

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**22ND 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 SEAT OF HONOR

“Now Jesus began telling a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been selecting the places of honor at the table...” (Luke 14:7)

How special did you feel when you were seated at the head table at a conference, a wedding, or some special gathering where you or a close friend was honored? You felt pretty special, didn't you? You saw it as a place of privilege and pride of a good sort penetrated your being. Frankly, for some if you were not seated at the special table, you just felt just as good as if you had a seat reserved near the head table. Yes, being truthful, some of us were just glad to be in the room, even if it was at the back of the venue!

When David brought Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan from Lo-debar to Jerusalem to eat regularly at the king's table, I'm sure he had to feel a sense of appreciation and joy to be seated at the table, just as he was as one of the king's sons. On the other end of the appreciation continuum, in another Biblical account, we see Judas seated at the table with the other disciples; one of which Jesus said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me – one who is eating with me.” Judas definitely did not appreciate the blessing of being at the table or being shown love by the Master, in spite of the King Jesus knowing what Judas would do, as it was written of him. He would face woe and it would have been good, in Jesus' words, for that man, Judas, if he had not been born.”

In yet another Biblical account, a couple of Jesus' disciples revealed their opinion about being seated at the table. Do you remember James and John, the sons of Zebedee saying to Jesus, “Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on your right and one on Your left.” A part of Jesus' response included these words: “But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those who for whom it has been prepared.” Knowing that they were interested in honor and power, Jesus went on to say to them, “Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be a slave of all.”

As preachers we were told not to take a seat in the pulpit, a figurative table where the word of God is to be served from, until we are asked to do so. And we were trained not to just come to the pulpit until invited. This training had a Biblical basis too. Remember Jesus' words in a parable, “When you are invited to someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, and he who invited you both shall come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the place. But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher;’ then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you.”

Here is the one I really like and look forward to, so I'm telling you, I will just be glad to be at the table. But I am going to live like I want to be asked to move up higher. Here it is: “Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.” How do you feel about being seated at the table? Are you living by giving honor and glory to the Lord so that you might be honored more? Something to ponder on, don't you agree? Have a great Friday! Oh, for some evangelism motivation, be sure to read the closing verse! Be blessed! “But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” (Luke 14:13)

<https://markwritesdaily.com/the-seat-of-honor>

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. “God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Kathy Harris Ndouga, Marvin Manassa, N’Kaih T. Scott-Terrell, Louis A. Ratiff, Tina Akhaine, and Kayla Tatum and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Gregory and Portia Evans and Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester and Evelyn Mode and Mr. & Mrs. Paulin Eric Deuppi and Christelle Mildre Makoulo Soph

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

Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Psalms 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Psalms 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mark 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Psalms 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Luke 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Luke 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Psalms 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Luke 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Philemon 9-10, 12-17/Luke 14:25-33

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 8/29
 God’s Blessings and Protection for Karis Felton by Family
 God’s Blessings and Protection for TK Wilson by Wilson Family
Tuesday 8/30
 Weekday
Wednesday 8/31
 Weekday

Thursday 9/1
 God’s blessings and Protection for Karis Felton by Family
 Eternal repose of the soul of Olivia M. Epps+++ by Darlington Family
Friday 9/2
 Weekday
Saturday 9/3
 Eternal repose of the soul of Sarah E. Epps+++ by Darlington Family
 Eternal repose of the soul of Antonio Parker by Bernadine Conrad

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| 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 Easley | 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 | Betty Gale | Barbara Mallory | Matthew Thompson | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Tina Garvin | Doris McCannon | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Edith Cornish | Katrina Griffin | Alice L. Montague | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Aniceto Charles | Steve Halle | Veronica Murray | Marquita Ward | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| 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

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Offertory Contributions for : 08-21-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022 MISSION APPEAL: The Comboni Missionary Sisters will be visiting our parish for a mission appeal during the weekend of September 3rd and 4th at the Masses. This mission appeal is approved by the Archdiocese of Washington. We thank you for your continued support of God's mission on earth.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL — NOW ENROLLING: Located at 1421 V. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009. Pre-K3 — 8th Grade. Tuition is \$6,500. According to the Archdiocese of Washington, the quality of education and staffing at St. Augustine Catholic School is equivalent to \$14,000 per year. Due to Parishioner support and other donors, every student gets a \$7500.00 reduction in the cost of tuition. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 202-667-2608 or 202-265-1470.

ERRC YOUTH LITURGICAL DANCE --Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748. The **Liturgical Dance Coordinator:** Ms. Gail Bell (**Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian**) *****Dance will be ministered during the 4 PM Vigil Mass as the meditation hymn. Release form must be filled out at the first rehearsal. Rehearsal Dates and Times:** Saturday, August 27th - Holy Family, Hillcrest 10 AM-12 Noon; Saturday, September 3rd - Holy Family, Hillcrest 10 AM-12 Noon; Saturday, September 10th - Holy Family, Hillcrest 10 AM-12 Noon; Friday, September 30th - Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian 7:30 PM-9 PM

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA NATIONAL COLLECTION BY THE ARCHDIOCESE — SEPTEMBER 11:

Right now, the Church has pressing needs, and Catholic University is responding with innovative research initiatives and training programs. Support of the National Collection not only provides critical support to students but also it helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project — an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers .