

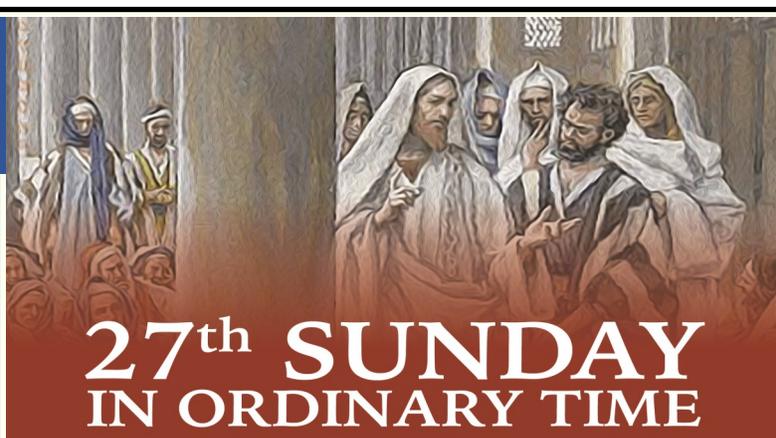
Sunday, October 4, 2020

27th 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Parable of the Tenants

Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit (Matthew 21:33–34). It was commonplace in the first century for a wealthy investor to buy property for a farm or vineyard and then leave it in the care of tenants. Come harvest, they'd send someone to collect their portion of the proceeds. In this parable, the landowner is God, the vineyard represents Israel, and the tenants are the religious Jewish leadership.

The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said (Matthew 21:35–37). What Jesus is saying is that God had sent the prophets to Jerusalem, but they were mistreated and even killed. But now God had sent Jesus hoping that He'd demand the respect that was not given to the prophets. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed (Matthew 21:38–44). If a landowner didn't have an heir in the first century, the land became the property of the tenants. So instead of showing the landowner's son his due respect, they decide to kill him so the land will become theirs.

Jesus is prophesying His own death at the hands of the Jewish religious leaders. And even though His death will make a way for the forgiveness of mankind, there will be a reckoning for this disobedient people and generation. Because they're rejecting the One who will become the cornerstone of God's kingdom. Jesus' warning is that the vineyard would be taken from those who refuse to submit to God and given to those who would. The implication here is that God's vineyard was being opened to the Gentiles—and anyone who would submit themselves to the Jesus, the cornerstone.

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog-and-stories/parable-tenants.html>

REFLECTION FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Joan C. Lee, Shannon Harris, Michael Crawford, Dana West, Charnay Casson, Kendra Akudike and Joyce Colbert-Elliott.

MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD

BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

- Sunday:** Isaiah 5:1-7/Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Philippians 4:6-9/Matthew 21:33-43
- Monday:** Galatians 1:6-12/Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Luke 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Galatians 1:13-24/Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Luke 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/Psalms 117:1bc, 2/Luke 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Galatians 3:1-5/Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Luke 11:5-13
- Friday:** Galatians 3:7-14/Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Luke 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Galatians 3:22-29/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Luke 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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.

WEEKLY MASS

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| Monday 10/05
Blessed Francis Xavier | Thursday 10/08
Weekday |
| Tuesday 10/06
St. Bruno, Blesses Marie Rose | Friday 10/09
St. Denis |
| Wednesday 10/07
Our Lady of the Rosary | Saturday 10/10
Weekday |

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Barnes | Marita C. Edelin | Dawn Lattimer | Leroy Sandifer | Harold Woodard, Sr. |
| Blanche Bourm | Florence M. Fields | Lawrence Lee | Betty Smith | St Luke military families. |
| Barbara Batts | Tina Garvin | Maria A. Logan | Kayla Tatum | |
| Tanisha Bennett | Elizabeth Gillem | Bernadette Mahoney | Rolland Taylor | All the Homeless men and women in our community. |
| Tammy Berry | Florence Hall | Doreene Mahoney | Gloria Thompson-Price | |
| Ruth Bundy | Steve Halle | Barbara Mallory | James F. Thompson, Jr. | Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them |
| Beatrice Carroll | Chris Hawkins | Doris McCannon | Matthew Thompson | |
| Melinda Conrad-Brown | Charlene Haywood | Alice L. Montague | Barbara B. Tyler | |
| Edith Cornish | Brenda Henson | Veronica Murray | Wayne A. Wallace | |
| Aniceto Charles | Norma Henson | David Neal | Marquita Ward | |
| Patricia Chase | James Holley | Florence Patterson | Shiela Washington | |
| Valene Chemoo | Rudolph Holley | Marlene Patterson | Steven Washington | |
| Joyce Cristwell | James Hughes | Silvia Perry | Cecelia Williams | |
| Alvera Dance | Melvin Jamison | Lillian Pharms | Wellington Waters | |
| Iyana Davage | Mary Ann Johnson | Kecia Proctor | Dolores Woodard, Jr. | |
| | David & Keisha Jones | Doreene Redd | | |



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

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/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.

Offertory Contributions for 09/13/20:

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible quote:

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE– For The Holy Father will take place this weekend, October 4th. Please give generously.

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.

FALL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. If you are someone who is friendly, dependable, culturally sensitive and able to encourage a person going through a big change, become a virtual mentor or instructor today. Additionally, we are seeking doctors, nurses, lawyers, and/or financial professionals to contribute their expertise through pro bono opportunities. Want more information? Attend our Volunteer Open House on October from 6:00pm-7:00pm/ Register here (<http://btrr.im/z03q8>)

ON-LINE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: BUILDING YOUR FAMILY: Office for Family Life along with the Christian Family Movement will offer virtual workshops for parents on four consecutive Wednesdays from October 7 to October 28 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Topics include recognizing God in our families, using our time faithfully, caring for our relationships, faith building customs and activities, and guiding our children to live for Christ. For more information contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visible sign at adw.org.