

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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14th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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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

Prayer for Independence Day

Gracious heavenly Father, on this day where we celebrate the 246th anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, we come before you to pray for this country. We give thanks for the many blessings and evidences of divine favor that belong to us in America. We live in what may be the most powerful and most prosperous nation ever on the face of the earth. For hundreds of years, for millions of people from all over the world, this has been a land of hope—the hope of religious freedom, the hope of self-government, the hope of liberty. In the Declaration of Independence, our Founding Fathers spoke of certain unalienable rights—rights not granted by the government, but given to us by you, our Creator, which our government is obliged to protect.

The United States of America began with the conviction that a nation should be founded upon truth. Not opinions or preferences or feelings, but upon truths. Self-evident truths that remain true no matter the time, the place, or the culture. And central among these truths is the Christian belief that all men are created equal. Made in your image, no one possesses more intrinsic worth for being born rich or poor, male or female, black or white, aristocrat or artisan, financier or farmer. We give thanks for the God-given rights and hard-fought freedoms we enjoy in this country.

And we repent as a people for all the times—past and present—where we have squandered your blessings, where we have not lived up to our national ideals, where we have treated persons equal in your eyes as unequal in ours. Forgive our country for the sins of chattel slavery, Jim Crow, and racism. Forgive us for the legalized killing of the unborn. Forgive us for rampant, brazen sexual immorality. Forgive us for poor memories and hard hearts. Forgive us for our ingratitude, for hardly any people at any time anywhere in the world has had access to as much biblical truth as we have.

We ask for your grace to be shed abroad in our land. We do not deserve your favor. You have made no promise that the United States of America will long endure. And yet, if it be for the good of your heavenly kingdom, would you see fit to deal kindly with this our earthly country. Give wisdom and humility to the governing authorities. Grant to them the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom. Protect those who protect us at home and abroad. Renew in us a desire to love one another and so fulfill the law of Christ. Make us a virtuous people, a courageous people, a reasonable and resolute people. Frustrate the plans of all those who promote what is false and celebrate what is wicked. Defend the rights of the weak and the cause of those facing injustice.

Give us an appropriate patriotism—giving thanks for the blessings you have poured out on America—without ever trading the riches of the gospel for the thin gruel of mere civil religion. Strengthen the church of Jesus Christ. Send your Spirit to descend with power upon every Bible-preaching pulpit. Bring true revival to our land—healing our divisions, leading us to repentance, teaching us the truth, and bringing us together to the cross. For as many more years as you give us as a nation, may we be a land where the truth of Christ is known, the good news of Christ is sent out, and the body of Christ is made strong. We ask, then, in the deepest biblical sense possible, O God, that you would truly bless America. We pray all this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of his church, Amen.

Excerpt from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/>
A Prayer for America on Independence Day (thegospelcoalition.org)

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.” That same dictionary defines liberty as, “the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to.” Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that “the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ.” There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one’s soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one’s character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. “I am sending you like lambs among wolves,” Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That’s what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Christine Tolson, Ethel Holt, Tracy Tatum, Taylor Boatwright, London Warner, Sharonda Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Cox & Sunday Glover~Cox.

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

Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday: Isaiah 66:10-14c/Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Galatians 6:14-18/Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13/Psalms 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9/Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Matthew 10:24-33

Next 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

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 7/4
Eternal repose of the soul of Charlene Haywood+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Tuesday 7/5
SS. Anthony & Elizabeth

Wednesday 7/6
St. Maria

Thursday 7/7
Eternal repose of the soul of Lucky Pianwi+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Friday 7/8
Weekday

Saturday 7/9
St. Augustine

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 Easely
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 6/26/2022:

\$ 5,522.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Luke 10:2

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S THIRD APPARITION, JULY 13, 1917 The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "The Blue Army" Invites you to **Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing** with St. Rafael Healing oil. **Wednesday, July 13 at 1:00pm** in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770

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>