

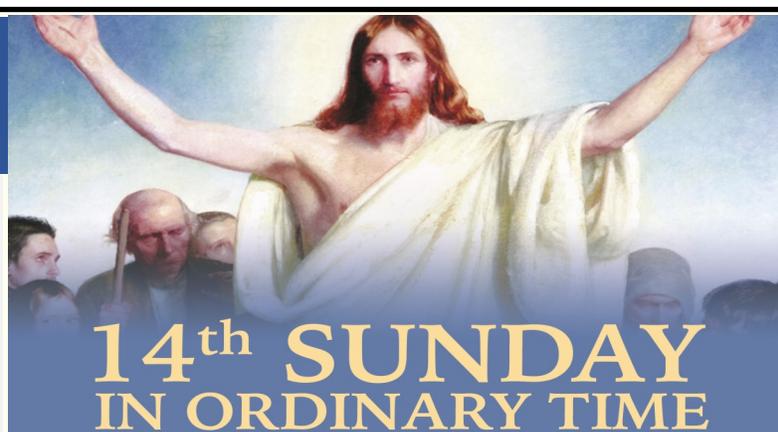
Sunday, July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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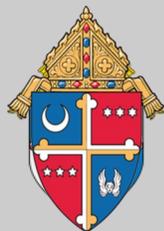
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Welcome

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 2019 is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] 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 the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every 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

Anchored in Christ

An anchor is a person or thing that provides stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation. The tossing of the boat made us sick that day several years ago. Today, we all experience things in life that can get us even more stirred up. Whether it is uncertainty in your finances, difficulty in a relationship, or changes in your life in the home, at work or at church, it doesn't take much for an upset to occur. Is there a person or thing that can provide stability or confidence in our otherwise uncertain situations that we might face this day, week, month or year?

The answer to that question is, "yes!" There is an anchor for the soul to give us peace in the turbulence of life, and that is the person Jesus Christ (Heb. 6:19). At the heart of the Christian life is trusting the love of God that is demonstrated through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the preeminent expression of God's love to us. We must accept the love of God by receiving the blood of Jesus as our sacrifice and payment for sin. It also means that we find our acceptance and worth in life in the place of God's love. Trusting God's love is the highest priority in the Christian life.

In other words, we must have faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Faith, this abiding trust in God, is the essential and non-negotiable requirement to having favor with God. At the heart of faith is believing that God wants to bestow favor on you despite your sin and brokenness. That can be hard to swallow when we carry such an enormous amount of guilt and shame before Him, but that is exactly what faith means for our life. Faith is the act of going to God because we are certain that we have been set free from sin by the blood of Jesus, and we are no longer captive to sin.

Faith is motivated by the promise of reward. Our greatest reward is Christ, but He promises us that he will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). In fact, one of the emotional and intellectual obstacles that must be overcome in our hearts before we are ever willing to detach the anchors of our souls from idols and onto Christ is that His reward and promise is much greater than what we are offered by our idols. The motive to anchoring on to Christ is the promise of His rewards.

That might not sound right, but that is what His word teaches us in Hebrews 11:6. Not only is this theologically true, but it is also true when applied to life. The only way that we will overcome our addictions and idols in life is when we believe that the promise of what Christ offers has a much greater reward than what the promises of pornography, alcohol, destructive anger, legalism, materialism and idol after idol offers. Part of the vision statement of our church states, "...in Christ, we pursue a better way to live." In other words, our vision is to be a gathering of believers who increasingly detach our soul ships from anchors of idols that don't keep us stable and to attach ourselves to the anchor of Christ.

If your life is being rocked back and forth by troubles in this world and changes that are happening around you that are not within your control or approval, then I would encourage you to examine yourself. Test yourself and see whether you are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5). See what you are trying to be anchored with. For some of us, our anchor might be the comfort of a relationship that looks the way that we wish for it to look. It might be for church and the worship experience to be something different. It might be more money in the bank. It might be to have our job turn out a certain way. But what happens if these circumstances don't turn out to our favor? They will disappoint and we will be like a catamaran drifting in choppy waters.

I pray that you and I will increasingly stay anchored to Christ, especially during uncertain times in life. Our idols offer a promise of comfort, security and hope. But they always disappoint. Jesus also offers comfort, security and hope, yet his promises never disappoint (Matt. 6:25; Josh. 1:5; Ps. 37:25; 2 Cor. 4:9). Which anchor will you trust? One that has abandoned you over and over again, or Christ who has demonstrated His love to you by laying down his life for you, even when you were still a sinner (Rom. 5:8)? As for me, I choose Christ. How about you?

Excerpt culled from <https://www.holyokefbc.com/anchored-in-christ/>

REFLECTION FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Delores Woodard, Christine Tolson,
Wardell Washington, Paul Mahoney, Yvette Cephas,
Tracy Tatum, Peggy Wines, Taylor Boatwright,
London Warner, Sharand Wilson and Sharon Latimer.

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

Readings for week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Romans 8:9, 11-13/Matthew 11:25-30

Monday: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13/Psalms 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9/Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Matthew 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 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 this 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

God bless and keep you safe.

EASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 07/06
St. Maria

Tuesday 07/07
Weekday

Wednesday 07/08
Weekday

Thursday 07/09
St. Augustine

Friday 07/10
Weekday

Saturday 07/11
St. Benedict

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad-Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson

David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms

Kecia Proctor
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
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

Cecelia 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)
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible Quote for the day: “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”
Matthew 10:40

Dear Parishioners, our regular Sunday Masses resumed . We are permitted to have a maximum of 100 persons in our church each Mass. You are welcome to now attend Mass in person with Masks and social distancing.

Mass of Christian Burial For Mr. James Nelson: will take place on Friday July 10th. Viewing will begin at 10am followed by Mass at 11am.

Mass of Christian Burial for Sheila Glover:

2020 GRADUATES MASS OF THANKSGIVING: will take place on Sunday July 26th at the 11am Mass. Graduates who will be attending in person, please call the Parish office for notifications.

FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The 2020 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund is now available. If you are currently enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply to our online application. You can find the online application on our website www.stlukechurchssj.org or by requesting the link by emailing stluke.dc@adw.org. The deadline to apply is Sunday, July 19, 2020. Please note: There are no paper applications available this year.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES —COVID 19 OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Food Distribution—Join Catholic Charities Food Distribution team! We are recruiting a team of volunteers to direct cars through a pickup line to receive a box of food containing frozen proteins and fresh produce for 4 people and a bag containing prepared meals to take home. Distribution typically happens on Friday from 10am – 2pm. Please see this link for the latest details and to sign up: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>