

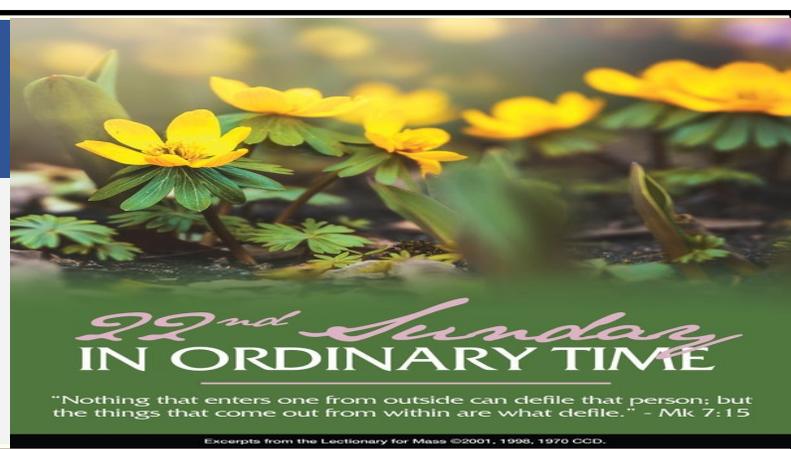
Sunday, August 29 , 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

What Defiles a Man

Jesus uses the opportunity the pharisees and scribes have brought about to relay a spiritual truth to everyone. It says He “called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them: Listen to Me, all of you, and understand. Everything Jesus says is important, but when He calls everyone together to tell them something, you can be sure that it’s REALLY important. You can be sure He’s about to say something very key. **“There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”**”

Jesus’ point is that the physical doesn’t corrupt the spiritual. In the immediate context, He’s also saying that the ceremony of washing hands won’t cleanse the heart. In hindsight, Mark (written under the authority of Peter) attests to the fact that foods previously outlawed in the Levitical covenant are now being declared clean and ok to eat. This wasn’t realized till Peter’s vision in Acts chapter 10, but Mark recognizes that the precedent was set here.

Like the pharisees, the disciples have some trouble understanding this principle, and so when they leave the crowds they ask him about what He meant- they also would have understood defilement as something that comes from the outside. Jesus points out that food doesn’t go to the heart, but to the stomach where it is digested and then expelled. He is again driving the point home that what is outside doesn’t defile what is inside. All the evil deeds committed by people- all their evil words and actions are committed because they start in the heart and then come out. Jesus goes through a list of some of the evils similar to the list of the deeds of the flesh in Galatians chapter 5.

What Proceeds Out of a Man: Evil thoughts. This is from the Greek words *kakos* and *dialogismos* and could be defined as an evil calculation or a plotting. Next is *porneiai*; this is sexual immorality of any kind, any deviance from what God has decreed as proper. *Phonos*- murdering. *Mochieia*- adultery. *Plenonexia*- desiring or lusting after material things. It’s actually literally desiring “numerically more”. *Dolos* is deceit. *Aselgia* is lewdness. *Aphthalmos* is literally “the eye”. This is envy. *Blasphemia* could be translated as slander but also includes blasphemy and any other improper speech.

Uperephania is an unrighteous pride that sees others as lower than oneself. And finally, *aphrosune*, which could be translated as “senselessness”. These are the things that come out of us. We do not exercise these evils because of surrounding influences, we exercise these because they are already in our hearts. **“All these things proceed from within and defile a man”**. In the defiling of individuals, we also experience the defiling of a society. This is evident in our own society in the fact that we would be arguing with many people whether or not everything in this list is even wrong. Or for that matter, whether there is such a thing as wrong.

Culled from https://gracebibleny.org/what_defiles_man_mark_7

REFLECTION FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Kathy Harris Ndouga, Kayla Tatum, and Louis A. Ratiff. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Paulin Eric Deuppi & Christelle Mildre Makoulo Soph .

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

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Psalms 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8/Psalms 52:10, 11 [10]/Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14/Psalms 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23/Psalms 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37

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 08/30
Weekday

Tuesday 08/31
Weekday

Wednesday 09/01
World Day of Prayer
for Care of Creation

Thursday 09/02
Thanksgiving for 15
year Anniversary for
Cancer Free by Bernadine Conrad

Friday 09/03
St. Gregory the Great

Saturday 09/04
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
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
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 08/22/2021: \$ 4,030

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

“Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. Mark 7:14-15

BOOK BAG DRIVE AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Those who would like to donate any school supplies or book bags may bring them to the church or the rectory until the 2nd week in September. Thank you in advance.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT—20TH ANNIVERSARY: Triumph of the Cross Celebration on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10am to 3pm. Keynote speaker is Dr. Diana Hayes, Emerita Professor, Systematic Technology, Georgetown University. Deadline for registration is September 7, 2021 Contact Cynthia Morris at sistersinthspirit@gmail.com

STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVE: MARRIAGE RENEWAL WORKSHOP: A Christ centered marriage renewal workshop; perfect for marriage or engaged couples; facilitated by an expert team of Catholic therapists. October 9-10, 2021. Call Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center 301-365-0612.