

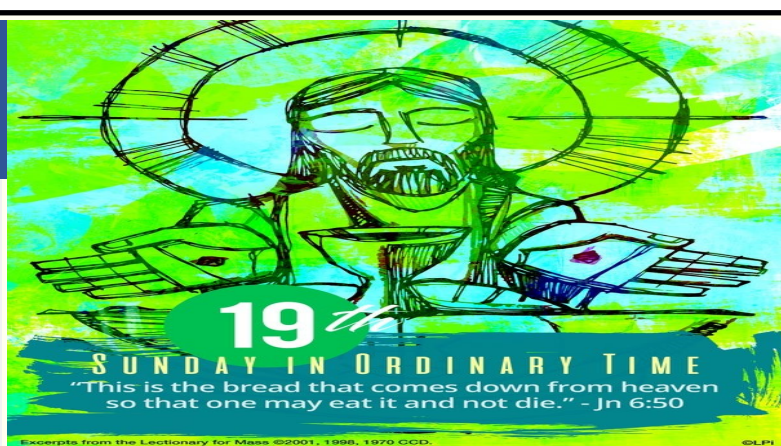
Sunday, August 8 , 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

JESUS SATISFIES THE DEEPEST HUNGER OF OUR SOULS

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” — John 6:35, ESV

About ten years ago, I volunteered to take a hike with some friends. We were at a state park and there were lots of trails we could use, so we agreed to hike on a trail that was a little less than three miles long. Unfortunately, we must have been relying on incorrect information, or maybe we took a wrong turn, but when we finally made it back, we had hiked over ten miles. As you might guess, we returned hungry. In that moment, you could have served me just about anything and I think I would have eaten it.

Our souls are hungry and they definitely crave fulfillment. What are our souls hungry for and how are we trying to fulfill those cravings?

- **Comfort:** We seek comfort in routines, familiar places, and hopeful promises.
- **Safety:** We seek safety in forms of defense and protection.
- **Provision:** We seek provision through resources we acquire or are given.
- **Significance:** We seek significance through service, achievements, and approval.
- **Love:** We seek love through relationships.
- **Acceptance and Belonging:** We seek acceptance and belonging through the ways in which we're treated or perceived by others.
- **Growth:** We seek growth through challenges and investments that are made in us.
- **Health:** We seek health through the care of our body, emotions, and relationships.

It's not wrong to hunger for any one of these things, but Jesus knows that our attempts to fulfill these cravings through material means will fall short and leave us feeling dejected. He is the bread of life. He is living water. He alone can satisfy the cravings of our hearts on the deepest level possible without leaving us disappointed.

In Christ, we find ultimate comfort, safety, provision, significance, love, acceptance, belonging, growth, and health. This is what Jesus was attempting to explain to those who were speaking with Him. This is also what He's trying to convey to us right now. Our hungry and thirsty hearts will find everything we ultimately need in Him.

Excerpt culled from <https://desirejesus.com/blog/2019/11/3/jesus-said-i-am-the-bread-of-life>

REFLECTION FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present.

To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent!

It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special. The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance.

All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Vonda Gale, Violet Tinsley, James E. Nelson III, Charles A. Wilson, Jr., Renee Johnson, Dennita Ferrell, Jaylah Neal, Jermaine Hamlin, Patricia Davis, Darryl Gale and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Gregory & Portia Evans.

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

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

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
Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/John 12:24-26
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Psalms 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday: Joshua 24:1-13/Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29/Psalms 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Matthew 19:13-15
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28 *Day:* Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

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 08/09
 Eternal repose of the soul of Deacon Joseph Conrad+++ by Family
Thursday 08/12
 Eternal repose of the soul of Edward Earl Dorris+++ by Janice Townsend
Tuesday 08/10
 Eternal repose of the souls of Jayda Armani Reed Ford and McKenzie Myers Horn+++ by Parish Family

Wednesday 08/11
 St. Clare
Thursday 08/12
 Eternal repose of the soul of Elizabeth Gilen+++ by Parish Family
Friday 08/13
 St. Pontian
Saturday 08/14
 St. Maximilian

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



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:

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:7:8

Funeral Service for Jayda Armani Reed Ford and McKenzie Myers Horn will take place on August 10, 2021.

Viewing is at 10am and service will begin at 11am. Please pray for the families.

Mass of Christin Burial: for Elizabeth Gillem will take place on August 12, 2021. Viewing 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.

COME AND SEE: Looking for ways to grow close to Jesus and learn more about your Faith? The TASTE PROGRAM is a Catholic Women's program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus and the Church He founded. Register NOW for their first weekly session on Thursday, September 23, 2021. For further information and registration please visit www.TasteProgram.com.