

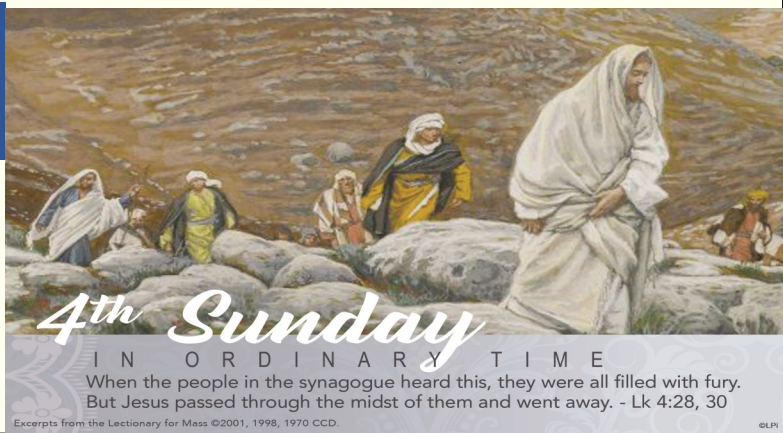
**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

4th 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 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

### Tapping into the Spiritual Gifts of African Americans and African Immigrants

To evangelize means to know what the Church teaches, but also to know one's own culture as well as the all-pervasive secular culture. It means finding the path through the maze of options offered us by the vast array of cultures around us in pursuit of our real ultimate goal, God's Kingdom, which is beyond all cultures. How can we guide our youth, if we ourselves fall to realize what is at stake and what we need to do?

Here at St. Luke's and in many places throughout our country people of African heritage are coming together. Some trace their heritage going back centuries to Africa and the terrible institution of slavery, others to the recent immigration of Africans from virtually every nation of that great continent, nations like Cameroon. It is not lost on us that African Catholic immigrants are among, the most educated newcomers to our country. They bring many gifts, among them a style of prayer and worship that offers to enliven our sometimes flat, middle-class ways of prayer and worship. I do not mean to offend anyone in putting it this way, but by many accounts there's a kind of beigeness or grayness about U.S.

Catholicism, a lack of affectivity and passion that virtually all the immigrant groups are helping dispel. There is in the way these communities live the faith an enthusiasm, color and movement that energize and revivify. It can be catching, engaging the whole person body and soul in the finest spirit of our Catholic sacramental and liturgical traditions. Of course this gift of vitality in many ways was pioneered by African American Catholics who together with African American Protestants has left a profound mark on religion in this country.

Indeed, blacks year after year are found to be the people most mindful of God in our country as measured by belief, daily prayer, and reading of the Bible. To me this suggests that the presence and fellowship of American blacks as well as the new African Americans from Cameroon and many other parts of Africa are very much a blessing for all of us of whatever ancestry.

Excerpt culled from <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/resources/upload/Homily-Black-History-Month.pdf>

### REFLECTION FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday  
to Gloria Washington and  
Kevin Ratiff, Jr.

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

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

**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  
**Monday:** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mark 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Malachi 3:1-4/Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mark 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sirach 47:2-11/Psalms 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3:4-13/Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mark 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Luke 5:1-11

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 1/31**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Milton Harris, Sr.+++ by Milton Harris, Jr.

**Tuesday 2/1**  
Weekday

**Wednesday 2/2**  
The Presentation of the Lord

**Thursday 2/3**  
SS. Blaise & Ansgar

**Friday 2/4**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Jerome Tilghman+++ by Parish Family

**Saturday 2/5**  
St. Agatha

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 Easely  
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 1/23/2022:

\$ 4,792.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” — **Saint Augustine**

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Jerome L. Tilghman on Friday, February 4, 2022 Viewing at 10am and funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family

**THANKYOU!!** Mr. & Mrs. Milton and Sandra Harris would like to thank the church family for all of their thoughts and prayers welcoming their new baby girl Tabitha.

**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](http://www.oraclereligious.com) to preregister and purchase your Conference Packet. The dates are March 4,5 & 6, 2022.