

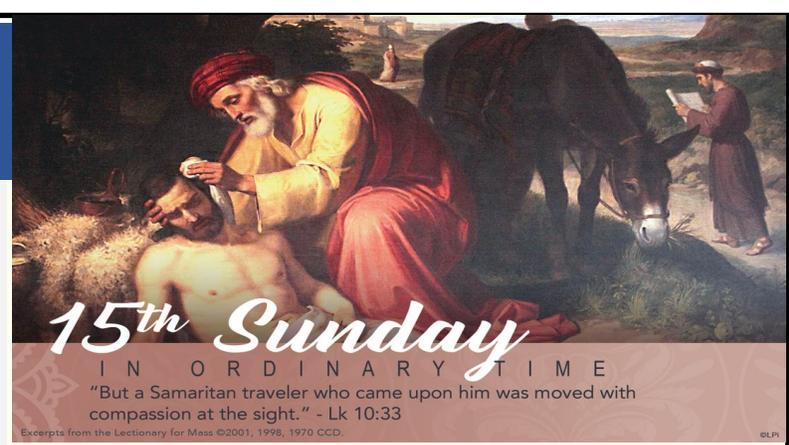
Sunday, July 10, 2022

Fifteenth 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 St. Luke Church

Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

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

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Fr. Daniel Gee

Christ responds to the question “and who is my neighbor?” by telling the story of the good Samaritan. He mentions that the Samaritan was “moved with compassion” upon seeing the hurt stranger on the road. Then, at the end of the Gospel, the young man who had been questioning Jesus replies that it was the Samaritan who had shown mercy, and therefore exhibited the neighborly qualities necessary to follow Christ and live according to His teachings. Does this mean that God expects you to stop every time you see someone on the side of the road and help them fix a flat? Of course not.

But it does mean that the “let someone else handle it” attitude that plagues us must be annihilated from our thought process. We might think it odd that Christ answered the question of “who is my neighbor” with this story, but in fact, this story pales in comparison to the action taken by God in saving us from our injury. The Jew and the Samaritan were certainly much more alike than man and God, and yet we fail to witness to the fact that the Father sent His only Son into the world to redeem us. Talk about stopping at the side of the road to help the less fortunate. He lowered Himself and took on your flesh so that you might be healed. He didn't take the “I'll let someone else redeem them” attitude. Thankfully.

Imagine our plight if Christ had not been willing to take that condescending step and compassionately reach down and lift us from the spiritual malaise in which we floundered. We'd still be gasping for air, flopping on the sand like a beached carp. He was the only one who could have done the job as the Father desired. How often do you shrug off your responsibilities with the silent mantra, “let someone else do it”? Too often.

In God's great plan He chooses you for many things: to parent, to teach, to guide, to counsel, to aid, to help, to heal. The choice as to whom belongs to God much of the time. Most of the time the recipient of our attention will be those close to us, family and friends, but not always. Remember the words of Christ “whatsoever you do to the least of these, my brothers, you have done unto me.” To ignore anyone is to ignore Christ.

Through grace and the Sacraments, God disposes us to embrace others as He has embraced us. Not only should we never feel even touch of *schadenfreude* when witnessing the plight of others, we should not ignore them and assume that someone else will take care of them. Rather we should recall that God constantly bends down and helps us when we are in need, even though it sometimes comes from whom you least expect.

<https://catholicexchange.com/the-good-samaritan/>

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, ‘It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’ Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers).” It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law “is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.” We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Regina A. Rivers, Gloria A. Thompson-Price, Delores Woodard, Betty D. Gale, Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, Peggy Wines, Syparia Harris, Jewel Martin Leach, Sharon M. Lucus-Smith, Byron Wilson, Caitlyn Boatwright, Gregory Evans, Sharon Latimer and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Serge & Blise Kipepe.

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

Readings for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14/Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]]/Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 10:25-37

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17/Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9/Psalms 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Psalms 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5/Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Genesis 18:1-10a/Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Colossians 1:24-28/Luke 10:38-42

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 7/11
Blessings and protection for Joyce Whitson, by Bernadine Conrad

Thursday 7/14
Special Intention of Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Tuesday 7/12
Weekday Mass

Friday 7/15
St. Bonaventure

Wednesday 7/13
St. Henry

Saturday 7/16
Blessings and protection for Karis Felton by Family

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
William P. Brown
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Rita Clines
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
Joshua M. Faison
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
Katrina Griffin
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
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
Charles Watson, Jr.
Cecelia Williams

Lois 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 Adoration @ 6:00pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

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 7/3/2022:

\$7,267.16

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Everyone is important in one way or another in the circle of life. Respecting and loving everyone is the only way we can all really maintain peace globally. Loving your neighbor is not just about showing concern to the one staying next door; rather to every person in the society. Learning the etiquette to get along with others is in away loving our neighbors. Get inspired by reading some powerful quotes about loving your neighbor. -Enki Quote

CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE for Michael Tyrone Richardson on July 13, 2022, visitation at 10am, memorial mass at 11:00am. Please pray for the family

COMMUNITY NEWS

WARD 7 & 8 2022 COMMUNITY SERVE DAY: Another opportunity to give back to our community has come. Please consider volunteering at the multi-denomination Serve day taking place on July 16th 2022 from 8am to 2pm. Venue is East Friendship Baptist Church, 4401 Brooks St. NE Washington DC 20019. Jesus said, I come to serve and not to be served! -Matthew 20:28

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EVENING REFLECTION FOR COUPLES on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! Plan to join Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center for a holy date night that will help you prepare your marriage for Lent and beyond. The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$60 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

COME AND EXPERIENCE HEALING AND FREEDOM! Encounter School of Ministry DC is pleased to present the Summer Intensive, taking place on the evenings of July 25-28 at Mother of God Campus, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD. All are invited to experience the supernatural love and healing power of God during this power-packed, four-night event. Come for the anointed worship, dynamic speakers, inspirational testimonies, and encouraging fellowship with Catholics from all around the DC metropolitan area. All courses are in conformity with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Visit <https://encounterministries.us/endorsements/> for a full list of diocesan support. Click on the link below to learn more. **Space is limited, register soon!** <https://encounterdc.regfox.com/encounter-dc-summer-intensive-2022>