

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

"So should it be with you.  
When you have done all you  
have been commanded, say,  
'We are unprofitable servants;  
we have done what we were  
obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10

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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 2022 is "You, O Lord, protect us always; preserve us from this generation." [Psalm 12:8] 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

### INCREASE OUR FAITH

Have you ever wished you had more faith? Learn how to increase your faith in God with these steps from the Bible. In our text, the Lord Jesus Christ taught the disciples some hard lessons on forgiveness. Luke 17:3–5 “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.”

Forgiveness is necessary. God forgave us. He expects us to forgive others. We must even forgive the same person repeatedly if they repent. This revelation blew the disciples' minds! Forgiveness is one of the most challenging duties of the Christian life. It is contrary to fleshly wisdom. It requires elevation of petty feelings of offense, anger, malice, and revenge.

Unforgiveness is a sin. It is one of the most hurtful and ignored sins among Christians. This article is not about forgiveness. Although forgiveness is a worthy study, we don't have the space in this article to discuss forgiveness, the levels of forgiveness, and how to forgive. Today, we focus on the phrase, “Increase our faith.” The Disciples recognized that they didn't have the strong faith required to take the next step of obedience. They needed more faith!

The idea that we need more faith to accomplish God's will can be applied to many areas of life. As you grow in grace, your faith will need to increase. Some people have stopped following Christ because they sense their inability to obey what God commanded. The Apostles recognized that they didn't have what they needed, but the Lord did. They asked Him to increase their faith.

### REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, “obedience” is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I “have” to do, not “want” to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, “There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all.” St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Joyce E. Thomas, Shannon Harris, Michael Crawford, Dorethea Allan Mahoney, Dana West, Sylvester Mode, Johnny Lattimore, Kendra Akudike, and Joyce Colbert-Elliott.

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

Readings for the week of October 2, 2022

**Sunday:** Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/Luke 17:5-10  
**Monday:** Galatians 1:6-12/Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Luke 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 1:13-24/Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/Luke 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Galatians 3:1-5/Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Luke 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Galatians 3:7-14/Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Galatians 3:22-29/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Luke 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Kings 5:14-17/Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Timothy 2:8-13/Luke 17:11-19

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 10/3**  
God's blessings and protection for Tierra Wilson by Wilson Family

**Thursday 10/6**  
God's Blessings & Protection for all of those who cannot pray for themselves by Bernadine Conrad

**Tuesday 10/4**  
St. Francis of Assisi

**Friday 10/7**  
Our Lady of the Rosary

**Wednesday 10/5**  
St. Faustina

**Saturday 10/8**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Mary M. Cooper+++ by 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  
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

\$2,983.00

Offertory Contributions for : 09-25-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

The apostles were very sure that everything of theirs which had to do with salvation was a gift to them from God. 'Increase our faith' (Lk. 17:5). They did not presume that the fullness of faith would come to them merely because they freely opted for it. They believed, rather, that it was a gift of God which would have to be granted to them.

— John Cassian

## PARISH NEWS

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY** is giving a Mass at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the Mother of Africa Chapel on October 18, 2022. It will begin with Rosary at 9:30 and Mass at 10:00am. For more information contact Milton Harris at 202-412-0465.

## EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL

For the past 32 years the parishes of this deanery have gathered in revival, a movement that is lay lead with the guidance of the pastors. Each year we have packed churches to pray together and solidify the ties that bind us together as a church, that is Catholic and mostly African American! This year we will have the youth rally on Saturday, October 1st at Holy Family in Hillcrest Heights @ 9am. On Oct 3rd, 4th, and 5th the revival will be at St. Luke Parish @ 7pm nightly. Come and be nourished by God.

## 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](http://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!

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH** event hosted by Immaculate Conception Church. Erin Donn will be hosting a consistent life ethnic panel featuring pro-life speakers from Washington, D.C. on Wednesday October 12, 7:00pm.