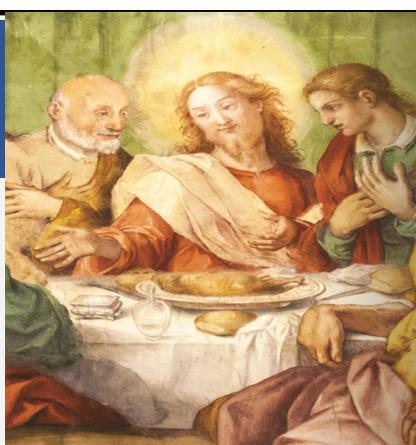


Sunday, October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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**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

All Saints Day: History and Traditions

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith” (12:1-2). This passage is a beautiful description of the communion of saints, something so fundamental to the Christian faith that all Christians express their belief in it when reciting the Apostles’ Creed. A saint is someone who is in heaven — it is as simple as that. While “saint” as a title is reserved to those whose lives the church has thoroughly investigated (typically through whose intercession two miracles can be demonstrated to have occurred), the term applies to anyone in heaven.

Everyone from your saintly grandmother to the martyrs facing death for Christ: They are all part of the communion of saints. The church commemorates all these saints on All Saints’ Day. The history of the feast reveals a great deal about the church’s understanding of the communion of saints. The communion of saints is the church, both the living and dead. All Saints’ Day was not always a solemnity observed by the universal church, and is not celebrated everywhere on Nov. 1. The feast originated in the earliest centuries of the church, when Christians commemorated the many martyrs who died at the hands of their Roman persecutors. Because there were so many martyrs, they could not each have their own feast day; but they were seen as such important witnesses that the Christians did not want to leave any of them out.

As a result, a single commemoration for “all the martyrs” was observed each spring, which celebrated those who did not have their own unique feast. This is the earliest observance we know about of something similar to All Saints’ Day. Many of the Eastern Catholic churches still commemorate All Saints’ Day in the spring. After Christianity was legalized throughout the Roman Empire in 313 and the violent and bloody persecutions came to an end, it was common to commemorate the martyrs in various areas around the empire. We even see this referred to in the writings of the saints, with St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) making reference to a commemoration of all saints. This practice spread far throughout the Mediterranean and beyond, with commemorations of all saints showing up in Antioch, Rome, England, Salzburg and more.

Most of us realize that Halloween is in reality the vigil of All Saints’ (“Allhallows Eve” or “Hallow E’en”), but All Saints’ Day itself has become a bit of an afterthought. It shouldn’t be this way! The saints are our friends, our intercessors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. They care deeply for us, and their lives are recognized by the church as exemplary, as models to follow. So how can we celebrate this wonderful feast of All Saints’ Day?: Whether you are commemorating individually or in a group or a family, there are many ways to observe this solemnity.

The most obvious is: Go to Mass! It is a holy day of obligation, and there is no more appropriate way to commemorate the saintly lives of those who have gone before us than the eucharistic sacrifice. It is also good to do other liturgical or prayerful things to mark the day: Pray the Divine Office for All Saints’ Day; read the lives of the saints; watch a movie about a saint; pray the litany of saints; think back to your confirmation saint and study that saint’s life. Similarly, if any of your children share the name of a saint, learn about that saint together: Read about the saint and pray together, asking for the saint’s intercession.

Excerpt from <https://catholicreview.org/all-saints-day-history-and-traditions/>

REFLECTION FOR

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to **Ronald Watson, Barbara Tatum, Alliha Ferrell, and Pearl A. Baynes.**

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

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

- Sunday:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6/Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Hebrews 7:23-28/Mark 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a
- Tuesday:** Wisdom 3:1-9/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Wednesday:** Romans 13:8-10/Psalms 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Romans 14:7-12/Psalms 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Luke 15:1-10
- Friday:** Romans 15:14-21/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Luke 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Luke 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kings 17:10-16/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Hebrews 9:24-28/Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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 11/01
All Saints

Tuesday 11/02
All Souls Day

Wednesday 11/03
St. Martin de Pores

Thursday 11/04
Eternal repose of the soul of Edward Harold Wallace+++ by Hilda McDougald

Friday 11/05
Weekday

Saturday 11/06
Eternal repose of the souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++ by Family

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
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 10/24/2021:

\$4,837.86

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,
"Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows."
He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." Revelation 7:13-14

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST AT 6PM
ALL SOULS DAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND MASS AT 10AM

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Paul Tinsley on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Viewing at 10am and funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family

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

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION is being held as the second collection on November 13 and 14. The Archdiocese of Washington priests have baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity.