

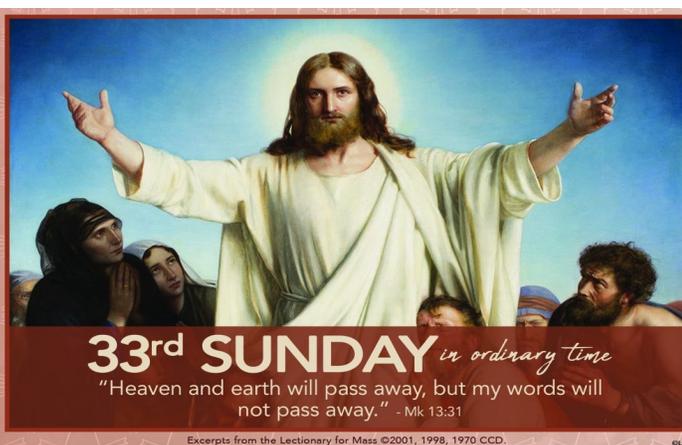
**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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

### What Is the Meaning of the Parable of the Fig Tree?

When Jesus told the parable of the fig tree, He was trying to get our attention because He is the master gardener. He always nourishes and protects. He prunes off the dead parts of our lives that won't serve us. He's tender to our new vines and branches. He shows up with sturdy gloves and an eye for detail. He shows up wearing old blue jeans, an old white shirt, and a hat; ready to get to work as we lay ourselves before Him as He tells us, *"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain on the vine"* (John 15:4).

The vine He created was for the purpose of staying rooted and bearing fruit through Him. He reminds us, *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples"* (John 15:8). When He talks about each of us, His eyes shine as He takes pride in the work of our lives even when the work He is doing feels more like loss of life than actual living. This is the meaning of the fig tree in Luke 13:6-9. Jesus wants us to live our lives for God. He wants us to ensure we stay deeply rooted in His Word, in His Presence in all that we do.

As He tends to our branches, He expects a fruitful return of His investment because He willingly paid dearly through the death on the cross. It covered our sins and in return, He wants to see each of us adding to the Kingdom of God with our hearts, our speech, and in all that we do. Jesus used everyday examples and parables to relate His messages about our spiritual lives to everyday experiences and things listeners would understand. In those days, trees were symbolic of living a godly life. From the very beginning in the first few passages of Genesis, to the first psalm, to the first pages of the New Testament, and even when Christ returns, there's a reference of a tree.

Not because God really likes trees but because He labors in us to produce godly fruit. Trees provide a framework for the biblical story of us. Trees were the only item mentioned in the Bible as pleasing to the eye in the creation account. Trees—the tree of life with its lifegiving fruit and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was used as parameters for the metaphor of the whole Bible. Between the tree of life in Genesis and in Revelation, how are we to live? Like a tree!

Excerpt culled from <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-can-we-learn-from-the-parable-of-the-fig-tree.html>

### REFLECTION FOR

#### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Walter Gale, Mary D. Jackson, Makay'la Cromwell, Daphyne Washington, and Ashley N. Wilson.

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

**Readings for the week of November 14, 2021**

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/Mark 13:24-32  
**Monday:** 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Luke 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31/Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Luke 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31/Psalms 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Luke 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** 1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Luke 19:41-44  
*Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/  
 Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Matthew 14:22-33  
**Friday:** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Luke 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13/Psalms 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Luke 20:27-40  
**Next Sunday:** Deuteronomy 7:13-14/Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Revelation 1:5-8/John 18:33b-37

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 11/15**  
St. Albert

**Tuesday 11/16**  
St. Margaret of Scotland

**Wednesday 11/17**  
St. Elizabeth

**Thursday 11/18**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Paul Tinsley+++ by Hilda McDougald

**Friday 11/19**  
Weekday

**Saturday 11/20**  
Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



## 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)

### **Prayer for the Synod on Synodality**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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 11/7/2021:

\$5,413.30

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Mark 13:28

**ST, LUKE PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Annual Thanksgiving dinner at St. Luke Catholic Church on Monday, November 22, 2021. This is take out only. Food and monetary donations are welcome. All food that needs preparing must get to the church by weekend of November 19th. Call Judy Travers with any questions at 202-412-6636.

**THE SENIORS/ELDERLY COMMUNITY ARE INVITED** to celebrate with St. Luke Parish a luncheon for seniors only ages 70's/80's/90's and 100 on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 12:45pm to 3:30pm at St. Luke Center.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY CELEBRATION:** We invite you to join us for this year's Black Catholic History Month Liturgy, which will take place Saturday, November 20 at Nativity Catholic Church! 4:30 p.m. – Praise and worship by Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir 5:00 p.m. –Mass

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:** Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and the Board of Directors of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families to their Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00pm—3:00pm at St. Ann's Center, 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Please contact Carolyn Boyle for more information: