

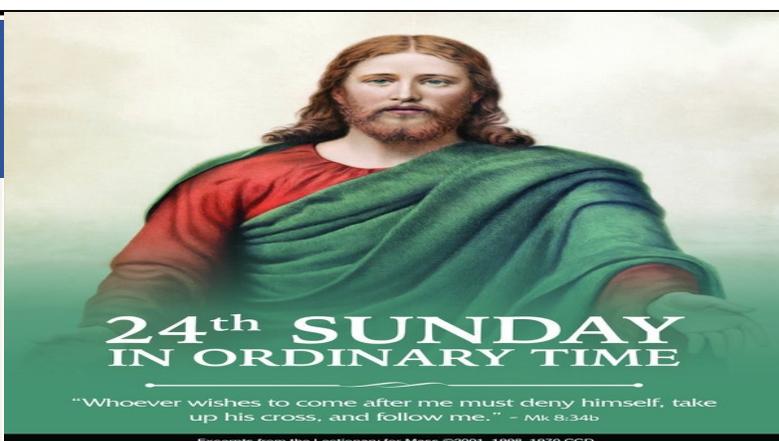
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**ST. LUKE**

**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

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER FOR 9/11

Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.

Holy God,

Creator of all people and all nations,

It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events

That occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died

In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93

In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.

Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss

In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.

May their painful memories of that day

Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.

We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;

We stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:

By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;

By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner

and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;

By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility;

By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;

That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope

And creators of new dreams;

That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,

But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001

By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,

To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

### REFLECTION FOR

#### THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**Sunday Glover-Cox, Renee Bowser,  
 Dorene Mahoney, Dianne P. Taylor,  
 Mercers Patterson, Candice Williams,  
 and Juliet Ross.**

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

**Readings for the week of September 12, 2021**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 50:5-9a/Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35  
**Monday:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8/Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Corinthians 11:26b]/Luke 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4b-9/Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Philippians 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16/Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Timothy 4:12-16/Psalms 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Luke 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Timothy 6:2c-12/Psalms 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Luke 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Luke 8:4-15  
**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6 -8 [6b]/James 3:16—4:3/Mark 9:30-37

**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 09/13  
 St. John**

**Thursday 09/16  
 Birthday Blessings for  
 Mercers Patterson by  
 Family**

**Tuesday 09/14  
 The Exaltation of the  
 Holy Cross**

**Friday 09/17  
 St. Robert**

**Wednesday 09/15  
 Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Saturday 09/18  
 Eternal repose of the  
 soul of Derrick Vernon  
 Colbert+++**

**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 08/29/2021:

\$5, 123.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

**Mass in honor of Creation** will take place next Sunday at the 11am Mass. Cookout/Lunch will be prepared for us after Mass at the parish field. Please bring your own tent.

**Interdenominational Day of remembrance** will take place on Saturday 9/25 at 5pm. All are welcome to attend and support the families that have lost loved ones through gun violence. Vigil Mass will begin on that day at 3:30pm.

**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.

### **SEPTEMBER 18, 2021: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH**

Parents are invited to join St. Catherine and St. Ignatius Parish in Port Tobacco, MD for an in person retreat for parents whose children are away from the Church. The retreat will be held from 8:00am – 2:30pm and will include prayer, hope-filled talks, small and large group discussions, and witness talks. The cost of the retreat is \$10.00 per person with breakfast and lunch included. To register email the parish at [stcatherine-alexandria.md@adw.org](mailto:stcatherine-alexandria.md@adw.org) or call 301-934-9630 or [click here](#) for online registrations.