

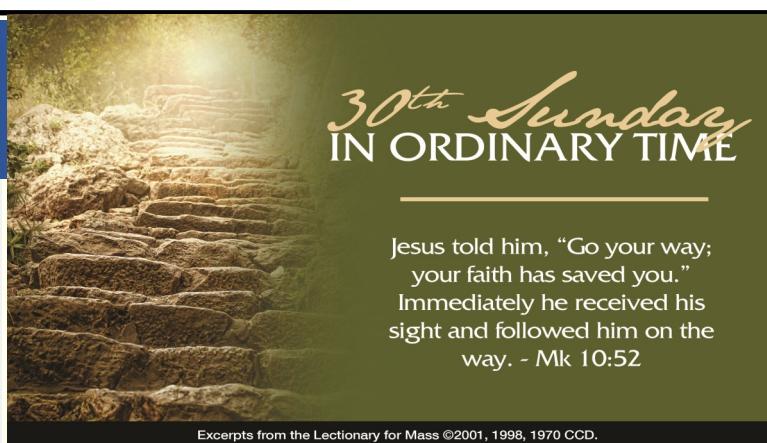
# Sunday, October 24, 2021

Thirtieth 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

### The Mighty Miracles Of Jesus: Healing Bartimaeus Of Blindness

During the course of His ministry, Jesus performed more than 40 miracles, including healing the sick, changing the natural elements of nature and even raising people from the dead. A miracle is considered an event that occurs outside the bounds of natural law. Each month, we will take a closer look at one of His miracles to understand the depth of His love for us. Understanding the miracles of Jesus can change your life, and it all begins with believing through faith. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the writers tell of Jesus healing a blind man. Of the many miraculous healings by Christ, it is unusual for the Gospel writers to name the people that were healed, but we can see here that the name of the blind man was revealed—Bartimaeus.

There is much speculation on why Bartimaeus' name was mentioned specifically during this miracle. Biblical historians believe that Bartimaeus' miraculous healing and conversion to Christianity was so incredible that it made a great impact on the people who witnessed and heard of it. Bartimaeus healing may have had a large influence and advanced the message of Christ after he was healed. His contribution could have been so significant that it compelled him to be named. Bartimaeus was a blind man. He was poor, and his main source of income was from begging.

Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was in his city, and as Jesus was leaving, Bartimaeus knew that this was his only chance to get healed. He had heard many wonderful things about Jesus, His teachings and His ability to heal the blind. He went to the street and cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" If you were stranded on an island, wouldn't you shout from the top of your lungs if you saw a nearby ship? With this same desperation, Bartimaeus cried out to get the attention of Jesus.

He thought Jesus didn't hear him at first and he cried out louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Now, there's the proof of his faith. He firmly believes that Jesus is the promised Messiah. He called Him the Son of David, a title that is only reserved for the promised and Anointed One. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you," and immediately Bartimaeus received his sight and followed Jesus. When the large crowd of people saw this miracle, as they had known Bartimaeus to be blind for years, they immediately started praising Jesus.

Shouldn't we be like this blind man? Essentially, we have been all blind—spiritually blind. We may have chosen the wrong paths and can't seem to find our way out. We may have felt hopeless. But, when we feel the darkness of our choices, we are reminded of our desire to learn of God's way and to do His will. This is the same situation where Bartimaeus found himself. This miracle is a reminder that our faith will remove our blindness and let us live fully in the light of Christ.

<https://www.ospreyobserver.com/2020/03/the-mighty-miracles-of-jesus-healing-bartimaeus-of-blindness/>

### REFLECTION FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**Dennis Williams, Dana Joseph Dudley, and Porcha W. Thompson.**

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

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

## Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:7-9/Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Hebrews 5:1-6/Mark 10:46-52

**Monday:** Romans 8:12-17/Psalms 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Luke 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Romans 8:18-25/Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Romans 8:26-30/Psalms 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Luke 6:12-16

**Friday:** Romans 9:1-5/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Luke 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Psalms 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Luke 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6/Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Hebrews 7:23-28/Mark 12:28b-34

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 10/25**  
 Eternal repose of the soul of Chinazor "Ben Collins" Oniawah+++ by Hilda McDougald

**Thursday 10/28**  
 Eternal repose of the soul of Alfred Price+++ by Gloria Thompson-Price

**Tuesday 10/26**  
 Weekday

**Friday 10/29**  
 Weekday

**Wednesday 10/27**  
 Weekday

**Saturday 10/30**  
 Eternal repose of the soul of Lillian Pharms+++ by Mary Yvonne Donnelson

**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 10/17/2021:

\$4,687.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day

On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Mark 10:47-48.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Lillian A. Pharms on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Viewing at 10 am and funeral mass at 11am. Please pray for the family.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

**.MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN:** Evenings Oct. 27, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 — Mornings: Oct. 28, Nov. 18 & Dec. 16. Cost is \$20 person. Babysitting will be available for the morning Mini-Retreat. Advance registration is required. Visit the website to register [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Hosted by the Women of Regum Christi.

**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH** Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 11, 2021 9am—4pm, 2301 Colston Dr., SS, MD, 20910