

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**17th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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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

How does the Lord's Prayer benefit my life?

As the writer of this *Desiring God* article mentions, there are many ways that this guide to prayer from Jesus can benefit us. But there are three benefits that we'll discuss here. First, the Lord's Prayer turns our focus outward. Where prayer can get very "my" focused, with my requests, my issues, and my sins. This guide to prayer turns our focus outward to an awareness of who God is and his control. It pushes us to think about others and the will of God. This fact forces our prayers to go from insular to inclusive.

Second, this framework gives us something to hold on to and come back to when our mind wanders. There are so many distractions in our lives. Children need to get to school. Emails need a thoughtful response. And social media can take our minds off the task at hand – speaking to God. The Lord's Prayer not only keeps us focused, but it can be a bookmark to come back to when our mind goes elsewhere.

Finally, utilizing the Lord's Prayer enables your prayer to have bounds to explore. As mentioned before, Jesus gives us the starting point, but we're able to go as deep as we want at each point along the way. You can have a rich conversation with God praising him for all the wonders that he has done. In the same way, you may have something on your chest or a situation that you need to talk through with God.

A space for confession also provides the opportunity to lay everything at the foot of the cross and thank Jesus for his sacrifice and blood that makes us clean. As you pray, you might be surprised by the depth that is unlocked by not holding anything back from God in each section of the Lord's Prayer.

<https://fwcpb.org/the-lords-prayer-how-jesus-taught-us-to-pray/>

REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Beverly P. Russell, Mary Curtis, Zobari Pianwi, Rita Faxio Taylor, Alain Mansaray, Karen Walker, Dominique Johnson, Mary Woodward, Bill Alston, Carolyn Alston, Pnsca Amah, Nadia Ratiff, Darius Ratiff, Xaview Glover, Brenna Ratiff, Bobby Glover, Jr., and Jasmine Smith.

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

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022

Sunday: Genesis 18:20-32/Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Matthew 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22/Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/Psalms 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6/Psalms 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Matthew 13:47-53
Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9/Psalms 69:5, 8-10, 14/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/Psalms 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Matthew 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/Luke 12:13-21

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 7/25 Eternal repose of the soul of Geneva Baker+++ by Daughters of Isabella	Thursday 7/28 Eternal repose of the soul of Xavier D. Roots, Sr.+++ by Mildred Roots
Tuesday 7/26 SS Joachim and Anne	Friday 7/29 St. Martha
Wednesday 7/27 Weekday	Saturday 7/30 Blessings and Protection for Karis Felton by Family

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Iyana Davage	Melvin Jamison	Doreene Redd	Cecelia Williams
Blanche Bourm	Joyce Diggs	Mary Ann Johnson	Corley Redd	Lois Williams
Barbara Batts	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	David & Keisha Jones	Leroy Sandifer	Wellington Waters
Tanisha Bennett	Crawley Easely	Dawn Lattimer	Betty Smith	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Tammy Berry	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Kayla Tatum	Harold Woodard, Sr.
William P. Brown	Joshua M. Faison	Maria A. Logan	Rolland Taylor	
Ruth Bundy	Kimbolyn Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price	St Luke military families.
Beatrice Carroll	Anthony Flowers	Doreene Mahoney	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Rita Clines	Tina Garvin	Barbara Mallory	Matthew Thompson	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Katrina Griffin	Doris McCannon	Barbara B. Tyler	
Edith Cornish	Florence Hall	Alice L. Montague	Wayne A. Wallace	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Aniceto Charles	Steve Halle	Veronica Murray	Marquita Ward	
Patricia Chase	Chris Hawkins	Kathy Ndouga	Shiela Washington	
Valene Chemoo	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Steven Washington	
Joyce Cristwell	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Charles Watson, Jr.	
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson		
	James Hughes	Silvia Perry		



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 7/24/2022:

\$5,610.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles,
When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying,
the devils shouts for joy.

~By Corrie Ten Boom

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

FIRST ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the First Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, August 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This First Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Jubilarian anniversaries will still be honored in a special way during this Mass. Each parish is invited to send up to three couples as their representatives. Mass will be recorded and posted on the Archdiocesan website so everyone can join the celebration. Couples are invited to register by August 5, 2022 with their parish to receive a certificate from Cardinal Gregory in honor of their anniversary.

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.