

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**26<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN  
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Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'  
- Lk 16:31

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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

### A Prayer Against Spiritual Complacency

By: Chelsey DeMatteis

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. - James 1:22

Complacency and hesitancy typically go hand in hand. We see often this happen as Christians become complacent in their faith. They don't desire to grow in their faith, they don't walk in their convictions, and they entertain a progressive biblical view, they become hesitant in their belief of what God's Word says, and stop sharing the good news of Jesus.

Complacency has not only plagued many believers, but has been a plague in the church for a while now. Churches fear calling out this sin because they don't want to make us sinners upset, even though it's the Church who is called to instruct its body in the Word and teach what it says. Because of this and because many people are not spending time in the Word for themselves, we see a culture of people claiming Jesus is Lord but living a life that doesn't reflect any of His truth.

So how can you and I not get caught up in this? How can we pray against this sin of complacency? "We must be doers of the Word and not just hearers of it." James 1:22 tells us. Everything changes when we begin living out what God's Word says. It even tells us in James 1:21 "that we are to receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." How powerful is that! We are told exactly how to steer clear of a complacent faith: do what God's Word says.

Hold fast to the truth. Stand firm in your convictions. Know that you're accountable to God and Him alone.

<https://w.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-against-spiritual-complacency.html>

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

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Chikodili Onianwah, Jacqueline Wilson, Geraldine Jackson, Charmaine Williams, Francoise Ebenbeng, Yvonne Cooper Tolson, Ricardo C. Wilson, Bryce C. Wilson, Charmaine Onianwah and Monica Peters-Welch and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Beverly Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Westley & Natoshka Faxio Douglas, Mr. & Mrs. Byron & Sharanda Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius & Linda Osuji and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin & Angelica Ford.

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

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

**Sunday:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

**Monday:** Job 1:6-22/Psalms 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Psalms 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Luke 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Psalms 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/John 1:47-51

**Friday:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Psalms 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Luke 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Luke 10:17-24

**Next 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

**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 9/26**  
Birthday Blessings for Jacqueline Wilson by Wilson Family  
Eternal Repose of the soul of Pauline Briscoe+++ by Bernadine Conrad

**Thursday 9/29**  
God's Blessings & Protection for Tierra Wilson by Wilson Family  
God's Blessings and Protection for Karis Felton by Family

**Tuesday 9/27**  
St. Vincent de Paul

**Friday 9/30**  
St. Jerome

**Wednesday 9/28**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Stephon Malik Jenkins+++ by Parish Family

**Saturday 10/1**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Chagwan D. Barbett+++ by Bernadine Conrad

**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

\$4,145.56

Offertory Contributions for : 09-18-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

The tragedy of life is not found in failure but complacency. Not in you doing too much, but doing too little. Not in you living above your means, but below your capacity. It's not failure but aiming too low, that is life's greatest tragedy. By Benjamin E. Mays

## FUNERAL

**FUNERAL SERVICE** for Stephon Malik Jenkins on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Viewing at 10am and funeral service at 11am. Please pray for the family.

## 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. On Oct 3rd, 4th, and 5th the revival will be at St. Luke Parish. Come and be nourished.

## 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!

**30th INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING 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. The International Week of Prayer goes through the 9th of October. Please register at [ww.iwopf.org](http://ww.iwopf.org)