

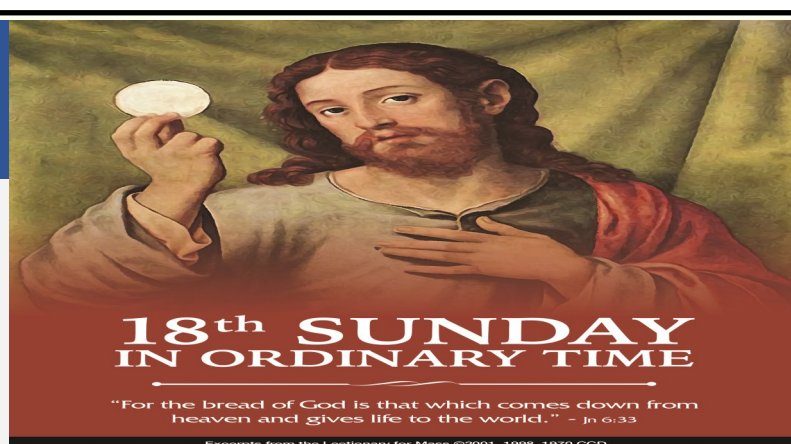
Sunday, August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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

Seek Jesus for the right reason: Desire eternal food, not temporal food.

Jesus confronts the multitude (John 6:26): “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.” He means that they had missed the true significance of the miracle that He had just performed. Rightly understood, the miracle of the loaves and fish should have turned them to Christ as their Messiah, who could satisfy their spiritual hunger for time and eternity. But, as one commentator put it (Lange, cited by F. Godet, *Commentary on the Gospel of John* [Zondervan], 2:18), “Instead of seeing in the bread the sign, they had seen in the sign only the bread.” Their minds were on the temporal and material, rather than on the eternal and spiritual.

They wanted their stomachs filled, but they weren't seeking Jesus for eternal life. They had no sense of their sin or their need to be reconciled to the holy God. They sought Jesus only for what He could do for them materially. Jesus' words here obviously refute the popular heresy that it is God's will for every Christian to be financially prosperous. The false teachers who promote this damnable teaching are preying on people's greed. Sadly, this teaching is rampant in many poor countries, as well as in the United States.

It deceives people into thinking that their real need is more money, when in fact their real need is the eternal life that Jesus offers. So, Jesus becomes Aladdin's Genie to help you get what you want out of life. But He isn't the Savior from sin, who satisfies your soul whether you are rich or poor, living in a nice home or locked up in a cold prison cell.

So Jesus exhorts (6:27), “Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” Jesus doesn't mean that you should quit your job and take a vow of poverty. The Bible commends hard work and commands us to provide adequately for our families (Col. 3:23; 1 Tim. 5:8). It does not condemn having earthly riches, although it does warn about the dangers of riches (1 Tim. 6:8-10, 17-19).

Culled from <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-33-seeking-jesus-rightly-john-622-36>

REFLECTION FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Bobby Glover, Jr. and Karen Brown.

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

Readings for week of August 1, 2021

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
Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15/Psalms 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13/Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Psalms 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Peter 1:16-19/Mark 9:2-10
Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13/Psalms 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mark 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:4-8/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Ephesians 4:30—5:2/John 6:41-51

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 08/02
 Eternal repose of the soul of Calvin Wallace Thompson+++ by Parish Family
Tuesday 08/03
 Weekday
Wednesday 08/04
 St. John

Thursday 08/05
 Eternal repose of the soul of Paulette Cannon+++ by Janice Townsend
 Eternal repose of the soul of Susie & Frank McDougald+++ by Family
Friday 08/06
 The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday 08/07
 SS. Sixtus II, Cajetan

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	Dawn Lattimer	Leroy Sandifer	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Blanche Bourm	Kimbolyn Flowers	Lawrence Lee	Betty Smith	
Barbara Batts	Anthony Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Kayla Tatum	
Tanisha Bennett	Tina Garvin	Bernadette Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	St Luke military families.
Tammy Berry	Elizabeth Gillem	Doreene Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price	
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	James F. Thompson, Jr.	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Patricia Chase	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Valene Chemoo	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Joyce Cristwell	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Steven Washington	
Alvera Dance	Melvin Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Cecelia Williams	
Iyana Davage	Mary Ann Johnson	Kecia Proctor	Wellington Waters	
	David & Keisha Jones	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.	



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 08/01/2021: \$ 4,484.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. John 6:25-26

Mass of Christian Burial: for Calvin Wallace Thompson will take place on Monday, August 1, 2021. Viewing is at 10am and mass will begin at 11am. Please pray for the family.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASSES HAVE RESUMED AT MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY: 2nd Saturday every month in the Chapel at 9:30am, Rev. Everett Pearson, Celebrant. All are welcome: August 14, September 11, October 9, September 13 and December 11.

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. 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.