

Sunday, October 25, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

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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 Incredible Context of This Commandment

My main concern in this text is the commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But it is surrounded by such stupendous statements we would be foolhardy to plunge into it without pondering these surroundings. So it is going to take us two weeks at least to deal with this text.

The Great and Foremost Commandment: The two stupendous things I have in mind are, first, the greatest commandment in the Word of God. In verse 36 a Pharisee asks Jesus, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus answers by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Then he adds his own words to put the commandment even higher than the question required. The question was, "Which is the great commandment?" and Jesus says, "This is the great and foremost commandment." So the first stupendous thing surrounding the commandment to love your neighbor as you love yourself is the commandment to love God as the greatest and foremost thing that is in the entire Word of God. The greatest and most important thing you can do is love God—love GOD—with all your heart and soul and mind.

On These Two Depend the Whole Law and the Prophets: The other stupendous thing surrounding the command to love your neighbor as you love yourself is what follows in verse 40, On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets. Everything else in the Old Testament in some sense depends on these two commandments: the commandment to love God and the commandment to love our neighbor. This is an amazing statement. We have the authority of the Son of God here telling us something utterly stupendous about the origin and design of the entire plan and Word of God.

The Overwhelming Commandment to Neighbor Love: Now those are the two stupendous things we need to ponder before we dive into the overwhelming commandment to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. I say it is overwhelming because it seems to demand that I tear the skin off my body and wrap it around another person so that I feel that I am that other person; and all the longings that I have for my own safety and health and success and happiness I now feel for that other person as though he were me.

It is an absolutely staggering commandment. If this is what it means, then something unbelievably powerful and earthshaking and reconstructing and overturning and upending will have to happen in our souls. Something supernatural. Something well beyond what self-preserving, self-enhancing, self-exalting, self-esteeming, self-advancing human beings like John Piper can do on their own. Before we take up such a commandment and apply it to our lives, we need to ponder these two stupendous things that surround the commandment. That the commandment to love God is the great and foremost commandment in the Word of God and that all the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/love-your-neighbor-as-yourself-part-1>

REFLECTION FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others.

We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Dennis Williams,
Renee Isaac Milet and
Dana Joseph Dudley.
**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26/Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40
Monday: Ephesians 4:32—5:8/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Ephesians 5:1]/Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Luke 6:12-16
Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Philippians 1:1-11/Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Luke 14:1-6
Saturday: Philippians 1:18b-26/Psalms 42:2, 3 5cdef/Luke 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a

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

Monday 10/26
Weekday

Tuesday 10/27
Weekday

Wednesday 10/28
SS. Simon &
Jude

Thursday 10/29
Repose for the Soul
of Alfred Price+++ by
Gloria Price

Friday 10/30
Weekday

Saturday 10/31
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.stlukesdc/>

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 10/25/20: \$683.25

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Bible quote:

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER is offering "Personal Retreat Days" on November 20 and December 4 from 8:30 to 4:00pm for \$120. Advance registration is required. Please visit www.ourladyofBethesda.org or call 301-365-0612

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE: The open application period for the 2021 –2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began October 1, 2020. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 4, 2020. The deadline date for new families to apply is Friday, February 19, 2021. Please visit www.adwcatholicsschools.org for information and instructions. The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office will host virtual sessions around Catholic schools admissions, financial aids and academics. Sessions will be offered twice a week up to November 15, 2020. To register for a session please visit www.adw.catholicsschools.org.