

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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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

### REFLECTION ON MATTHEW 10:37-42

#### LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS

Some biblical commentators and theologians—especially in the past hundred years or so—have argued that the divinity of Jesus is clearly presented only in the Gospel of John and that the synoptic Gospels present a purely human Christ, a teacher and miracle worker perhaps, but not the Son of God. Nothing could be further from the truth. Saint John indeed presents the divinity of the Lord in relatively straightforward language—The Word became flesh; I and the Father are one; He who sees me sees the Father, etc.—but the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are no less emphatic regarding Jesus' divine nature, though they employ a different symbol system and mode of expression than John.

Matthew 10:37 is a striking example: Jesus said to his apostles, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” If a merely human figure said this, we would legitimately laugh him to scorn. To their great credit, neither the Buddha nor Muhammad nor Confucius ever said any such thing. But Jesus effectively declares, “you must love me more than you love even those you treasure most in the entire world.”

And mind you, he doesn't say, “you must love my teaching or you must love the God I proclaim more than these”; he says, “you must love me more than all of them.” The only one who could legitimately make such a demand is the living God, the good that transcends anything in creation. Though he is stating his case a bit more obliquely and indirectly than John, Saint Matthew is teaching here, just as clearly, that Jesus is divine.

Culled from <https://reason2bcatholic.com/2020/06/28/gospel-reflections-divinity-of-jesus-mt-1037/>

### REFLECTION FOR 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **“surely will not lose our reward.”**

The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

Father John Muir-Liturgical 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Ethel Holt, Hazel J. Faxio, Tracy Tatum, Taylor Boatwright, Sharanda Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest & Sunday Glover ~Cox

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

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

**Sunday:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Romans 6:3-4, 8-11/Matthew 10:37-42

**Monday:** Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/John 20:24-29

**Tuesday:** Genesis 19:15-29/Psalms 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mathew 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Genesis 21:5, 8-20a/Psalms 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Genesis 22:1b-19/Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday:** Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Psalms 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Matthew 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/Psalms 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:** Zechariah 9:9-10/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Romans 8:9, 11-13/Matthew 11:25-30

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 7/3**  
Eternal repose of the souls of the deceased Freeland Family by the Patterson Family

**Thursday 7/6**  
Eternal repose of the souls of Fr. Joe & Fr. Begay by the Patterson Family

**Tuesday 7/4**  
Weekday

**Friday 7/7**  
Weekday

**Wednesday 7/5**  
St. Anthony

**Saturday 7/8**  
God's blessings and protection for the Sick Members of the CWA by Our Lady of Gwadalupe

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 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

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 6/25/2023: \$1,713.00

Donation for Maintenance: \$2,881.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” —H. Jackson Brown Jr.

## PARISH NEWS

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Cheryl A. Lee on July 7, 2023. Wake is 10:45 am and funeral service at 11:00am. Please pray for the family.

**SISTER ACT the Musical:** The Daughters of Isabella and Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality presents a trip to: *Toby's Dinner Theater* on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Tickets are \$135.00. You can make 4 payments the 1st payment: is due ASAP and the final payment. is due Sept. 10th. Lunch is served upon arrival. For reservations contact Janice Williams and Joyce Thomas. Flyers are in the back of 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 .

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSE:** The Encounter School DC Campus in Gaithersburg, a two-year prayer ministry program approved by the Archdiocese of Washington, is holding a Summer Intensive Course from July 31-August 3 that will present inspirational talks from the first four quarters of the two-year program. Talks will include presentations about our Identity and Transformation in Christ, Hearing God's Voice & the Prophetic Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Power & Healing, and Inner Healing & Freedom. All who are interested in encountering Christ in a deeper way - and learning to help others do the same - are encouraged to attend! Summer Intensive will be held at the Mother of God Community 20501 Goshen Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20879 at 6 PM. For more information see [encounterschooldc.org](http://encounterschooldc.org) or visit <https://encounterdc.regfox.com/encounter-dc-summer-intensive-2023>