

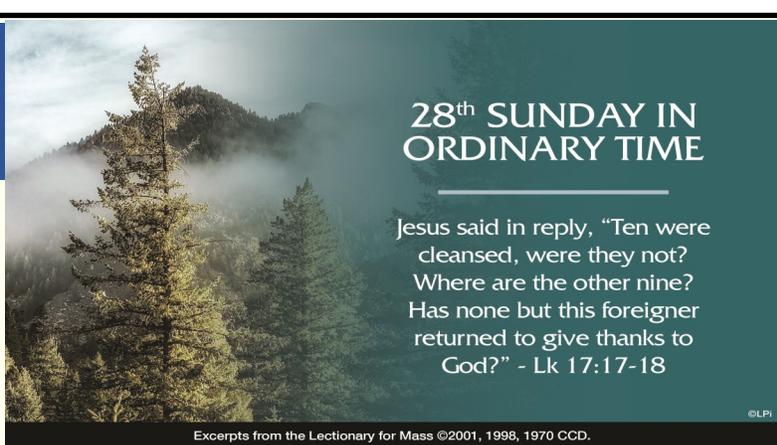
Sunday, October 9, 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
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**28th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were
cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine?
Has none but this foreigner
returned to give thanks to
God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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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

Thankfulness Lessons from the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Being grateful is among the best traits promoted by the Bible. This can be seen in the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed. In this post, let us take a deeper look at Luke 17:11-19 and learn what it teaches us about thankfulness. Luke 17:11-19 tells us about the ten lepers who asked for healing. They saw Jesus Christ (Yahshua the Messiah) and immediately asked for mercy. Christ then instructed them to go to the priests. As they were on their way, the ten lepers started to notice how their bodies began to heal. All the days of being isolated were now gone. They can now go back to their families and friends and live a healthy life. Out of the ten lepers, only one of them came back to glorify God and thank Jesus. What can we learn from the one thankful leper in Luke 17:11-19?

Gratitude is rare

The story in Luke 17:11-19 illustrates the sad reality in our world today. Only one out of ten people are truly thankful. Being grateful isn't natural. Kids don't normally learn how to be thankful for themselves. Even adults don't even know how to say a simple thank you when they receive favor from others.

Learn how to be thankful

While all of us would readily agree that being thankful is important, the application is difficult. It is not always easy to be thankful. It is not always easy to look at the bright side of life. It is not always easy to keep an attitude of gratefulness especially when you go through difficult periods of your time. However, friends, we are not called to do the easy things in life, but we are called to do the *right things* and the right thing is for us to consistently be thankful. More resources about thankfulness: The moment you murmur, grumble, and complain, you begin to be unthankful.

Are you thankful?

Friends, sometimes, when I look at the mirror, I see myself to be one of those nine lepers. Sometimes, it is easier for me to complain than to be thankful. It is easier for me to envy rather than appreciate the things that I have. This is the natural tendency of our human hearts. However, it doesn't have to be like that. Sometimes, we complain about our jobs, how difficult it is and how boring it is, but did you know that a lot of people have been praying for a job like yours? We complain about the food on our table, but did you know that millions of people die each year because of hunger and malnutrition? We complain about our home, but did you know there are thousands of people who live in the streets and even have living conditions worse than yours? We complain that we are getting older, but did you know that millions of people didn't have the chance to grow up and experience the beauty of life?

If you are getting older, be thankful because it means that God has been sustaining you all this time and that you still have a purpose to fulfill. We complain we don't have shoes, but there are a lot of people who don't have feet. We complain that our skin is too dark or our nose is too flat or too pointed, but there are lepers who would just even be thankful that they have healthy skin no matter what color it might be. We complain about how ugly our voice sounds, but did you know there are people who can't even talk? We complain about how hard life is, but did you know it is the difficulties in life that will prepare us for the Kingdom of God?

Gratefulness leads to blessedness

You see, friends, being thankful changes us from within. It helps us to achieve a better mindset. Look at happy and joyful people and I can tell you that the happiest people are also the most grateful. If you are sad, try to count your blessings. Perhaps, it's just a matter of changing your perspective in life. If you can't sleep, instead of counting sheep, count your blessings. I can assure you, that no matter what situation you are in right now, there will always, always, always be something to be thankful for. So, be thankful not just for each other, but also thankful to Yahweh, our Father. Be thankful not just for the good times, but also for the bad times. When life tells you to be bitter, envious, and depressed, choose to be thankful.

<https://becomingchristians.com/thankfulness-lessons-from-the-ten-lepers-luke-1711-19>

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Joan C. Lee, Shannon Harris, Abu Mansaray, Jr., Portia Evans, Michael Owens, Melinda Conrad-Brown, Kim Wilson, Wilhemina Holton, Charnay Casson and Mary Yvonne Donelson.

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

Readings for the week of October 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17/Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Timothy 2:8-13/Luke 17:11-19
Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Psalms 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6/Psalms 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Luke 11:47-54
Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Luke 12:1-7
Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23/Psalms 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Luke 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13/Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Timothy 3:14—4:2/Luke 18:1-8

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 10/10
 God's blessings and protection for Tierra Wilson by Wilson Family
 Eternal repose of the soul of Jack and Jeanne Hoban+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

Thursday 10/13
 God's Blessings & Protection for Doris Bowser by Bernadine Conrad
 Eternal repose of the soul of Patricia Schreiner Kerner+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Tuesday 10/11
 St. John XIII

Friday 10/14
 St. Callistus I

Wednesday 10/12
 Weekday

Saturday 10/15
 Eternal repose of the soul of Mary M. Cooper by the Cooper 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.
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 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

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Offertory Contributions for : 10-2-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses.” – Alphonse Karr

PARISH NEWS

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 12:00pm in front of St. Luke's Church. The St. Luke organizations are participating and all members are invited to attend.

THE ANNUAL PRAY FOR THE CURE MASS will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the 11:00am Mass.

ST LUKE 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Our Parish 65th anniversary and Unity Mass will take place on Sunday October 30th at the 11am Mass. Bishop John Ricard and the Josephite community will join us in this celebration. Reception will follow at the center. For more information, please call the parish office.

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.

PENNY GLOVER'S PLAY "SECOND CHANCES" will be held Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 3:00pm in the church hall. Tickets are \$15.00. You may call Penny Glover at 202-422-9036 or pay at the door.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DAY OF REFLECTION - THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

XIII NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

The XIII National Black Catholic Congress will be held July 21, 2023, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at National Harbor, Maryland. In preparation for the Congress, On Saturday, November 5, 2022, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will conduct a Day of Reflection to discern and dialogue with the faithful to identify their needs, interests, and concerns. The Day of Reflection is open for participation of the faithful in the Archdiocese. Pastors are asked to identify, confirm, and register two delegates to represent the parish and take part in the Day of Reflection. For more information, contact us at culturaldiversity@adw.org.

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.