

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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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 2023 is "You are my inheritance O Lord, you have made my destiny secure." [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

THE EFFECTS OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of confirmation confers special graces of the Holy Spirit upon the person being confirmed, just as such graces were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost. Like baptism, therefore, it can be performed only once, and confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at baptism.

The catechism of the Catholic Church lists five effects of confirmation:

1. It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation [as children of God] which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"
2. It unites us more firmly to Christ.
3. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.
4. It renders our bond with the church more perfect.

It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the cross.

Because confirmation perfects our baptism, we are obliged to receive it "in due time." Any Catholic who did not receive confirmation at baptism or as part of his religious education during grade school or high school should contact a priest and arrange to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

All Christians who have been baptized are eligible to be confirmed, and, although the Western church suggests receiving the sacrament of confirmation after reaching the "age of reason" (around 7 years old, or second grade in the United States), it can be received at any time. (A child in danger of death should receive confirmation as soon as possible, no matter his or her age.)

A confirmand must be in a state of grace before receiving the sacrament of confirmation. If the sacrament is not received immediately after baptism, the confirmand should participate in the sacrament of confession before confirmation.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/the-sacrament-of-confirmation-542118>

REFLECTION FOR 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?"

He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Katrina Griffin, Barbara Batiste,
Lucy Johnson
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony & Kimbolyn
Flowers & Mr. & Mrs. Alvin and
Tajuana Hyde
MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Exodus 19:2-6a/Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Romans 5:6-11/
 Matthew 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10/Psalms 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Matthew
 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9/Psalms 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/
 Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11/Psalms 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11/Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Matthew
 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
 Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: *Vigil:* Jeremiah 1:4-10/Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and
 17/1 Peter 1:8-12/Luke 1:5-17

Day: Isaiah 49:1-6/Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Luke 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
 (14c)/Romans 5:12-15/Matthew 10:26-33

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to sup-
 port 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 6/19
 Birthday blessings for
 Ayodeji Enwezor by Angela

Eternal repose of the
 soul of Jessie Brown+++ by
 Patterson Family

Tuesday 6/20
 Weekday

Wednesday 6/21
 St. Aloysius

Thursday 6/22
 Eternal repose of the
 soul of Cyracus Ejiogu+++
 by Bernadine Conrad

Pray for the Cure for
 those with cancer, cancer
 survivors & life threaten-
 ing disorders by Bernadine
 Conrad

Friday 6/23
 Weekday

Saturday 6/24
 The Nativity of St. John
 the Baptist

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

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
 Faye L. Hawkins
 Brenda Henson
 Carolyn Holland
 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
 Silvia Perry
 Gertrude Quarles
 John Quarles
 Doreene Redd

Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Helen Smith
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 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 com-
 munity.

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

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

Offertory Contributions for 6/11/2023: \$1,343.00

Donation for Maintenance: \$3006.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."—St. Ambrose

PARISH NEWS

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY is June 30, 2023 sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Come out for free food, games and fun from 6:00pm to 10:30pm. Food will be served at 6:00pm. Please come early.

BUS TRIP TO SEE SIGHTS & SOUNDS PRODUCTION OF MOSES on June 21, 2023. Bus leaves St. Luke at 8:00am. Tickets cost \$98.00 per person. If interested contact Christine Tolson at (home) 202-398-5655 or (cell) 202-251-2406. Confirmation is needed by June 19, 2023.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: Congratulations to the Class of 2023! On June 25, 2023, we will recognize all graduates in our parish. Please fill out the form in the back of the church by June 18, 2023, to be recognized. You can call the rectory to be added to the list. Please come dressed to impress.

2023 SUMMER PROGRAMMING & ENRICHMENT June 28th—August 4th at St. Luke's Center. Registration opens late April/early May. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

TOILETRY DRIVE FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER during the summer months beginning in June. The items being requested are soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place your items in the boxes located in the front of the church and in the back of the church. This is sponsored by the Sodality.

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY extend a warmhearted invitation to the parishioners of St. Luke to join our Senior Knights and Ladies Division and Catholic young men and young women (ages 7 to 18) to join the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters Division. Members of the Knights of Peter Claver will be in the back of the church after the two Masses on Sunday, July 9, 2023 to share what we do in the Church and Community, many membership benefits/opportunities (i.e., protecting your family, scholarships, tutorial assistance), national programs and more. The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the oldest and largest historically, African American Catholic lay organization founded by 4 Josephite priests and 3 laymen.