

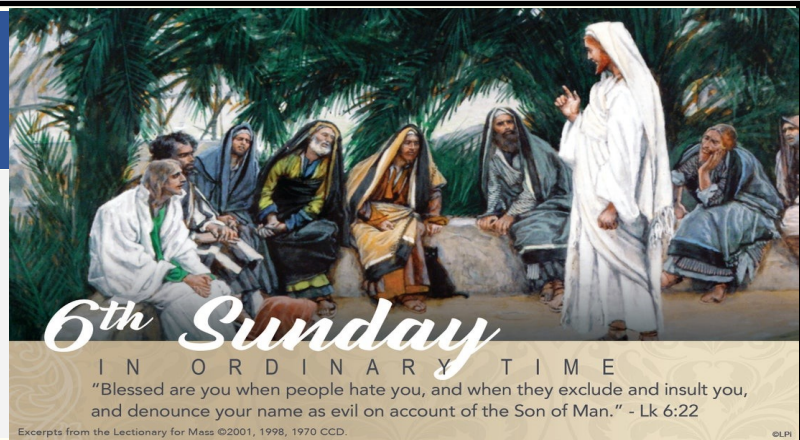
Sunday, February 13, 2022

6th 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 St. Luke Church

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

The Way of Love

Our ministry as pastors and teachers is enriched by our family experience. In addition, our vocation of leadership connects us to all families. It gives us the responsibility of opening up God's truth about human existence and of sharing with you the saving resources which the Lord has entrusted to the Church. With our Holy Father, we consider it a privilege to undertake "the mission of proclaiming with joy and conviction the good news about the family" (*On the Family*, no. 86).

Yes, there is good news to tell. You may occasionally catch a glimpse of it in the news media and in conversation with neighbors or fellow workers. But the full story is to be found in God's word. The First Letter of John puts it succinctly: *In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us. . . . Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another (1 Jn 4:9-11).*

Thus, the basic vocation of every person, whether married or living a celibate life, is the same: *follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you* (cf. Eph 5:2). The Lord issues this call to your family and to every family regardless of its condition or circumstances. Love brought you to life as a family. Love sustains you through good and bad times. When our Church teaches that the family is an "intimate community of life and love," it identifies something perhaps you already know and offers you a vision toward which to grow.

What you do in your family to create a community of love, to help each other to grow, and to serve those in need is critical, not only for your own sanctification but for the strength of society and our Church. It is a participation in the work of the Lord, a sharing in the mission of the Church. It is holy.

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/follow-way-love>

REFLECTION FOR

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on.

Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God!

Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear. The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are!

In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday
to Janice M. Williams, Steven B.
Quarles, Bernadine Conrad, Barbara
Batts, Colette Matiki, and
Toni Neal .

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

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
[40:5a]/1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20/Luke 6:17, 20-26
Monday: James 1:1-11/Psalms 119:67, 68, 71,
72, 75, 76/Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday: James 1:12-18/Psalms 94:12-13a, 14
-15, 18-19/Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday: James 1:19-27/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-
4ab, 5/Mark 8:22-26
Thursday: James 2:1-9/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mark 8:27-33
Friday: James 2:14-24, 26/Psalms 112:1-2,
3-4, 5-6/Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday: James 3:1-10/Psalms 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-
8/Mark 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
1 Corinthians 15:45-49/Luke 6:27-38

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to sup-
port 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 2/14
Birthday Blessings for
Bernadine Conrad
Eternal repose of the
soul of Timothy Jerome
Glover+++ by Hilda
McDougald

Thursday 2/17
Eternal repose of the
soul of Lois Jameson+++
by Hilda McDougald

Friday 2/18
Weekday

Tuesday 2/15
Weekday

Saturday 2/19
Weekday

Wednesday 2/16
Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
William P. Brown
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad-
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance

Iyana Davage
Joyce Diggs
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Crawley Easley
Marita C. Edelin
Joshua M. Faison
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda 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
Doreene Redd
Corley 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)

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)

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**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 2/6/2022:

\$ 6,574.15

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

ST LUKE BLOOD DRIVE

Our Parish is partnering with Red Cross and MPD Sixth D for an all-important blood drive on Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You may sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code "ST Luke DC" or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make your life saving donation today. Remember to eat iron rich foods and hydrate. Eligibility Questions?...call 1-866-236-3276. **BLOOD DRIVE DAY ONLY:** Use Rapid Pass to fast track your donation, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass by completing prior to your appointment.

Please bring your photo identification and mask!

Quote of the Day

"When I say I love you more, I don't mean I love you more than you love me. I mean I love you more than the bad days ahead of us, I love you more than any fight we will ever have. I love you more than the distance between us, I love you more than any obstacle that could try and come between us. I love you the most." – Unknown

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the back of the church. If you do not see yours please call the church Rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL: The theme for this annual appeal is From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity for the 2022 Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal is one way to reach out and support other members of the Body of Christ. It offers help to those who are suffering spiritually and physically. It supports Catholic education from childhood through adulthood and from lay formation to priestly formation. It reaches out to those who are not members of the Body through evangelization and social outreach efforts.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT Join the Holy Comforter –Saint Cyprian Women's Ministry on a Spirit Filled Retreat on April 29 through May 2, 2022 at Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD. 21710. Total Cost \$370, Non-refundable deposit of \$70. Final Payment due by April 1, 2022. For more information, contact Laura Stanton (301)326-9467, Shirley Austin (202)368-7231, or Wanda Ross (301)523-1017.