

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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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

Jesus Walks on Water in Matthew 14

Matthew's account elaborates further on the situation from the other two. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:20-33).

Like Mark, Matthew records Jesus giving instructions and the situation as if reporting it for the news. However, Matthew is the only one who records Peter's response to the situation, and their subsequent declaration of the deity of Jesus. Matthew's account can encourage us that no matter how we start, we can finish well with Jesus. When Jesus got in the boat the wind ceased. But first Peter walked on the water at the command of Jesus, demonstrating his power as the Word of God. This is seen again when Jesus calmed the storm another time with just his word.

Meaning of Jesus Walking on Water

The miraculous feat of Jesus walking on the water, written in three of the Gospels, came right after His wondrous feeding of the 5,000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish (Matthew 14:17). But it was the revelation of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced Jesus' disciples that He was surely the Son of God. Jesus demonstrated Himself to be in command of the natural elements, something only God can do. He showed this truth to the disciples who witnessed His divinity and responded with a confession of faith in Jesus as God: "And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:32-33). No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, keep your eyes and ears on him and you'll be ok. Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect (Hebrews 12:2).

Culled from <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/jesus-christ/meaning-and-significance-of-jesus-walking-on-water.html>

REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Lamont P. Diggs, Sr., Trenita E. Russell,

Violet Tinsley, Damonte D. Scott-Terrell,

Scholastica Awalla

Linda Davis, Carolyn Fleming, Charles A. Wilson Jr.,

Melissa Hyde, Patricia Davis

MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD

BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28
Day: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Psalms 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Joshua 24:1-13/Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29/Psalms 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28

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 8/14/2023
God's Blessings & protection for Elizabeth Patterson by Patterson Family
Eternal repose of the souls of Charles & Rose Burrell+++ by Milton Harris, Jr.

Tuesday 8/15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 8/16
St. Stephen

Thursday 8/17
Eternal repose of the soul of Hattie Harris +++ by Milton Harris, Jr.
Eternal repose of the soul of Deacon Joseph Conrad+++ 9 year anniversary by Conrad Family

Friday 8/18
Weekday

Saturday 8/19
God's Blessings and protection for Catholic Women's Assn. sick members by Our Lady of Guadalupe

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
Agnes Harrell
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
Dorene 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 8/6/2023: \$2,046.00

Donation for Maintenance: \$5,996.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:26-27

PARISH NEWS

ST. LUKE ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT AND FUN DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH @12:30PM. VENUE IS CHURCH PARKING LOT/FIELD. SPECIAL GUEST-MPD POLICE BAND. COME FOR GOOD FOOD AND GREAT MUSIC.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD 2023-2024 will begin on August 27th at the Annual Family Day Cookout. Look for the Registration Desk on the rear parking lot!

YOUTH CHOIR Several parents have inquired about a YOUTH CHOIR. This can only happen if parents are willing to work with us! There will be a Sign-up sheet for this activity also available on August 27th at the Registration Desk.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK BAG DRIVE: It is almost that time again for the annual back to school book bag drive! This summer we'll start end of July through last Saturday in August, prior to our St. Luke Family/Friends Fun Day! They can be placed in the back of the church, as always, St. Luke Book bag Committee appreciates your support!

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsored a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat September 29 - October 1, 2023. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS The Office of Family Life with St. John Neumann will be offering a Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30am – 7:00pm. Any parent who has lost a child no matter how long ago or the cause, is welcome to attend. [Click here](#) for the link for registration. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-4546.