

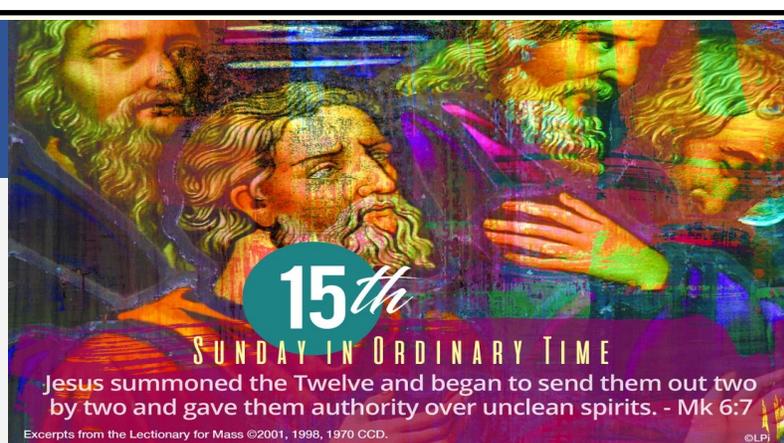
**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

Fifteenth 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 & 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

### Take Nothing For The Journey

There is, at least for us contemporary readers whose lives have been formed in the so-called “developed world,” an unmistakable note of hyperbole in the gospels. It seems unrealistic and extreme to us that when Jesus sends out his disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God, he would command them to take nothing for the journey and for their work. When we look at our lives and our works as disciples of Jesus, we are well aware that we not only have walking sticks, sacks, food, money, and more than one tunic, we now have institutions, trust funds, corporate structures and even stock portfolios that allow us to serve others and to proclaim the Kingdom of God in a way that our societies permit and value.

To see ourselves above all as disciples of Jesus and brothers and sisters of the peoples of the world requires us, then, to wrestle with the meaning of Jesus’ words to his disciples and to try to hear, realistically, what they are asking of us. At the personal level, I have pretty much every technological tool that I would want to facilitate my access to information and my ability to communicate. I am always discovering, however, that these tools are a two-edged sword.

While they so expand that access to information and my facility in producing documents, they do little for my capacity to think about and reflect on that information and to contemplate God’s vision of life and world. Because I can now see more of what is happening in the world, I often get absorbed in such a way that the eternal nature of the “now” is lost to me. As the breadth of my being informed expands, its depth diminishes. This results in a decrease in the quality of my presence to and appraisal of the present moment in faith.

I increasingly struggle with the tension that as the quantity of the information which I am able to access increases, my human and faithful presence and appraisal of its meaning decreases. The disciples are sent out by Jesus with “power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases” but not with a well developed theology, ecclesiology, or catechesis. They are to go unencumbered because they are not to be distracted by taking care of themselves or their things, but rather they are to be fully present to the other and to the presence and call of the Divine which will manifest itself to the one who is empty enough to receive it.

Excerpt culled from <https://xaverianbrothers.org/2019/09/25/take-nothing-for-the-journey/>

### REFLECTION FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That’s how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That’s the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that’s not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there’s a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the “road less traveled.” Imagine those first disciples going out and into people’s homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God’s kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God’s vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That’s a risk God asks us to take.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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

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

**Readings for week of July 11 , 2021**

**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  
**Monday:** Exodus 1:8-14, 22/Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Matthew 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 2:1-15a/Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/Psalms 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Exodus 3:13-20/Psalms 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Matthew 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Exodus 11:10—12:14/Psalms 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Matthew 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Exodus 12:37-42/Psalms 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Matthew 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 23:1-6/Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 2:13-18/Mark 6:30-34

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 7/12**  
Weekday

**Tuesday 7/13**  
St. Henry

**Wednesday 7/14**  
St. Kateri

**Thursday 07/15**  
Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, DC

God's blessings and protection for Khalil Murchison by Daughters of Isabella

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

**Saturday 07/17**  
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 07/11/ 2021: \$3,710.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

**He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. (Mark 6:8)**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**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.

**PERSONAL RETREAT DAY:** Your personal retreat day awaits on Friday, July 23 and Friday, August 27. Schedule 8:30-4:00pm; optional time for one on one spiritual direction, continental breakfast and lunch, Mass, confession and Eucharistic adoration included in schedule, private room for your personal refuge. Go to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center at [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).

**ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY:** They are offerings quick pace, jam packed series of evening courses that will introduce you to the content of the first four quarters of the Encounter School of Ministry: Identify, Prophetic Ministry, Physical Healing and Inner Healing. You will be equipped and activated to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in your sphere of influence. All courses are in conformity with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Visit <https://encounterministries.us/endorsements> for a full list of diocesan support. The location and time is 20501 Goshen Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20879. July 19-22 6:30-9:30p.m. For need based scholarships or financial assistance, please email [dc@encounterschool.org](mailto:dc@encounterschool.org) or call 301-990-2081.