Phone 301-972-8660.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**MOORE EQUITY IN MENTAL HEALTH 5K Run/Walk/Roll** in your community to help raise awareness for mental health inequities facing Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) youth and to honor the staunch mental health equity advocate, Bebe Moore Campbell. Registration is FREE and open to the public. Visit <http://psychiatry.org/5k> to register today. All individuals who personally fundraise \$100 or more will receive official event items based on impact tier reached. Visit <http://psychiatry.org/5k> to set up an individual fundraising page or to setup/join a fundraising team. The virtual walk takes place on Saturday, July 10, 2021 beginning at noon.