

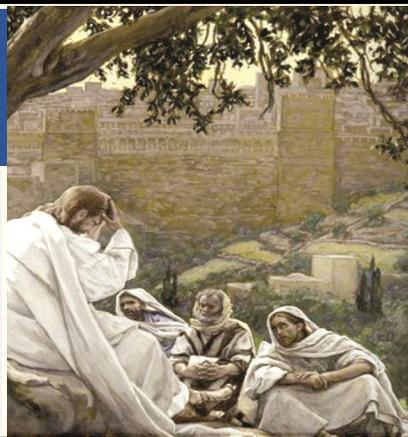
Sunday, November 13, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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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

Happy 65th Anniversary to Our Parish

Dear parishioners and friends in Christ. It is with great joy that I write to congratulate us all on the 65th Anniversary of this great parish. St. Luke Catholic Church is a beautiful dream that came into reality in 1957. We are indeed blessed by the almighty and will continue to be a blessing to many in and around our community for many more years to come. Our God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good. May the name of the Lord be praised both now and forever.

We have come a long way bearing our burden in the heat of the sun. We have been privileged to experience abundant joys but have seen our fair share of sorrow. So many men and women, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts, friends, families and well wishers who helped lay the foundation of this church have gone before marked with the sign of faith. Many who joyfully sat on these same pews singing praise to God and receiving the Sacraments of their salvation, are no longer here to celebrate with us. To them, we pray that the eternal Father will welcome them into the banquet feast in heaven— Amen.

For us who are privileged to be here today, I pray that we may never cease to be thankful and grateful to God for the numerous blessings we have received. May we never forget the legacies of our ancestors. But most importantly, may we continue to work in the Lord's vineyard and build our own legacy for years to come. Let us never be tired of doing what is good and pleasing to the Lord.

There is no denying the fact that our parish has become more diverse than it was 65 years ago. This is the work of the Lord and we rejoice with our hands raised to the hill where our help and sustenance come. Our diversity is not a problem to be solved, but a Grace-filled opportunity to testify to the universal nature of the heavenly liturgy that we aspire to be part of at the end of our life here on earth. Psalm 145 reminds us that we will extol you, O our God and King, and we will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will we bless you, and we will praise your name forever and ever...for God is kind and compassionate towards all his works.

How do we endeavor to keep our parish doors open for another 65 years and beyond? This is a relevant question that requires serious attention. Because of the uniqueness of our parish, efforts have to be made to pave way for the younger members to assume responsibility of leading the church. We must intentionally invest our time, talent and treasure to developing them as today's leader. We must let the light of Christ in them to shine forth. This doesn't imply that our more seasoned members should not be involved in ministry. No! On the contrary, we are to collaborate with the younger ones and guide them greener pastures. They are not the future of the church. They are the Now of parish.

We must intensify our evangelization in the neighborhood and beyond. Every baptized parishioner is called by Christ to bring others into the fold. We must sincerely ask ourselves- how many new members have I brought into the church? How many non active members have I called, visited or invited back to the empty pews? I am a big believer that the more folks we have in our parish family, the more resources we can pull from and the more great things we can achieve.

I invite all hands on deck as we write the next chapter of our parish history. Thank you for all have done and the things you will continue to do to uplift this parish that God has gifted us. How good and pleasant will it be, if as sisters and brothers we continue to dwell together in unity and love. I pray that the good work that the Lord had begun in our lives, be brought to fruition. May the joy of the Lord be our strength today, tomorrow and for ages to come.

Ad Multos Annos

Fr. Cornelius Kelechi Ejiogu, S.S.J

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Eugene F. Russell, Jr.,
Walter Gale,
Mary D. Jackson,
Makayla Cromwell and
Daphyne Washington.

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

Readings for the week of November 13, 2022

Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20a/Psalms 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thessalonians 3:7-12/Luke 21:5-19
Monday: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11/Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Luke 19:41-44
Friday: Revelation 10:8-11/Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: Revelation 11:4-12/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Luke 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Colossians 1:12-20/Luke 23:35-43

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 11/14
 God's blessing and protection for Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu by Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson
 God's blessing and protection for Chukwu Family By Kenneth & Uzoaku Chukwu
Tuesday 11/15
 St. Albert the Great
Wednesday 11/16
 St. Margaret of Scotland

Thursday 11/17
 Eternal repose of the souls of Haydee Patterson, Sr.,+++ and Haydee Patterson Jr +++ by Patterson Family
 Eternal repose of all the souls of the deceased at St. Luke by Bernadine Conrad
Friday 11/18
 The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul
Saturday 11/19
 Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---|
| Barbara Barnes | Iyana Davage | Melvin Jamison | Doreene Redd | Charles Watson, Jr. |
| Blanche Bourm | Joyce Diggs | Mary Ann Johnson | Corley Redd | Cecelia Williams |
| Barbara Batts | Lamont Diggs, Sr. | David & Keisha Jones | Regina Rivers | Lois Williams |
| Tanisha Bennett | Crawley Easely | Dawn Lattimer | Leroy Sandifer | Wellington Waters |
| Tammy Berry | Marita C. Edelin | Lawrence Lee | Betty Smith | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| William P. Brown | Joshua M. Faison | Maria A. Logan | Kayla Tatum | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| Ruth Bundy | Kimbolyn Flowers | Bernadette Mahoney | Rolland Taylor | |
| Beatrice Carroll | Anthony Flowers | Barbara Mallory | Gloria Thompson-Price | St Luke military families. |
| Rita Clines | Betty Gale | Sadie Mason | James F. Thompson, Jr. | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Tina Garvin | Doris McCannon | Matthew Thompson | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Edith Cornish | Katrina Griffin | Alice L. Montague | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Aniceto Charles | Steve Halle | Veronica Murray | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Patricia Chase | Chris Hawkins | Kathy Ndouga | Marquita Ward | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Valene Chemoo | Brenda Henson | David Neal | Shiela Washington | |
| Joyce Cristwell | James Holley | Florence Patterson | Steven Washington | |
| 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 : 11-6-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

PARISH NEWS

ST. LUKES'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be on Monday, November 21, 2022. Dinner will be served from 5pm to 6:30pm. As always we need your help in making this a successful event. Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served: turkey, ham, chicken, greens, green beans, dressing, gravy, yams, mac/cheese rolls, plus dessert (cake/pie). Any donations are greatly accepted and volunteers needed, monetary donations are also accepted. Contact information: Judy 202-794-2998 and Caprice 202-421-0707.

BUS TRIP TO DELAWARE PARK CASINO sponsored by the Blue Angels of St. Luke Center on Thursday, November 17th, 2022. Donation is \$45.00 with a \$20 Rebate in Free Play. There will be Snacks and Door Prizes (50/50). Contact Hope, 240-533-6289, Gloria, 202-581-1695; Lulu, 202-679-8667

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CHRISTMAS BAZZAR sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD on December 10 from 10am to 4pm. They are trying to raise funds for a Capitol Campaign to fix their HVAC system. You may contact Katie Ward at 301-495-2306. for more information.

HOLY REDEEMER 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on New York Avenue, NW in Washington, DC has scheduled a Gala and Sunday Liturgical Celebration for the weekend of November 26th and 27th. Since so many thousands have been associated with the church and the school throughout these 100 years, the Pastor and Centennial Committee are requesting Parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington to inform former members, staff, students, associates to contact the Rectory for further information. (Email: rectory@holyredeemerchurchdc.org, phone: 202-347-7510).