

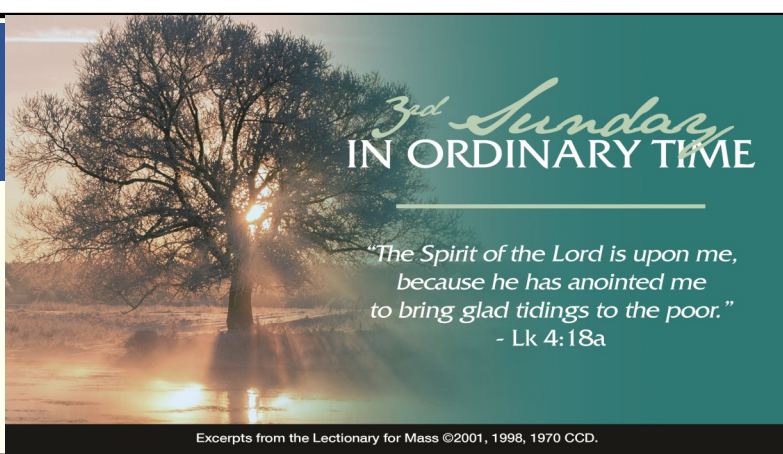
Sunday, January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 St. Luke Church

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

BECOMING FISHERS OF MEN

There are a couple of things we can draw out from this (well, there are more than a couple, but for this post we'll stick to just a couple). Firstly, Jesus' invitation to Simon and Andrew was to follow him. We can get worked up trying to discern our calling in life. Don't get me wrong, it's important that we identify what it is that God has gifted us and called us to do, but we have a primary calling which comes before all that.

Our primary calling as Christians is simply to follow Jesus. We are not called primarily to a task, but to a relationship. It's this relationship that sustains us and give us purpose; it gives us a reason to keep doing the task(s) to which we are called. It's this relationship that keeps us going when we face all kinds of difficulties in life: losing your job, getting a bad diagnosis, breakdown in human relationships... the list goes on.

Jesus' invitation comes in two parts. The second part is, 'and I will show you how to fish for people.' The ESV puts it slightly differently (and more faithfully to the Greek): 'I will make you become fishers of men. "Fishers of men' is a title that many Christians awkwardly attach to themselves. We can understand the meaning behind it. We cast the gospel out like a net for fish, and people become captivated by Jesus and decide to follow him: fishers of men. However, I would suggest to you that perhaps Jesus wasn't establishing a title for all future Christians. After all, he didn't call Matthew the tax collector to be a fisher of men. Go with me on this.

Simon and Andrew (and James and John, although they didn't hear this part) were fishermen. That was what they did; it was their identity. They weren't ever going to be anything other than fishermen. Certainly in the case of James and John, fishing wasn't just their identity - it was a family identity. Jesus sees something different in these young men. They know how to catch fish, but there's more to them than simply doing that for the rest of their lives. To everyone around, and to themselves, they were only good for one thing: fishing. Jesus saw the potential in them to become world changers.

Seen in this light, Jesus' invitation is much cleverer than you might initially think. None of these young men would have believed Jesus if he'd said something like, 'Follow me, and I'll use you to bring about God's ultimate rule and reign here on earth.' Jesus talks to them about what they know - fishing - and uses it to give them a vision for what God can do through them. Dallas Willard once wrote: 'Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.' You might not be a fisherman, but you are a *something*.

What if Jesus wants to use you in whatever it is you spend your time doing, to bring about the Kingdom rule of God where you are? That's discipleship, and as we go about our primary call of following Jesus, we gradually become more like him - just like I did with Simon - so that others around us can see Jesus in us. Discipleship is an adventure for us, just as it was for the Twelve.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/what-being-fishers-of-men-really-means/128014.htm>

REFLECTION FOR

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday
to Deborah Baker, Barbara Wilson,
Hope Brown, Robert Stewart, Frances Y.
Mercer, Pamela Nixon, Clarence David
Proctor, Fendi & Fiona Degon and
Caroline Nyadjroh.

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

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Psalms
19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10/Psalms 89:20, 21-
22, 25-26/Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Psalms
117: 1bc, 2/Mark 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Timothy 1:1-5/
Psalms 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/Psalms 132:1-
2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mark 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Psalms
51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/Psalms 51:12-
13, 14-15, 16-17/Mark 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Corinthians 12:31-
13:13 or 13:4-13/Luke 4:21-30

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WEEKLY MASS

Monday 1/24
Eternal repose of the
soul of James Harris,
Jr.+++ by Family

Thursday 1/27
Eternal repose of the
soul of William Har-
ris+++ by Family

Tuesday 1/25
Conversion of St.
Paul

Friday 1/28
Eternal repose of the
soul of Mitchell Bell+++
by Parish Family

Wednesday 1/26
SS. Timothy & Titus

Saturday 1/29
Week day

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

Joyce Diggs
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Crawley Easley
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

Corley 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)

Prayer to Jesus in the Manger

O divine redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before thy crib, I believe thou art the God of infinite majesty, even though I do see thee here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank thee for having so humbled thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank thee for all thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for thy poverty and humility, for thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

Would that I could show thee that tenderness which thy virgin mother had toward thee, and love thee as she did. Would that I could praise thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before thee with the faith of St. Joseph, the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul. Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of thy admirable nativity. Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

- Author Unknown

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Offertory Contributions for 1/16/2022:

\$ 3,185.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." — **Saint Theresa of Calcutta**

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIALS for Mitchell Bell on Friday, January 28, 2022 Viewing at 10am and funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family

2022 ST. LUKE OFFERING BOOKS are in the back of church. If you are not finding yours please call the Rectory at 202-584-8322.

2022 Oracle Religious Association Conference: "The Path of the Suffering Savior Jesus Christ" Registration has begun. Go to www.oraclereligious.com to preregister and purchase your Conference Packet. The dates are March 4,5 & 6.