

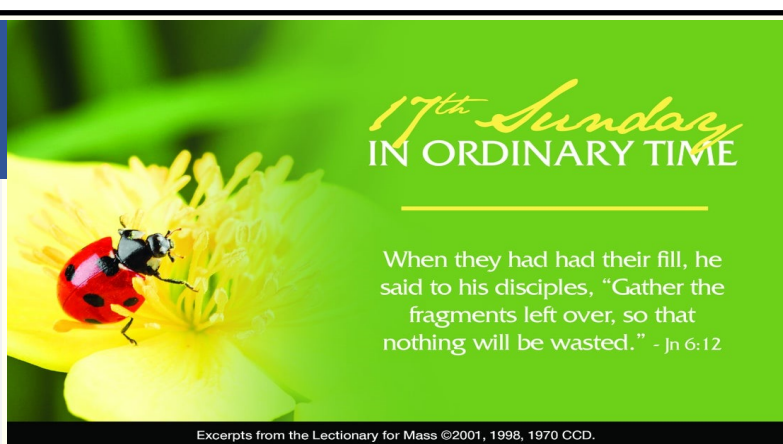
Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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ST. LUKE

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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

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

<https://adw.org/event/mass-for-the-first-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

REFLECTION FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed.

They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways!

Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed! Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to .Beverly P. Russell, Mary Curtis, Zorbari

Pianwi, Rita Taylor, Alain Mansaray, Dominique Johnson, Mary Woodward, Bill Alston, Carolyn Alston, Pnsca Amah, Darius Ratiff, Xavier Glover, Brenna Ratiff, and Jasmine Smith.

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

Readings for week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44/Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Ephesians 4:1-6/John 6:1-15
Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Psalms 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35/Psalms 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38/Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
Friday: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Psalms 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Matthew 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15/Psalms 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Ephesians 4:17, 20-24/John 6:24-35

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 7/26
Eternal repose of the soul of George Dugue+++ by Hilda McDougald

Thursday 07/29
God's protection and blessings for Sister Anne Marie Schriener, DC

Tuesday 7/27
Weekday

Friday 07/30
St. Peter

Wednesday 7/28
Weekday

Saturday 07/31
St. Ignatius

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
 Kimbolyn Flowers
 Anthony Flowers
 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 07/25/ 2021: \$2,904.50

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.” John 6:12-13

Mass of Christian Burial: for Steven Brooks will take place on Friday July 30th. Viewing is at 10am and mass will begin at 11am. Please pray for the family.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SUNDAY STEAK DINNERS at 12:30 on every third Sunday with Council 4076 The Knights of Columbus located in Forestville, MD. You can get a complete Steak or Salmon dinner for \$10/Adult \$5/Children. Cook or your own steak or salmon to your likings on the grill, along with fixins and desert. So come out and fellowship with Catholics from other neighboring parishes. For more information contact Diane Smith 240/735-8855.

PROVIDENCE 160TH CELEBRATION Events: Monday, August 2, 2021– Grand Opening of the new Providence Diagnostic Imaging Center– inside Providence UCC– 10 to 11am. Saturday, August, 7, 2021– Providence 160th Anniversary Celebration– Mass in the Crypt Church at the Basilica– 9-10:15am– Anniversary Ceremony– Providence parking lot C– 11-12pm. There will also be a Provider Showcase, Health Screenings/COVID-19 Vaccine, Food, Music, and Community Activities from 12-2pm. — Providence Health System, 1150 Varnum Street N.E. D.C. 20017