

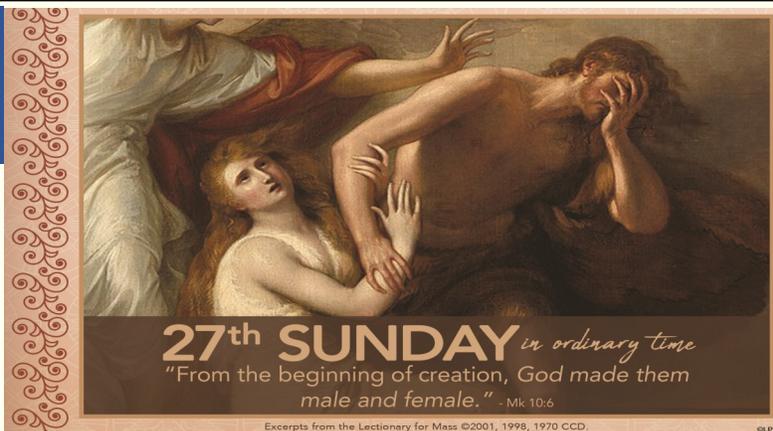
Sunday, October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh 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

Domestic Abuse Awareness Warning Signs of an Abusive Person

The following information was provided by the Portland Women Strength Program.

1. Jealousy and Possessiveness. Wants to be with you constantly. Accuses you of cheating all the time. Follows you around and frequently calls. Asks friends to check up on you.
2. Controlling Behavior. Constantly questions who you spend your time with, what you did/wore/said, where you went. Makes you ask permission to do certain things. Acts like you don't have the ability to make good decisions. Hides controlling behavior by pretending to be concerned for your safety.
3. Quick Involvement. Six months or less before living together or engaged. Claims love at first sight. Pressure for commitment. Says you are the only one who can make him feel this way.
4. Unrealistic Expectations. Compliments you in a way that makes you seem superhuman. Over-flattering. Expects you to be perfect. Says, "I am all you need. You are all I need."
5. Isolation. Puts down everyone you know- friends are either stupid, slutty, or you are cheating with them- family is too controlling, doesn't really love you, or you are too dependent on them. Refuses to let you use car or talk on phone. Makes it difficult for you to go to work or school. Tries to cut off all your resources.
6. Blames Others for Problems. If there are problems at school or work, it is always someone else's fault. If anything goes wrong in the relationship, it is all your fault. Won't take responsibility for own behavior.
7. Blames Others for Feelings. Tries to make you responsible for how they feel. "You're making me mad." "You're hurting me by not doing what I ask." "I can't help being angry." Won't take responsibility for own feelings.
8. Hypersensitivity. Easily insulted. Sees everything as a personal attack. Looks for fights. Blows things out of proportion. Unpredictable. You can never tell what will upset him.
9. Disrespectful or Cruel to Others. Punishes animals or children cruelly. Insensitive to pain and suffering. Teases children until they cry. Doesn't treat others with respect. Dismissive of others' feelings.
10. "Playful" Use of Force During Sexual Activity. Little concern over whether you want sex or not, and uses sulking or anger to manipulate you into compliance. Makes sexual or degrading jokes about you.
11. Verbal Abuse of Any Kind.
12. Rigid Sex Roles. Believes women are inferior to men. Unable to be a whole person without a relationship.
13. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Sudden mood changes- like they have two personalities. One minute nice, next minute exploding. One minute happy, next minute sad.
14. Past Battering. You may hear the person was abusive to someone else. They say it's a lie, or their ex was "crazy," or it wasn't that bad.
15. Threats of Any Kind.
16. Breaking or Striking Objects. Breaks loved possessions. Beats on table with fists. Throws objects.
17. Any Force During an Argument. Pushes, shoves, or physically restrains you from leaving room.
18. Doesn't Respect Your Property or Privacy.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/60653>

REFLECTION FOR

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Shannon Harris, Michael Crawford,
Dana West, Charnay Casson,
Kendra Akudike and Joyce Colbert-
Elliott.

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

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/
 Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11/Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8/
 Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10/Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-
 8 [3]/Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11/Psalms 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10
 [15]/Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
 6 [Psalms 40:5a]/Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Psalms 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9
 [9]/Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Joel 4:12-21/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
 [12a]/Luke 11:27-28

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

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to sup-
 port 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 10/04
 God's blessings and
 protection for Terrell
 Wilson by Family

Thursday 10/07
 God's blessings, pro-
 tection & healing for
 Darlene Williams by Ber-
 nadine Conrad

Tuesday 10/05
 St. Francis

Friday 10/08
 Weekday

Wednesday 10/06
 Weekday

Saturday 10/09
 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

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
 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 09/26/2021:

\$4,289.96

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark10:14

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.stlukesdc/>

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP OCTOBER 9-10, 2021: A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$400 per couple. Seating will be limited to facilitate social distancing. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about measures to limit exposure to illness, details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org