

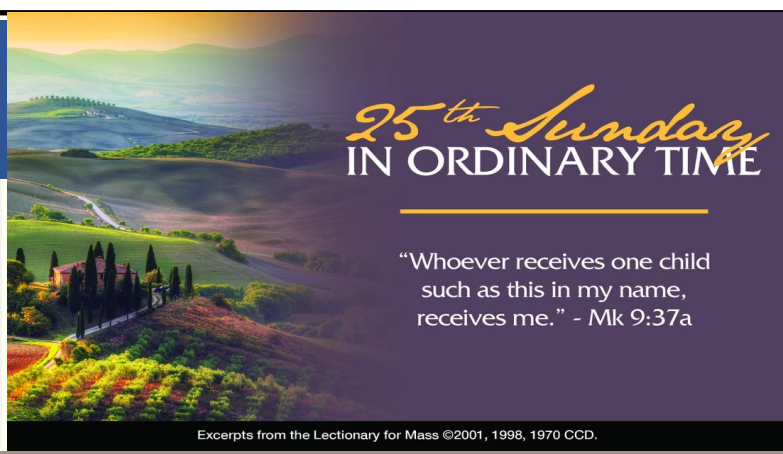
**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Twenty-fifth 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

### SEASON OF CREATION 2021 PRAYER

Creator of All, We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life. With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house “even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.” We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth. But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth’s capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live. In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

### REFLECTION FOR

#### THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn’t that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world’s noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant’s prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Frances A. Cooper, Constance Young, Marie Ebenbeng, and Chelsea Julienne Njieukam Touani.

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

**Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

**Sunday:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/James 3:16—4:3/Mark 9:30-37

**Monday:** Ezra 1:1-6/Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Matthew 9:9-13

**Wednesday:** Ezra 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Haggai 1:1-8/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Luke 9:7-9

**Friday:** Haggai 2:1-9/Psalms 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Luke 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Numbers 11:25-29/Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jason 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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 09/20**  
Eternal repose of the soul of LaShann Ingrid Cooper+++ by Daughters of Isabella

**Thursday 09/23**  
God's blessings and protection for Kathy Harris Ndouga by Daughters of Isabella

**Tuesday 09/21**  
St. Matthew

**Friday 09/24**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Chinazor 'BenCollins' Onianwah+++ by Parish Family

**Wednesday 09/22**  
Weekday

**Saturday 09/25**  
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 09/12/2021:

\$3,760.09

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day:

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,  
"If anyone wishes to be first,  
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." **Mark 9:35**

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Chinazor "BenCollins" Onianwah on Friday, September 24, 2021. Viewing 10am—Funeral Mass 11am. Please pray for the family.

**"THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE' A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR DC HOMICIDE SURVIVORS** will take place on Saturday 9/25 at 5pm at St. Luke Catholic Church 4925 East Capitol Street S.E. DC 20019, Fr. Cornelius K Ejiogu. All are welcome to come and support those who have lost family members to gun violence.

**32nd ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL** will be held October 4 at St. Luke Catholic Church at 7:00pm. The Revivalist is Fr. Robert Boxie III, Chaplain at Howard University. To join the Revival live stream please go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/>

**32nd ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH REVIVAL** on October 2, 2021 from 11am to 4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1600 Morris Road S.E., DC 20020 for ages 6 to 17. There will be activities and prizes. Please sign up as soon as possible at <https://form.jotform.com/200044996728159>. Forms must be submitted by Sunday, September 19, 2021. Children must be accompanied by parents.