

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**25th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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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

Forgive As You Have Been Forgiven

The second letter to the Corinthians was written almost within a year after the first letter by Apostle Paul. In his first letter, he had addressed several conditions and problems within the church and was dealing with them with strong words to correct the evils in their midst. In today's reading, Apostle Paul aims to comfort those who had repented through his rebukes and corrections in first epistle (Vs.3-11), especially the fornicator who had received a fair share of his punishment by the church. In the first epistle, Apostle Paul had said to deliver him to Satan (1 Cor.5:5). In the 2nd Epistle we can see that he had repented and returned to God. In the Word of God, corrections are given to children of God with only one focus - that they will repent and return to Him. Likewise, in this case also it was effective and he is writing to the church to forgive him lest he should be swallowed up in much sorrow. (Vs.6-7).

The key verse tells us about the requirement of forgiveness and if not, how Satan can take advantage of it. Paul pleads for the church to forgive him and confirm their love to him, because the man had already suffered sufficiently. The purpose of the punishment was to bring him to repentance and it's done. Throughout the word of God we can see Satan's different devices against the children of God - an unforgiving mind is one of his chief schemes. Christ Jesus our Master taught us to forgive others. While He was teaching the model prayer to His disciples, He taught very specifically that if we do not forgive others, we will also not be forgiven. Or in other words, our prayers will be invalid. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt.6:14-15;18:35).

How is our response about forgiving others? One fact is that, we may have heard about the mistake of our fellow brother/sister and our view or thoughts about him/her might change based on the things we heard and perceived! Slowly it will be reflected in our approach and later it comes out through words, sometimes even in the presence of others. If the person has repented from the wrong doings, returned to God, receiving forgiveness from the Father Himself, we are to accept him/her graciously. On the contrary, Satan takes advantage of the other person, who hasn't forgiven the brother/ sister. Matthew 7:1-2 tells us: "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

As a child of God, we received forgiveness not because of any of our good deeds; it's His mercy we have received through Jesus Christ our Saviour (1Peter1:18-19). To understand the devices of the enemy we need to be rooted in the Word of God. James tells us to submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you (James 4:7-8). Therefore "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled..." (Heb.12:14-15).

<https://www.perfectinchrist.org/post/forgive-as-you-have-been-forgiven>

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Frances A. Cooper, Sunday Glover-Cox, Dorene Mahoney, Candice Williams, Constance Young, Marie Ebenbeng, Juliet Ross, and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Colethia Quarles.

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

Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7/Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/Matthew 9:9-13
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Luke 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

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 9/19
 God's Blessings and Protection for Jacqueline F. Gillespie by Janice Townsend
 Birthday Blessings for Connie Young
Tuesday 9/20
 Eternal Repose of the Soul of Pauline Briscoe +++by Parish Family
Wednesday 9/21
 Eternal repose of the soul of Inez Tolbert+++ by Parish Family
Thursday 9/22

God's Blessings & Protection for Tierra Wilson by Wilson Family
 Eternal Repose of the soul of Mary Curtis+++ by Bernadine Conrad
Friday 9/23
 Eternal repose of the soul of Mary Cooper+++ Parish Family
Saturday 9/17
 Eternal repose of the soul of Stephanie Montgomery by Bernadine Conrad+++
 God's Blessings and Protection for Tierra 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
 Betty Gale
 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

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Offertory Contributions for : 09-11-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.
– Paul Boese

FUNERALS:

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL on Tuesday September 20, 2022 for Pauling Briscoe, Wednesday, September 21, 2022 for Inez Tolbert, and on Friday, September 23, 2022 for Mary Magdalene Cooper.. Viewings at 10 am and funeral masses at 11am. Please pray for the families.

PARISH NEWS

CCD IN PERSON CLASSES will resume on Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 in the Center. This will be for all grades and Sacramental preparation. Registration is required. Masks are a requirement!

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM at St. Luke Catholic Church from 6:00 to 8:00pm on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SILENT RETREAT WEEKEND FOR WOMEN THIS FALL! October 14-16, 2022: These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER opening on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. There will be speakers, confessions, global living rosary, Mass at 1:00pm, children's choir and procession of the nations.