

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth 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

A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD

Christians join the Psalmist in proclaiming the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. (Psalms 24:1) However, the current climate crisis is accelerating ecological instability, which results in the loss of habitats that are homes for millions of species, including humans whose homes are at risk due to climate conflict, loss and damage.

As people of faith, our baptismal call compels us to till and keep God's garden, and participate in the renewal of the whole inhabited Earth, so that life may flourish and all may have a just and sustainable home.

By focusing the subtheme on the concept of oikos, we hope to lift up the integral nature of the many relationships that hold the web of life together. Within the whole inhabited Earth (oikoumene), the Church (oikoumene) calls all households and societies (oikos) to turn our political, social and economic systems (oikonomia) towards just, sustainable economies of life, which respect the limits and life giving ecological boundaries (oikologia) of our common home.

We hope that this Season of Creation renews our baptismal call to care and sustain an ecological turning so that life may flourish, and all creatures may find their place to flourish among our common home.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness.

There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God.

As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery. As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Chikodili Onianwah, Geraldine Jackson, Charmaine Williams, Francoise Ebenbeng, Yvonne Cooper Tolson, Ricardo C. Wilson, Bryce C. Wilson, Charmaine Onianwah, Joyce E. Thomas, Jekwon Jones, Dorethea Allan Mahoney, Sylvester Mode, Johny Lattimore. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Beverly Stewart and Mr. & Mrs Byron & Sharanda Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius & Linda Osuji and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin & Angelica Ford.

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

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29/Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8/Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23/Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zechariah 8:23]/Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/John 1:47-51
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22/Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/Psalms 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Next 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

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 09/27 God's blessings & protection for Anthony Wilson by Family	Thursday 09/30 God's blessings & protection for Victoria Wilson by Family
Tuesday 09/28 St. Wenceslaus	Friday 10/01 Eternal repose of the souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++ by Family
Wednesday 09/29 SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Saturday 10/02 Birthday blessings for Geraldine Jackson by

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Dawn Lattimer	Leroy Sandifer	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Betty Smith	
Barbara Batts	Kimbolyn Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Kayla Tatum	
Tanisha Bennett	Anthony Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	St Luke military families.
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Doreene Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price	
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	James F. Thompson, Jr.	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Patricia Chase	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Valene Chemoo	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Steven Washington	
Joyce Cristwell	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams	
Alvera Dance	Melvin Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Wellington Waters	
Iyana Davage	Mary Ann Johnson	Kecia Proctor	Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
	David & Keisha Jones	Doreene Redd		



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.stlukechurchsj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 09/19/2021:

\$4,357.15

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” Mark 9:42

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.stlukese/dc/>

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS will be held on October 2, 2021, Mass at 4:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Roy Edward Campbell will be the Presider