

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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32nd SUNDAY in ordinary time

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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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

Why do we pray for the dead?

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the clearest Bible reference about prayers for the dead is from the Second Book of Maccabees. When soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain comrades for burial they discovered they were wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple which violated the law of Deuteronomy so they prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed. The New Testament echoes this notion in the second letter of Timothy when Paul prays for someone who died named Onesiphorus, saying: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day." The Catechism of the Catholic Church also has something to say about prayers for the dead, stating: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (1030). The Roman catacombs where early Christians were buried also were places of prayer. Today, prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death, often when family members are gathered around the bedside of the person who has died.

Prayers for death and grieving are among the "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers," published in 2007 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, that includes prayers immediately after death, prayers for mourners, prayers at the graveside and a more general prayer for the dead. Of course these prayers continue in the funeral liturgy, which is the "central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased," according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' overview of Catholic funeral rites, online at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm. The funeral liturgy, the website points out, is "an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief."

It is a time when the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased "to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery," it adds. The prayers in the funeral liturgy express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. "The funeral rite is a prayer for the dead, designated by the Church as the liturgy of Christian burial," wrote Bishop Braxton in his reflection.

He noted that many parishes "regularly disregard" the emphasis of this liturgy by printing funeral programs which say: "the Mass of the Resurrection: A Celebration of Life," even though the person has obviously not yet been raised from the dead." According to the Catechism, most Catholics who don't merit hell still need purification before entering heaven and pass through a state when they die that the Church describes as purgatory.

In a question-and-answer page on www.BustedHalo.com, a Paulist-run website, Paulist Father Joe Scott said praying for the dead has "further origins in our belief in the communion of saints." The priest, an associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles, added that living members of this communion can "assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support." "Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints," he wrote. "We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs."

REFLECTION FOR

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Eugene F. Russell, Jr., Elsie Young, James Nelson, Phillip Smith, Fred Neal, Ayden Brown. Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester & Evelyn Mode .

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR 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 November 7, 2021

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

Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7/Psalms 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ezra 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/John 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11/Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b—8:1/Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 12:1-3/Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/Mark 13:24-32

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 11/08
Weekday

Thursday 11/11
St. Martin of Tours

Tuesday 11/09
The Dedication of
the Latern Basilica

Friday 11/12
Eternal repose of
the soul of Edith Viola
Beal-Jones+++ by Parish

Wednesday 11/10
Eternal repose of
the soul of Marcella A.
Graham+++ by Parish

Saturday 11/13
Eternal repose of the
soul of Lillian A.
Pharms+++ by Parish

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Dawn Lattimer	Kayla Tatum	St Luke military families.
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Rolland Taylor	
Barbara Batts	Kimbolyn Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Gloria Thompson-	
Tanisha Bennett	Anthony Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Price	
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Doreene Mahoney	James F. Thompson,	All the Homeless men
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	Jr.	and women in our
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Matthew Thompson	community.
Melinda Conrad-	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Barbara B. Tyler	
Brown	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Wayne A. Wallace	
Edith Cornish	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Aniceto Charles	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Patricia Chase	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Steven Washington	
Valene Chemoo	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams	
Joyce Cristwell	Melvin Jamison	Doreene Redd	Wellington Waters	
Alvera Dance	Mary Ann Johnson	Leroy Sandifer	Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
Iyana Davage	David & Keisha Jones	Betty Smith	Harold Woodard, Sr.	



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 10/31/2021:

\$4,369.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mark 12:42-44.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Marcella A. Graham on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Viewing 10am and funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Edith Viola Beal-Jones on Friday, November 12, 2021. Viewing at 10 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 and funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family.

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.