

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**28th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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

Following God's Plan for Your Life:

1. Be in prayer: A way to know that you are following God's plan for your life is by being in prayer. Take time each day to devote yourself to the Lord and the plans He has for your life. If you are giving each area of your life to God, then He will bless it and be able to work through it abundantly.
2. Be actively reading in the Word: It is one thing to go to church on Sunday and hear the pastor's sermon and another when you take time each day to devote to being in God's word. Taking just a few minutes each day to read what's in the Word will give you a better understanding of the calling God has put on your life, and it will allow you to better live out the life He desires for you.
3. Follow the commands He puts on your heart: Allow God to guide your steps and trust the dreams He puts on your heart. Believe that He will qualify you and know that if there is a dream that He has placed upon your heart, He will help you achieve it, and He will be glorified in the process.
4. Seek a godly community: It's a lot easier to follow God's plans and act in ways that honor him when you have friends around you that encourage you in your walk with the Lord. Seek out a community at church that will hold you accountable and be able to give you godly council.
5. Obey the Truth: Know what is written in the Bible and follow the way He calls you to live. Live by the commandments and intentionally be an example of what a Christ follower should be.

Being an adult in today's modern age comes with a set of challenges and pressure, but God qualifies us through our shortcomings just like He qualified Moses when He called upon him to lead the Israelites and stand up to the pharaoh. If God has placed the desire of going back to school on your heart, then He will qualify you to do so. He will be there to walk alongside you and aid you in the areas of your own shortcomings.

Excerpt culled from <https://online.campbellsville.edu/ministry/gods-plan-for-your-life/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Doris Bowser, Joan C. Lee, Abu Mansaray, Jr., Portia Evans, Michael Owens, Melinda Conrad-Brown, Kim Wilson, Wilhemina Holton, Dwayne Edmond and Mary Yvonne Donelson.

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

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wisdom 7:7-11/Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Hebrews 4:12-13/Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Romans 1:1-7/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11/Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8/Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18/Psalms 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Isaiah 53:10-11/Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Hebrews 4:14-16/Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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 10/11
God's blessings and protection for Wilson Family by Family

Tuesday 10/12
Weekday

Wednesday 10/13
Weekday

Thursday 10/14
Birthday Blessings for Melinda Conrad-Brown by Family,

Friday 10/15
Birthday Blessings for Doris Bowser by Bernadine Conrad

Saturday 10/16
Eternal repose for the soul of Alfred Price+++ (BB) by Gloria-Thompson Price

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

Lamont Diggs, Sr.
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
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 10/03/2021:

\$3,388.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Jesus looked at them and said,

"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Mark 10:27

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

SPECIAL COLLECTION: for the weekend of WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is October 24, 2021. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all. The collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provided for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS: Prospective families are invited to attend Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross on Sunday, November 7 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. School tours will be available as well as opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about Financial Aid, Scholarships will be available in addition to our signature programs. Holy Cross is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Visit our website at www.academyoftheholycross.org.