

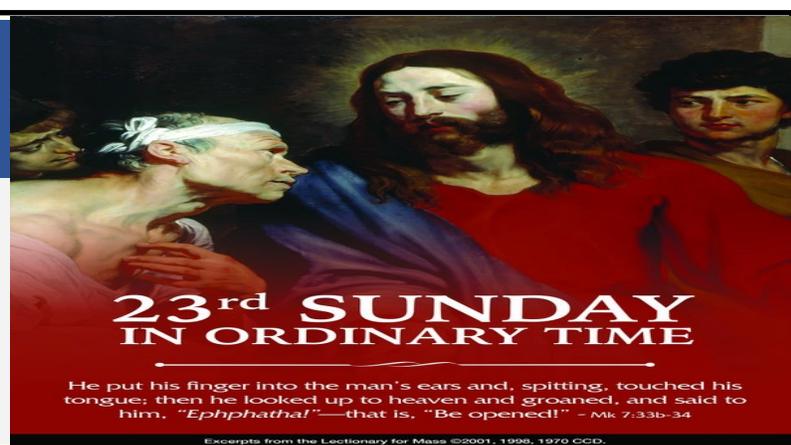
**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 & Thursday: 10:00am**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm**

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

**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

### What does Mark 7:34 mean?

Jesus and the disciples are in Decapolis, possibly near the southeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. A group of people have brought Him a man who is deaf and can't speak clearly. Jesus has pulled him away from the crowd and indicates what He plans to do. Jesus tends to look up in situations where He wishes to direct attention to God, notably, when He feeds the five thousand (Mark 6:41) and raises Lazarus (John 11:41). "*Ephphatha*" is either Hebrew or Aramaic for "be opened."

Like with the raising of the little girl (Mark 5:41), Mark records the original words, perhaps to show Jesus did not use a magical spell. There's a lot of confusion over the fact that although Jesus is God, He often prays to God. The topic touches on the nature of the Trinity and whether Jesus is all-powerful during His life on earth. Jesus clearly states that as a person, He is separate from the Father (John 5:19–27). In fact, He "emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:7).

Jesus' power comes from the Holy Spirit, not Himself (Mark 3:22–30). Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are members of the Trinity. They are of the same essence, but they are different persons with different roles. In His time on earth, Jesus learns obedience to God (Hebrews 5:8) and asks God for power (John 11:41–42) and wisdom (Mark 1:35; 6:46). Jesus, the only perfect man who ever lived, serves as our example; no matter how much we think we have what we need, we still need to ask for God's power.

<https://www.bibleref.com/Mark/7/Mark-7-34.html>

### REFLECTION FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life.

As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness.

Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones.

When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Marguerite Simpson, Mavula Kinata Rose, Gabriel-lo K. Deuppi, Jessica C. Thornton and Felicia Daria T. Mougua. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. John & Gertrude Quarles; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Victoria Watson and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Edith Wright.

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

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Isaiah 35:4-7a/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Colossians 1:24—2:3/Psalms 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Luke 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Colossians 2:6-15/Psalms 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Luke 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Psalms 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Thursday:** Colossians 3:12-17/Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Luke 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14/Psalms 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Luke 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Timothy 1:15-17/Psalms 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Luke 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 50:5-9a/Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35

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

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 09/06**  
 Thanksgiving for all of God's protection and blessings by Sister Anne Marie Schriener

**Thursday 09/09**  
 St. Peter Claver

**Friday 09/10**  
 Eternal Repose of the Soul of Deidre Greenfield

**Tuesday 09/07**  
 Weekday

**Wednesday 09/08**  
 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday 09/11**  
 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  
 Kimbolyn Flowers  
 Anthony Flowers  
 Tina Garvin  
 Florence Hall  
 Steve Halle  
 Chris Hawkins  
 Charlene Haywood  
 Brenda Henson  
 James Holley  
 Rudolph Holley  
 James Hughes  
 Melvin Jamison  
 William Jennings  
 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  
 Lois 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)

**First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm**

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

## WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH AND THE EUCHARIST

Dear parishioners, I would like to welcome you back to your home (God's dwelling place). The past year and half have been difficult, challenging and shocking. It has also been a period of blessing; for we are still alive in the land of the living. So we (St. Luke faithful's) are thankful to the Lord for his blessings and protection. Now that many of us have been fully vaccinated (hopefully you have), we are invited back to our church to physically worship together. Truth be told, I miss your presence deeply and we miss seeing each other, praying for one another and supporting others. As you make the decision to return, please call your neighbors and encourage them to do likewise. We promise to keep observing the guidelines and best practices that would help us gather without incidence. I pray that God would protect us all and grant us His grace and mercy.

I am longing to have you back to share your warmth, joy and passion for the Kingdom.

PS: Fr. Cornelius loves you.

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchsj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 08/29/2021: \$3,327.95

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day:

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION for The Catholic University of America takes place on September 5, 2021. Please give generously.

STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVE: MARRIAGE RENEWAL WORKSHOP: A Christ centered marriage renewal workshop; perfect for marriage or engaged couples; facilitated by an expert team of Catholic therapists. October 9-10, 2021. Call Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center 301-365-0612.

WORKERS OF ST. JOSEPH: On September 11, 2021 at 4:00pm the Workers of St. Joseph will have a Commemorative Mass on the Gettysburg Battlefield, in honor of Father William Corby. Father gave general absolution to the troops during the Battle of Gettysburg; he was president of Notre Dame University. Please call 301-399-2480 for directions.