

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.”
- Mt 5:33

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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

Equality

By Maya Angelou

You declare you see me dimly
through a glass which will not shine,
though I stand before you boldly,
trim in rank and marking time.

You do own to hear me faintly
as a whisper out of range,
while my drums beat out the message
and the rhythms never change.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

You announce my ways are wanton,
that I fly from man to man,
but if I'm just a shadow to you,
could you ever understand?

We have lived a painful history,
we know the shameful past,
but I keep on marching forward,
and you keep on coming last.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

Take the blinders from your vision,
take the padding from your ears,
and confess you've heard me crying,
and admit you've seen my tears.

Hear the tempo so compelling,
hear the blood throb in my veins.
Yes, my drums are beating nightly,
and the rhythms never change.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

Reflection for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?"

In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules? Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death).

To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in? The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity.

Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

Father John Muir

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Steven B. Quarles
Bernadine Conrad
Barbara Batts
Colette Matiki
Toni Neal

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

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Corinthians 2:6-10/Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13/Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalms 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mark 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-7/Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mark 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Corinthians 3:16-23/

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during these 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 2/13
God's blessing & protection for Francois Ebendeng by Our Lady of Guadeloupe

Thursday 2/16
Eternal repose of the soul of Mary F. Barnes by Bernadine Conrad

Tuesday 2/14
SS. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

Friday 2/17
Weekday

Saturday 2/18
Weekday

Wednesday 2/15
Weekday

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
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
Sadie Mason
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
Kathy Ndouga
David Neal
Martha Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Gertrude Quarles
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

\$ 2,122.00

Offertory Contributions for : 2/5//2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“You cannot climb to the mountain top without crushing some weeds with your feet.” Ugandan Proverb

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Omia Mary Chesley on Thursday, Feb, 16 ,viewing at 10am, funeral Mass at 11am; and Darryl Anthony Dudley on Friday , Feb. 17, viewing at 10am, Funeral Mass at 11am . Please pray for the families.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023. Mass times are 7:00am, 10:00am and 6:00pm in St. Lukes Church.

2022 TAX STATEMENTS are available in the back of the church. Those of you who do not see theirs please call the Rectory (202)-584-8322.

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke’s Lenten Fish Fry will begin on Friday, February 24, 2023. More information will come later.

ST. LUKE BULLETINS: Anyone who attends weekend Masses and is not getting a bulletin that wants one please call the Rectory (202)584-8322.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL MANY MINISTRIES, ONE CHURCH: This Weekend we have been asked prayerfully to consider asking a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Please complete or take a commitment form at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at give.adw.org. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.