

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Come to me, all you
who labor and are
burdened, and I will
give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28

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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 History of The Knights of Peter Claver

From the The Colored Harvest Article

AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT FOR COLORED CATHOLICS

Article taken from The Colored Harvest Vol. VI, No. 2 - March 1910

On Sunday, November 7, 1909, in the city of Mobile, Ala., took place the Initiation of the first band of forty colored men, the nucleus of a fraternal society, which will be known as The Knights of Peter Claver. This is undoubtedly the most important movement for colored Catholics that has taken place for many a day. From the beginning, the missionaries to the colored people have been very much hampered by the fact that most all the men belonged to one or other of the fraternal organizations, which they would not, or could not, leave. They simply joined them for social and beneficial purposes. Time and again they have told the missionaries that they would gladly leave them if there were anything else to take their place. The missionaries tried in vain to have the ban to these secret societies removed, so that the Catholics could practice their duties. Finally, it was determined to form a new society for colored men which would be Catholic, and, at the same time, include all the fraternal and beneficial qualities of the secret organizations. This has been done, and the Josephite Fathers on the Coast (Alabama) are the leading spirits in this movement, with Father Conrad Rebesher, pastor of the Church of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, Mobile, Ala., as the prime mover. More than a year ago Father Rebesher spoke of the projected movement to his superior, and was promised all the assistance possible to carry out the plan.

On the morning of the initiation, forty colored men (forty men in a small mission parish) went to Holy Communion in a body in the presence of Right Rev. E. P. Allen, D.o. Bishop of Mobile, and Fathers Kelly, Rebesher and Dorsey. The Bishop was evidently pleased, as he is deeply interested in the work for colored Catholics. The congregation was very much impressed (for never before had any of them seen such a sight), and the work of making converts and of bringing back the stray sheep to the fold got a mighty impetus. Father Dorsey, the colored priest attached to St. Joseph's College, Montgomery, Ala., preached the sermon, in which the reverend preacher endeavored to impress on his hearers the necessity of good Christian operation among the members, with an unflinching obedience to the laws and by-laws of the order.

The initiation of the new members of the Knights of Peter Claver, K.O.P.C., took place at 5 o'clock in the evening. The ceremony was preceded by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Josephite Fathers, Kelly, Van Baast, Dorsey and Rebesher, the pastor, were present. Two new councils more have already been organized, one of Mon Louis, Ala., 22 members, and one at Chastang, Ala., 20 members. The Josephite Fathers will do all in their power to organize and increase the membership in the Knights of Peter Claver. It shall be their endeavor to open councils along the Coast to New Orleans, La., through Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

The home of the national council is in Mobile, Ala. There are already two subordinate councils, one at Mon Louis, Ala., and one at Chastang, Ala. Subordinate councils may be formed in any city or state, subject to the National council, where fifteen men wish to form a council, by applying to the national secretary and complying with the constitution. The National Council and the two sub-councils are in excellent financial condition, having already a substantial bank account. The initiators are an intelligent body of men, many of them already well acquainted with organization business. The Knights of Peter Claver have a safe and practical constitution of laws and by-laws. The writer has personally met many of the members of the national and sub-councils, and he entertains high hopes of their ability to manage their business affairs.

REFLECTION FOR 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity?

No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

Father John Muir-Liturgical 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Regina A. Rivers, Gloria Thompson-Price, Delores Woodward, Betty D. Gale, Christine Tolson, Peggy Wines, Syparia Harris, Jewel Martin-Leach, Cinque Smith, Sharon M. Lucas-Smith, Caitlyn Boatwright, London Warner, Nadia Ratiff, Gregory Evans, Sharon Lattimer and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Serge & Blise Kippe.

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

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

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
Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a/Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33/ Psalms 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Matthew 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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 7/10
Weekday

Thursday 7/3
St. Henry

Tuesday 7/11
St. Benedict

Friday 7/4
St.. Kateri

Wednesday 7/12
Weekday

Saturday 7/5
God's blessing and protection for Sister Anne Marie Schreiner by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

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
Nichole Gramh
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
Steven N.
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 7/2/2023: \$2,102.11

Donation for Maintenance: \$4,160.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11:28-30

PARISH NEWS

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.

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 or visit <https://encounterdc.regfox.com/encounter-dc-summer-intensive-2023>