

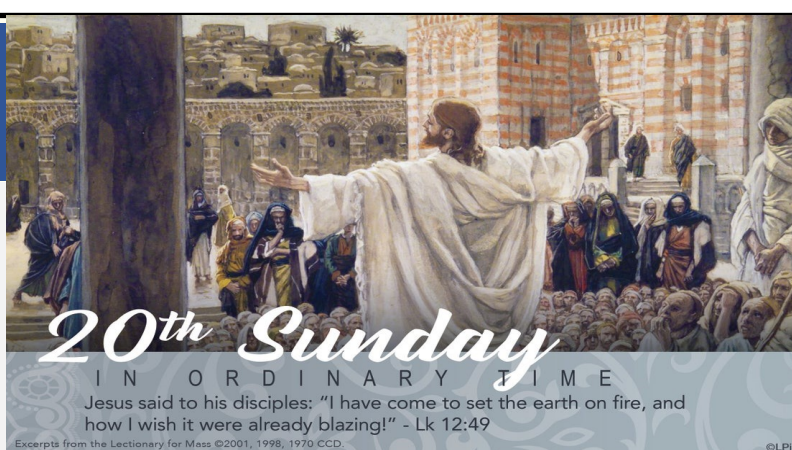
**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Twentieth 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**

**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

### What Does It Mean To Be A Witness?

What does it mean to be a witness? The way we answer this question is important if we wish to live faithful discipleship in Christ. To the modern world, a “witness” is commonly understood as someone who testifies on behalf of a person or to an event that he or she has seen with their own eyes or for which the person has first-hand knowledge. This is the common understanding of serving as a “witness” in court. Such witness is meant to establish the truth so that a proper judgment can be rendered by the appropriate authority.

As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are called to serve as “witnesses” to our faith. To be a witness to Christ is to demonstrate by our words, actions and attitude the sacred mystery that we have “seen”, heard and believe in our hearts about the Lord who has forgiven us of our sins and offered us eternal life. In contrast to the world, Christian witness is to be offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

You and I witness to Christ not by giving testimony to facts but to the truth— truth that is not always visible or “provable” by modern standards. We render testimony to what we have “seen” in our hearts, and not necessarily what we have seen with our physical eyes. We testify to our faith more effectively in our actions than in our words, inviting people not simply to understand what we are saying but to meet the Lord, personally and powerfully, through our faith, hope, and love in Him.

Unlike a witness in a courtroom, a witness to Christ serves as His ambassador in the world — effectively making the Lord present to everyone we meet. In this sense, the Christian’s court is the world and the judge before whom we testify is the Savior of us all.

<https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-witness>

### REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus’ message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God’s ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they’re sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine).” Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don’t lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Lamont P. Diggs, Sr., Trenita E. Russell, Violet Tinsley, Joan Davis, Sha'Mya Davis, Damonte D. Scott-Terrell, Linda Davis, Sharon Nickens, Carolyn Fleming, Brenda Edmond, Melissa Hyde, Monique Williams and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Paulette Hamlin.

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

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Hebrews 12:1-4/Luke 12:49-53

**Monday:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Ezra 28:1-10/Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ezra 34:1-11/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ezra 36:23-28/Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ezra 37:1-14/Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ezra 43:1-7ab/Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Matthew 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 66:18-21/Psalms 117:1, 2/Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/Luke 13:22-30

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 8/15**  
Eternal repose of the soul of William B. Philpot, Jr. by Bernadette Conrad God's Blessings and protection for TK Wilson by Wilson Family

**Tuesday 8/16**  
St. Stephen

**Wednesday 8/17**  
Weekday

**Thursday 8/18**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Deacon Joseph Conrad+++ by Family God's blessing and protection for TK Wilson, by Wilson Family

**Friday 8/19**  
St. John

**Saturday 8/19**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Florence Hall+++ by Bernadine Conrad God's blessing and protection for TK Wilson by Wilson 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  
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  
Kathy Ndouga  
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 8/7/2022:

\$7,929.74

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day

Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you.

## Parish News

**ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY COOKOUT:** Our parish cookout this year will take place on Sunday August 28th @ 12:30. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Donations are accepted.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK BAG DRIVE:** St Luke back to school book bag drive has begun. Please support our children by donating books, bag packs, reading and writing materials etc. Monetary donations are welcomed. Book bags will be distributed on August 28th at parish cookout. Thanks for your generosity.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**2022 BETHANY BEACH WEEKEND/WEEK FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS** Sept.3 thru Sept. 10 retreat/vacation. Mass Daily w/ Fr. T. Morrow. Includes all meals, Beach chairs, tennis courts—volleyball. One block from the beach. Sponsored by the St. Catherine & St. Lawrence Societies for single Catholics. For ore info. Contact Fr. T. Morro [tgmmorrow1@gmail.com](mailto:tgmmorrow1@gmail.com).

**UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY & STRESS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD WORKSHOP SERIES:** Starts September 8, 2022 Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, the series will run monthly on **Thursday evenings:** Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 2; **each session duration: 7:00~8:30pm** The cost for each session is \$60 per person, or sign up for the entire series for \$300 per person. Come to all or some. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)