

Sunday, August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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

The Never-Ending Thirst

Dissatisfaction in life is near the root of all kinds of sin. Why do people cheat on their spouse, abuse drugs and alcohol, mindlessly binge-watch ridiculous amounts of television, scroll endlessly on Facebook and Twitter, steal, or commit suicide? All of these things and more happen because people haven't found happiness.

At the root of our dissatisfaction is a never-ending thirst that nothing in this world can satisfy. We've been duped into thinking that a better job, more money, cooler friends, another spouse, or a new life is really what we need. And if we can't obtain any of these things, or when they leave us dissatisfied, we resort to drug abuse, sexual immorality, or senseless entertainment.

"For a long time I was looking for something, for a relationship to fill something that only Christ could," S.O. confessed in a recent interview. "I thought if I got into this relationship I [would] be happier, you know? Or if I was with this girl everything would be all right, you know? But that wasn't the case. A relationship couldn't satisfy me, though. Only Christ can satisfy me."

He realized that there is someone greater than people or possessions that can truly satisfy. God offers us himself in the person of Christ. Jesus exceeds our expectations, provides for our needs, and fulfills our desires. Christ alone can provide the satisfaction and joy we so desperately seek.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/only-christ-can-truly-satisfy>

REFLECTION FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Dennita Ferrell and Laurent Ndombe.

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

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.

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-3/Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Romans 8:35, 37-39/Matthew 14:13-21
Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17/Psalms 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Peter 1:16-19/Matthew 17:1-9
Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Hebrews 1:12—2:4/Psalms 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Matthew 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Roman 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 08/03
Weekday

Tuesday 08/04
St. John

Wednesday 08/05
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

Thursday 08/06
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday 08/07
St. Ignatius o Loyola

Saturday 08/08
St. Dominic

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
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.stlukesdc/>
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.
Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

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**: 202-335-3116.

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

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.

Bible Quote for the day:

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION on August 2, 2020 for Catholic Communication Campaign & Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please give generously.

INTERN NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:: Current undergraduate students looking for a remote internship opportunity are invited to apply to the Outreach and Events Intern at Catholic Charities D.C. for the Fall semester. The intern will work with their Volunteer Engagement Office to and will be responsible for project coordination and communication with their volunteers. This is a good position for someone interested in developing skills in community outreach, event coordination, and learning more about large non-profits. Interested students can find the full job description and apply online at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/2020-summer-internships/>.

CENSUS 2020: 10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES, 10 YEARS OF IMPACT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES: Census data is used to allocate funding for roads, health care, child care, housing, schools. Make a difference today! Take this time to complete your Census 2020 questionnaire. You can choose any one of the three following ways to respond:

1. Online: 2020census.gov **2. By phone:** Call 844-330-2020 for English. You can complete the census by phone in 13 other languages or TDD: 2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html **3. By mail:** Some people will get a census form in the mail to complete by hand. Later, if you haven't responded online or by phone, you will also receive a form in the mail.

You should not be asked to fill out a census form by email, and you will never be asked to provide your social security number, bank account numbers, or other private security information. If you ignore it. That is a scam. There is no citizenship question on the census. The results cannot go to law enforcement, ICE, or your landlord. It is safe and secure.