

Sunday, September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Times

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm

Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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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: 10:00am

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.

| Weekday | Time | Feast of the Day | Mass Intention For the Week | Requested By |
|----------------|-------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Saturday 21st | 4:00pm | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (v) | Eternal repose of the soul of Isaac Saxone Akhaine+++ | Hilda McDougald |
| Sunday 22nd | 8:30am 11:00am | 254th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | For an End in Domestic Violence in our communities For an End in Domestic Violence in our communities | Parish Family Parish Family |
| Monday 23rd | 10:00am | St. Pius OBL | Eternal repose of the soul of Tanya D. Woodland+++ | Parish Family |
| Tuesday 24th | 8:00am | Weekday Mass | Eternal repose of the soul of Donald Lewis+++ | Doris C. Lucas |
| Wednesday 25th | 8:00am | Weekday Mass | For all our sick and shut-in parishioners/family | Parish Family |
| Thursday 26th | 10:00am | SS Cosmas & Damian OPT | Eternal repose of the soul of Virginia Johnson+++ | Family |
| Friday 27th | 8:00am | St. Vincent de Paul OBL | Thanking God for members of our SVDP food bank | Parish Family |

PASTOR'S CORNER

7. What do the actions of the prodigal son teach us? They teaches us the depths to which our own misuse of freedom will bring us. If we are bent on leaving God, things will go badly for us. We will be humiliated in the uncaring world. The farther we get from the Father's loving care, the worse off we will be, and our best course is to return to God and his forgiveness.

8. What does the father do next? When the prodigal son returns to his father, something significant happens. While he is still at a distance, the father sees him, has compassion upon him, runs to him, hugs him, and kisses him. This is *far* from the humiliating reunion that the son might expect based on his previous audacious and insulting treatment of his father! The returning son must have been astonished! Rather than treating his younger son as a mere servant, he turns to the actual servants and orders a celebration.

9. What do the actions of the father teach us? The first lesson is that the father *will not* treat a son as a hired servant. The younger son is *still* a son! As a result, his return is something to be celebrated! He is to wear a fancy robe! A fancy ring! Shoes! There is to be a fancy feast for everyone! There is to be music and dancing! Why? Because "This my son was dead, and is alive again" and "He was lost, and is found." This shows us God's reaction when we return from being lost in sin. He doesn't begrudge us what we have done. He doesn't take us back reluctantly.

10. What does the older brother do next? There is usually at least one major lesson per parable for each major figure in it, and now we come to the lesson that the older brother can teach us. He didn't demand his inheritance. He stayed faithful to his father. And now he is angry. Why should his younger, *wasteful*, *sinful* brother receive such a reception by their father? The older brother is so angry that he refuses to go inside and join the party. Naturally, his father hears about it and comes to talk to him. When that happens, we discover that he's not just angry with his brother, he's angry with his father, too.

11. What does the father do? The father tells the son three things. First, he tells him: "Son, you are always with me." This seems to be a reassurance to the elder son that he has not lost his place in the family. His place is secure. Second, he tells him: "and all that is mine is yours." This is because the division of property has already taken place. The younger son took his third, so the two-thirds that remain will go entirely to the older son. This means that the current celebration does not represent a threat to the older brother or his inheritance. Instead, it is a celebration of joy occasioned by the return of the son.

12. What are the spiritual lessons for us? From this parable we can draw a number of spiritual lessons: We can be a genuine son of the Father—who is spiritually "alive"—and be "lost" through sin. We can turn our backs on our heavenly Father and leave him of our own free will. Mortal sin is a real possibility. Mortal sin inevitably lands us in a far worse state than we were in originally. We can, however, return to the Father and be accepted by him with great joy. In fact, he is ready and eager to accept us back and forgive us, no matter what we've done. Christians who have never fallen should not resent those who come back. They should share in their Father's joy. Their own place is secure and their heavenly reward is not threatened. God loves them just as much as he loves those who come back through a dramatic conversion.

Excerpt culled from <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimmy-akin/12-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-prodigal-son>

REFLECTION FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces?

Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

Liturgical Publications 2015

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

4:00pm Mass
R. Watson & K.H. Ndouga

8:30am Mass
M. Greene & D. Savoy

11:00am Mass
S. Williams & J. Williams

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

4:00pm Mass
T.E. Russell & V. Watson

8:30am Mass
Y. Tolson & C. Tolson

11:00am Mass
B. Conrad & E. Young

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7/Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezra 1:1-6/Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Haggai 2:1-9/Psalms 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/ Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Luke 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Francis A. Cooper, Chikodili Onianwah, Jacqueline Wilson, Francoise Ebenbeng, Ricardo C. Wilson, Bryce C. Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Westley & Natoshka Faxio Douglas and

Mr. & Mrs. Byron and Sharanda Wilson.

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

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

\$5,347.51

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

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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

Joyce Diggs
Marita C. Edelin
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Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
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Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
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Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry

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Kecia Proctor
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Doreene Redd
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Shiela 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 38 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'S PIANO PALOOZA RAFFLE: Beloved parishioners and friends, we are beginning a capital campaign to raise \$30,000 to pay for our new grand piano. To enable us attain this goal, we will be selling off some raffle tickets beginning Saturday, August 17., 2019. Each ticket will cost \$10.00. The first prize is \$1,500.00, 2nd prize is \$1,000.00 and third prize is \$500.00. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church after each Mass. Please help us sing joyfully to the Lord our God by purchasing and selling these 3,000 tickets. Remain blessed!

BENEFIT CABARET sponsored by St. Luke Center Angels on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 9:00pm to 1:00am at the St. Luke Center. Donation is \$15.00 and there will be free set ups. Music will be by DJ Melvin & Adrienne. Dress attire. No jeans. Please come out and show your support.

RELIEF FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE BAHAMAS: Dear Parishioners, thank you for your suggestions regarding our relief efforts for those affected by hurricane Dorian. Your (overwhelming) suggestion is that we take up a second collection on the weekend of September 29th. The fund collected will be given to Catholic Relief Service (CRS) who then will send the money to the Archdiocese of Nassau in the Bahamas. Thank you for your continued care and support for humanity.

30th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: "Be Still and Know That I Am God." on October 7-9, 2019 at 7pm nightly at Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747. The revivalist is Richard Lane a Catholic Lay Evangelist. Our parish will assist on Monday the 7th of October. Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu will be the master of ceremony for the revival. There will be a Youth Rally on Saturday, October 5 from 10am to 4pm for ages 7 thru 17. There will be food, activities and more at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 1600 Morris Road S.E., Washington, DC 20020. For additional info, please see a ERRC Representative or contact Chris Chatman 240-492-6847 or Pat Harris at 301-412-5875.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will hold a Mass on October 24 at 10:00am in the Mother of Africa Chapel at the Basilica.. For any questions on more information you may contact Byron Wilson at 240-351-8027.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Tonya D. Woodland will take place on Monday September 23rd. Viewing is at 10am and Mass will begin at 11am. Please keep the family in your prayers

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT at THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS: Parents/Guardians of 8th grade girls are invited to Holy Cross on Tuesday, October 8 at 7P00 pm in the theater. They will provide useful information about the application process, financial aid and scholarships. A Spanish interpreter will be available. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Jordyn rock in the Admissions Office at (301) 929-6442 or jbrock@academyoftheholycrossorg.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS & DINNER; The Office of Priests Vocations will hold a Men's Discernment Mass & Dinner on October 6, 2019 at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill beginning at 3pm. Followed by dinner will be a discussion of the priesthood with priests, seminarians and other men from the D.C. area. Men must register to attend at www.DCPriest.org. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIYANET CENTER OF AMERICA'S FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL happening this September 28th from 9:00AM to 9:00PM. It will be held at the Diyanet Center of America at 9610 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706. Admission is free and nor registration required and open to the public event. Vendors, food & drinks, games, entertainment during the day will be available. There is a Circus Show at 7:30pm, Fashion Seminar at 1:00pm and Fire Truck & Police Cars at 4:00pm

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUANTY

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON IS HIRING! They are seeking those who are experienced in accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and human resources to work in Parish offices throughout the Archdiocese. The work is interesting and the hours are flexible if needed. What a beautiful way to serve our Lord through your talents. Kindly send your resume to russl@adw.org or if you have nay questions.