

Sunday, November 3, 2019

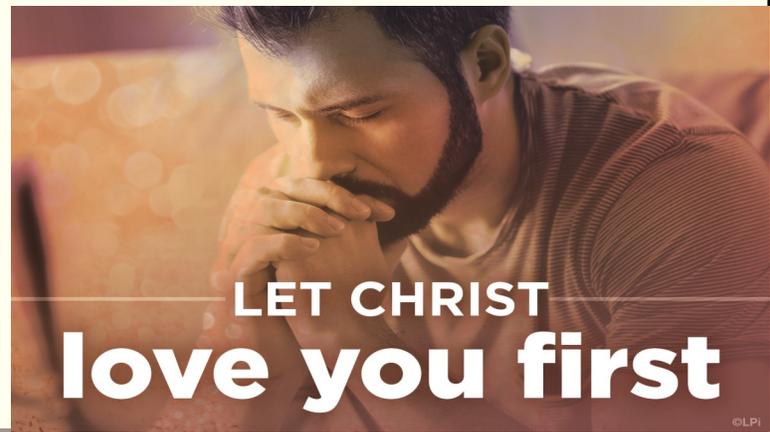
31st Sunday in Ordinary Times

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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 2nd	10:00am: 4 : 00pm	All Souls Day 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (v)	Remembering all our deceased Parishioners and Family members	Parish Family
Sunday 3rd	8:30am 11:00am	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	That God may grant a happy repose to all St. Luke Parishioners who died this year	Parish Family
Monday 4th	10:00am	St. Charles OBL	Eternal repose of the soul of Bradley M. Lucas, Sr.+++ (BB)	Doris C. Lucas
Tuesday 5th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Earl Coleman+++	Parish Family
Wednesday 6th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Deacon Hobson .Bowser+++	Parish Family
Thursday 7th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Deacon Joseph Conrad	Parish Family
Friday 8th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Alfred Price+++	Parish Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

Praying for the dead might not make sense to nonbelievers but for Catholics it is part and parcel of the faith tradition, rooted in Old Testament readings and supported by the Catechism and the Church's funeral liturgy. "Our faith teaches us to pray for the dead," said Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Ill., in a 2015 All Saints' Day reflection, stressing that although people hope that those who die are with God and the angels and saints, it is not necessarily a guarantee. "Scripture teaches that all of the dead shall be raised. However, only the just are destined for the kingdom of God," the bishop wrote. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the clearest Bible reference about prayers for the dead is from the Second Book of Maccabees. When soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain comrades for burial they discovered they were wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple which violated the law of Deuteronomy so they prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed.

The New Testament echoes this notion in the second letter of Timothy when Paul prays for someone who died named Onesiphorus, saying: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day." The Catechism of the Catholic Church also has something to say about prayers for the dead, stating: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (1030). The Roman catacombs where early Christians were buried also were places of prayer. Today, prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death, often when family members are gathered around the bedside of the person who has died.

Prayers for death and grieving are among the "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers," published in 2007 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, that includes prayers immediately after death, prayers for mourners, prayers at the graveside and a more general prayer for the dead. Of course these prayers continue in the funeral liturgy, which is the "central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased," according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' overview of Catholic funeral rites, online at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm. The funeral liturgy, the website points out, is "an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief."

It is a time when the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased "to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery," it adds. The prayers in the funeral liturgy express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. "The funeral rite is a prayer for the dead, designated by the Church as the liturgy of Christian burial," wrote Bishop Braxton in his reflection. He noted that many parishes "regularly disregard" the emphasis of this liturgy by printing funeral programs which say: "the Mass of the Resurrection: A Celebration of Life," even though the person has obviously not yet been raised from the dead."

According to the Catechism, most Catholics who don't merit hell still need purification before entering heaven and pass through a state when they die that the Church describes as purgatory. In a question-and-answer page on www.BustedHalo.com, a Paulist-run website, Paulist Father Joe Scott said praying for the dead has "further origins in our belief in the communion of saints." The priest, an associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles, added that living members of this communion can "assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support." "Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints," he wrote. "We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs."

<https://catholicnewsherald.com/faith/funeral/204-news/grief-header/1577-why-do-we-pray-for-the-dead>

REFLECTION FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus.

But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments.

Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

Liturgical Publications 2015

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
NOVEMBER 9**

4:00pm Mass
V. Watson & E. Coefield

8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & M. Greene

11:00am Mass
J. Thomas & R. Johnson

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
NOVEMBER 9**

4:00pm Mass
T. Russell & S.G. Cox

8:30am Mass
M. Harris & D. Lucas

11:00am Mass
V. Tinsley & T. Hyde

Readings for the Week of November 3rd 2019

Sunday: Wisdom 11:22—12:2/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Romans 11:29-36/Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16b/Psalms 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10/Psalms 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12/Psalms 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Romans 15:14-21/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16- 17/John 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14/Psalms 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5/Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Bible Study for the Week
1 Samuel 12:20-25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ronald Watson, Ayden Brown, Phillip Smith & Pearl A. Baynes.

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

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
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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

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
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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
James Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Steven Washington

Cecelia Williams
Carrie R. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HOLY NAME SOCIETY are having their Memorial Mass and brunch on November 17 at the 11:00am Mass followed by a reception in the Hall Tickets are \$10.00 for more information contact Phil Smith at 301-675-6208 or Toni Neal at 202-316-9322.

ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER Get your appetites ready for the pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Ecumenical ministry on Monday, November 25th in the Church Hall at 6:00pm Food and monetary donations are accepted and there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE SECOND COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2019 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. These priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that will be passed out to you on the weekend of November 2 and 3.

BINGO: Incarnation church will have BINGO every first Thursday of the month. The doors open at 6:00pm and games start at 7:15pm. Incarnation church is located at 880 Eastern Avenue N.E. Washington, DC 20019. (202)396-0942

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Not a HolyDay of Obligation 2019. This year the first Sunday of Advent falls on December 8, 2019. Because the first Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to December 9. Because of this the Solemnity is NOT a holyday of obligation this year.

MASS OF THE AMERICAS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM AT THE BASILICA This is the first ever Mass of the Americas in Extraordinary Form on Saturday November 16th at 10:00am in the Greater Upper Church. The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco will be the Celebrant. This Mass will also be live streamed on EWTN. No tickets are required. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MASS The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the celebration of Mass in honor of Black Catholic History Month and its theme of "Steadfast Witness". The celebration will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Hillcrest Heights, MD (2210 Callaway St.) It will begin with praise and worship at 3:30pm, followed by the Mass at 4:00pm with the Most Reverend Mario Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington as the principal celebrant. For more information contact culturaldiversity@adw.org.

THE ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER held at Pope Francis Center is an opportunity for the Deaf Community and all those supported by the Department of Special Needs Ministries of the Archdiocese of Washington to gather together in fellowship, food and fun. All are welcome to this dinner on November 17th from 11:30-4:00pm. For more information contact 301-853-4560, 301-200-5430 VP or deafcatholic@adw.org.

QUO VIDAS COME AND SEE RETREAT November 8 through Sunday, November 10, 2019. Young men in grades 11 and 12 are invited to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school seniors and juniors to consider attending this great weekend event. Visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register.