

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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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

BECOMING FISHERS OF MEN

There are a couple of things we can draw out from this (well, there are more than a couple, but for this post we'll stick to just a couple). Firstly, Jesus' invitation to Simon and Andrew was to follow him. We can get worked up trying to discern our calling in life. Don't get me wrong, it's important that we identify what it is that God has gifted us and called us to do, but we have a primary calling which comes before all that.

Our primary calling as Christians is simply to follow Jesus. We are not called primarily to a task, but to a relationship. It's this relationship that sustains us and give us purpose; it gives us a reason to keep doing the task (s) to which we are called. It's this relationship that keeps us going when we face all kinds of difficulties in life: losing your job, getting a bad diagnosis, breakdown in human relationships... the list goes on.

Jesus' invitation comes in two parts. The second part is, 'and I will show you how to fish for people.' The ESV puts it slightly differently (and more faithfully to the Greek): 'I will make you become fishers of men.' 'Fishers of men' is a title that many Christians awkwardly attach to themselves. We can understand the meaning behind it. We cast the gospel out like a net for fish, and people become captivated by Jesus and decide to follow him: fishers of men. However, I would suggest to you that perhaps Jesus wasn't establishing a title for all future Christians. After all, he didn't call Matthew the tax collector to be a fisher of men. Go with me on this.

Simon and Andrew (and James and John, although they didn't hear this part) were fishermen. That was what they did; it was their identity. They weren't ever going to be anything other than fishermen. Certainly in the case of James and John, fishing wasn't just their identity - it was a family identity. Jesus sees something different in these young men. They know how to catch fish, but there's more to them than simply doing that for the rest of their lives. To everyone around, and to themselves, they were only good for one thing: fishing. Jesus saw the potential in them to become world changers.

Seen in this light, Jesus' invitation is much cleverer than you might initially think. None of these young men would have believed Jesus if he'd said something like, 'Follow me, and I'll use you to bring about God's ultimate rule and reign here on earth.' Jesus talks to them about what they know - fishing - and uses it to give them a vision for what God can do through them. Dallas Willard once wrote: 'Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.' You might not be a fisherman, but you are a *something*.

What if Jesus wants to use you in whatever it is you spend your time doing, to bring about the Kingdom rule of God where you are? That's discipleship, and as we go about our primary call of following Jesus, we gradually become more like him - just like I did with Simon - so that others around us can see Jesus in us. Discipleship is an adventure for us, just as it was for the Twelve.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/what-being-fishers-of-men-really-means/128014.htm>

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...**" This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

- *Father John Muir*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Deborah A. Baker,
Barbara E. Wilson, Hope Brown,
Frances Y. Mercer, Edna Erikpara,
Pamela Nixon, Barbara Mallory,
and LaDora Baker.

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

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23—9:3/Psalms 27:1,4, 13-14
 (1a)/1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10/Psalms 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/Mark 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Tobit 1:1-5/12/Psalms 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mark 4:21-25

Friday Hebrews 10:32-39/Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19/Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 5:1-12a

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 1/23
 Day of Prayer for the
 Legal Protection of Unborn
 Children

Thursday 1/26
 Eternal repose of the
 soul of Mary F. Barnes

Tuesday 1/24
 St. Francis de Sales

Friday 1/27
 St. Angela Merici

Wednesday 1/25
 The Conversion of St.
 Paul

Saturday 1/28
 St. Thomas Aquinas

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 Easely
 Marita C. Edelin
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 Kimbolyn Flowers
 Anthony Flowers
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 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
 Sadie Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Kathy Ndouga
 David Neal
 Martha Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
 Doreene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 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 : 1/15/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. Mark 1:17-18

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mary F. Barnes on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Viewing from 9:30 to 11am. Funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family.

THANK YOU: Gregory Evans and family would like to thank you for all your good well wishes and kind thoughts during these trying times.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT— February 22, 2023 6pm-8pm: Sponsored by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center in Bethesda, MD. —301-365-0612 We will enjoy a meditation, a practical talk, and fellowship as we break bread together. Plus, more time for prayer will be included as we add Eucharistic Adoration to the schedule. Dinner is included. This retreat can help anyone to focus on important aspects of growth in the spiritual life, such as deeper self-knowledge, discernment of God's will, and finding a way to follow Christ more closely.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION ON CREMATION The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese has thoughtful information for Catholics considering cremation of the body. "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (Canon 1176). The Church allows for cremation of the body, providing that those making that decision are not doing so because they fear the body is lost forever and has no future together again with the immortal soul. As the Catechism proclaims with joyful hope: "we shall rise like Christ, with him, and through him" (CCC 995). The interment of cremated remains in sacred ground is a *corporal work of mercy* for the one who awaits the resurrection of the body in Christ. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington have burial sections, columbariums and mausoleum niches. For information on the Catholic way of death and burial and the decision to cremate, visit ccaw.org.