

# Sunday, September 27, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm  
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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

### CONVERSION AS CHANGE OF HEART

Since conversion is one of the main topics of this site, I thought I'd spend some time reflecting on what that process or journey really means. As Scott Hahn says, conversion cannot be reduced to merely changing religions or denominations, but refers, rather, to change of heart. (I believe it was in his series on the Gospel According to Saint Paul. The link takes you to the audio files and some PDF's at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.) Jesus begins His public ministry echoing the words of John the Baptist:

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17) To repent is to turn around, to turn back. As it is written, 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11) Conversion, even when considered as becoming Catholic, is not merely becoming Catholic, going through a ceremony and attending Mass every Sunday.

Conversion is becoming Catholic, becoming more and more deeply and authentically Christian, more and more faithful to Christ, His teachings and His church; becoming more and more united to Him through living as a Catholic, through hearing, praying and meditating on the word of God in the Scripture; and receiving the Word of God, who is Christ Jesus, and receiving Him worthily in Holy Communion as Saint Paul exhorts us to do in his epistles; receiving the Word made flesh who dwelt among us and dwells among us still in every tabernacle in every Catholic church throughout the world.

Conversion is to turn to Christ and allow Him who is the Light of the world to enlighten and inflame our hearts. Conversion is to allow Christ to pour His grace into our hearts and transform our minds and our lives and our very being into Him. Conversion is to become more and more fully true branches on the True Vine. Conversion is to turn to Christ every moment of every day for the rest of our lives. To keep our eyes fixed upon Christ and Him crucified. To learn from Him and to follow Him, refusing nothing to Him who did not refuse death for us, even death upon a cross.

I was received into the Church many years ago. But I am still becoming Catholic. And I will still be becoming Catholic until the day I leave this valley of tears behind and, by the grace of God, enter into my Master's house. How I long to hear those words with which Fr. Corapi so often ends his talks: Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, enter into your master's joy. (Matthew 25:21)

<https://catholicheartandmind.com/2009/04/11/conversion-as-change-of-heart/#text=Conversion%20is%20to%20allow%20Christ,the%20rest%20of%20our%20lives.>

### REFLECTION FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Michael Holland, Chikodili Onianwah, Jacqueline Wilson, Geraldine Jackson, Charmaine Williams, Francoise Ebenbend, Yvonne Cooper Tolson, Bryce C. Wilson, Charmaine Onianwah, Derrick Colbert, Joyce E. Thomas, Jekwon Jones, Dorethea Allan Mahoney, Sylvester Mode, Johnny Lattimore and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Beverly Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Byron & Sharanda Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius & Linda Osuji and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin & Angelica Ford.

**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 September 27, 2020**

**Sunday:** Ezra 18:25-28/Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

**Monday:** Job 1:6-22/Psalms 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12a/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/John 1:47-51

**Wednesday:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Psalms 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Job 19:21-27/Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Luke 10:1-12

**Friday:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Luke 10:17-24

**Next 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

**WEEKLY MASS**

**Monday 09/28**  
SS. Wenceslaus,  
Lawrence

**Thursday 10/1**  
St. Therese

**Tuesday 09/29**  
SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

**Friday 10/2**  
The Holy Guardian Angels

**Wednesday 09/30**  
St. Jerome

**Saturday 10/3**  
Weekday

**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  
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  
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.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](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:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Matthew 21:31

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2020:** The East of the River Fall Revival will be celebrating its 31st Revival at St. Luke Catholic Church at 7pm on Monday, October 5th, 2020. This is a virtual event only. The revivalist will be Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, S.S.J. Please support the Revival by sending a donation to ERRC/St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 East Capitol St. S.E., D.C. 20019 or electronically via St. Luke WEBSITE: <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/> then click on "Fund ERRC". To join the revival live stream please go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc/> Or Dial 425-436-6339, Access code 269615. The East of the River Revival will be available on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber).

**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](https://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](https://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/