

Sunday, February 16, 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 15th	4:00pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (v)	For a Successful 2020 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal	Parish Family
Sunday 16th	8:30am 11:00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For a Successful 2020 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal For a Successful 2020 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 17th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the souls of Elaine Miller+++	Parish Family
Tuesday 18th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the souls of Audrey, Beatrice & Ethel+++	Family
Wednesday 19th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Birthday Blessings for Louise Washington	Doris Lucas
Thursday 20th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Milton P. Harris, Sr.+++	Hilda McDougald
Friday 21st	8:00am	St. Peter	Eternal repose of the soul of Geraldine Marshall+++	Parish Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

POWER OF COMMITMENT: FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH

Commitment is one of life's true barometers of a person's character. Each one of us has experienced the many times someone has said "yes" or given their word but later reneged. Not only do we feel abandoned but it raises a serious question of the trustworthiness of an individual. Commitment and follow through says much regarding a person's heart and mind. It has been said that one is what you eat, or what you wear, or what you say, or what you do.

What all these have in common is they describe activity. . .and action speaks louder than words! Scripture says "You will know them by their fruits." (Matt 7:16) There is an obvious difference between a silent thought and its corresponding action. "To intend" is vastly different than "doing." Good intentions are a dime a dozen but without translation into activity. . ."the doing". . .they are comparable to a puff of wind. Commitment is the opposite of intention.

To commit or make a commitment requires follow through or corresponding action. It is similar to a vow (marriage) or a hand shake (agree to buy/sell) or an unwritten contract (promise to deliver). It motivates or obligates one to fulfill what is or was promised. Children know this better than adults; and children will remind parents of their commitments. . ."But you promised!" Fulfillment of a commitment makes for a "good life." Not only does it feel good to fulfill ones commitment(s) but it establishes personal norms or standards for living. The premise for "Little Deeds of Kindness" is precisely that. . ."practice makes perfect". The Book of Proverbs says it best: ". . .a desire fulfilled is a tree of life." (13:12)

Excerpt culled from <https://cus.edu/cus/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/PowerOfCommitment.pdf>

REFLECTION FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 23**4:00pm Mass**
P. Wines & M. Holland**8:30am Mass**
P. Nixon & A. Miles**11:00am Mass**
L. Miles & Y. ShermanE.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 23**4:00pm Mass**
P. Glover & S.G. Cox**8:30am Mass**
C. Tolson & M. Harris**11:00am Mass**
J. Thomas & J. Williams

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Corinthians 2:6- 10/Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37**Monday:** James 1:1-11/Psalms 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mark 8:11-13**Tuesday:** James 1:12-18/Psalms 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mark 8:14-21**Wednesday:** James 1:19-27/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mark 8:22-26**Thursday:** James 2:1-9/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mark 8:27-33**Friday:** James 2:14-24, 26/Psalms 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mark 8:34—9:1**Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4/Psalms 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Matthew 16:13-19**Next Sunday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Corinthians 3:16- 23/Matthew 5:38-48HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Janice M. Williams, Colette Matiki, Louise Washington, Alonzo O. Wallace, Sr., Inocenio Quinones, Mary Williams, Christian Quinones, Toni Neal and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert V., Sr. & Madeline P. Logan.

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

Church SupportLAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

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

\$4,582.26

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

448

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
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.

HEALING OUR CHURCH—ST. LUKE’S GOLD AND BLUE MAINTENANCE CLUB Parish members in the next couple of weeks St. Luke will start a Club that all members will be able to join. This Gold and Blue Maintenance Club will give everyone an affordable way to help with St. Luke maintenance. Our church is getting older and older as time passes and things are always breaking down or flooding. There are two ways you may get involved. There are the Gold members that would be able to contribute \$20. and \$10 for Blue members. Envelopes will be made available and you will sign your envelopes in order to get credit for contributions. There will also be a Gold and a Blue membership book to sign. The donations would take place the second Sunday of the month during the second collection. The program will begin in March 2020. More information will follow.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 26TH: This Marks the beginning of our Lenten season. There will be two Masses on that day. 10:00 am and 6:00pm

DAY OF RECOLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON March 14, 2020. The speaker will be Deacon Willie Daniels. The theme is “Making Time for My Lord and Personal Savior”. Rosary will take place at 8:45 and Mass will begin at 9:00am. Lunch will be served.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring a trip to Delaware Park on Saturday, May 16. 2020. The cost is \$45 and there is a return of \$30.00 in rebates. All proceeds will go to Vacation Sumer Bible Camp. The bus is leaving from St. Luke at 10:30 and expected to return at 7:30pm. Please contact Robert Stewart at 301-499-3531 or Byron Wilson at 202-945-3836.

2019 INCOME TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE: Dear parish family, your 2019 income tax statements are at the back of the church. Please contact the parish office for all questions and concerns.

2020 ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE FOLLOWING FRIDAYS OF LENT: Friday February 28, Friday March 13, Friday March 27 and Friday April 3.

SAVE THE DATE : Sunday, April 19 when St. Luke Catholic Church presents “Essence of the Orient”, a belly dancing event. More information will follow later.

PLEASE RETURN PALMS: Dear Parishioners, every year on palm Sunday we receive blessed palm that symbolizes our walk with Jesus as he triumphantly enters into Jerusalem before his suffering, death and crucifixion. We have placed these blessed palms in our cars, homes, office and business invoking God’s blessings on us. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday on February 26th, we are asking that you please turn in your old palms by Sunday February 23rd. These palms will be burnt and the ashes will be smeared on our heads to remind us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. We thank you for your assistance.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefiting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries