

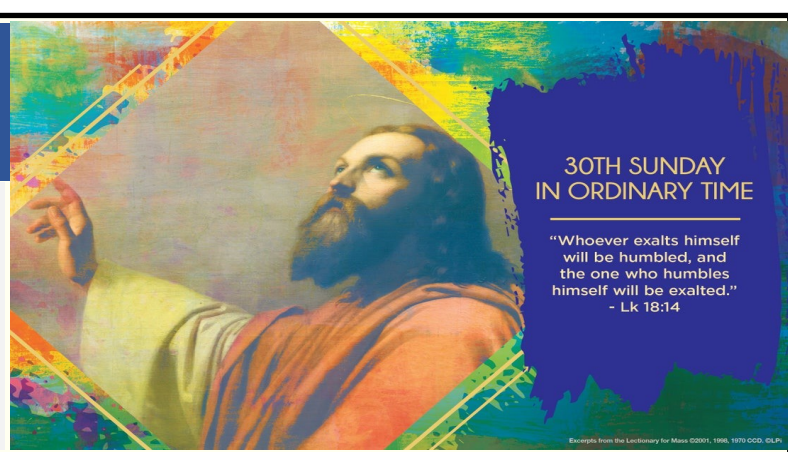
Sunday, October 23, 2022

Thirtieth 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 2022 is "You, O Lord, protect us always; preserve us from this generation." [Psalm 12:8] 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

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First 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 Beatitudes remind us of our own false righteousness

Luke understood Jesus to be a prophet. Matthew's Jesus had come to teach, Mark's was on a rescue mission, John's was a priest uniting heaven and earth; but Luke's Jesus came from God to teach humanity true discernment of the good. This understanding explains the literary motif of the "great reversal" to which Luke comes back again and again. In his illustrations of this trope, Luke confronts his readers with the passing character of human social hierarchies. Categories like rich and poor, powerful and weak are not essential to God's plan and are often quite the opposite of what God has intended. The Beatitudes and woes in this Sunday's Gospel starkly illustrate this point. Beatitudes have a special meaning in biblical theology. In almost every case, when the Bible proclaims someone "blessed," it is speaking of someone whose life is right in the eyes of God. Jeremiah makes that point quite explicitly in this Sunday's first reading, proclaiming, in effect, "Right in the eyes of God is the one who trusts in the LORD." Every culture develops false notions of righteousness; in this the world of first-century Judaism is not different from that of 21st-century Christianity.

In Jesus' culture many assumed that wealth, prosperity, happiness and social inclusion were signs that a person's life was right in the eyes of God. Luke made sure his readers knew that Jesus called this "trash theology." Poverty, hunger, grief and exclusion are not signs of the absence of God's love. By contrast, Luke's Jesus insists, you rich might have a problem: Where did your money come from? Likewise, you who are satiated and fat: Who grew your food? Who brought it to you and prepared it for you? Did they have enough to eat? You who laugh now, look around you! Do you think God is as entertained as you are by the world you have built? And you whom everyone loves, what has happened to others who have shared similar fame? God does not see with human eyes, so call happy only those who live according to divine instruction.

Hebrew prophets often reminded people that God uses very different standards to judge what is good and evil, happy and woe-begone. In addition to this Sunday's first reading, in which Jeremiah encourages Israel to trust in piety instead of military strength, such sermons can be found in passages like Am 4:1-5 and Ez 34:11-16. The sermon Luke records in Lk 6:20-26 reminds his listeners that Jesus is the inheritor of this prophetic tradition and that in him it reaches its fulfillment. Christ's disciples must continue this tradition. Twenty-first-century society has a nearly inexhaustible supply of false righteousness against which to inveigh. Woe to you well-educated, for you will find no work. And woe to you who lead sheltered lives, for you will not see Christ arrive among the outcasts. But happy you high-school dropouts; someday you will achieve your goals. Happy you drug addicts, someday you will be clean. Happy you migrants and refugees and you who have no place to call home. Rejoice and leap, for you will recognize the Son of Man, who when he came also found no place to lay his head.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/01/25/beatitudes-remind-us-our-own-false-righteousness-232795>

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Eden Kelly, Dennis Williams,
 Dana Joseph Dudley, and
 Porcha W. Thompson.**

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

Readings for the week of October 23, 2022

Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/Luke 18:9-14
Monday: Ephesians 4:32—5:8/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9/Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Luke 13:22-30
Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/Luke 6:12-16
Saturday: Philemon 1:18b-26/Psalms 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Luke 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wisdom 11:22—12:2/Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 10/24
 God's blessings and protection for Patricia Weinert by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner
 Eternal repose of the soul of Pricilla Baldwin+++ by Mercer Patterson

Thursday 10/27
 Eternal repose of the soul of Doris Bowser+++ by Parish Family

Friday 10/28
 Ss. Simon and Jude

Tuesday 10/25
 Weekday

Saturday 10/29
 Weekday

Wednesday 10/26
 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
 Rita Clines
 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
 Betty Gale
 Tina Garvin
 Katrina Griffin
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 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
 Barbara Mallory
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Kathy Ndouga
 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
 Charles Watson, Jr.
 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 Adoration @ 6:00pm

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

Easter 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

\$2,851.00

Offertory Contributions for : 10-16-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Someone who is determinedly trying to show God how good he or she is is likely to become an insufferable prig. — N. T. Wright

FUNERAL

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Doris Bowser on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Viewing is at 10am, Funeral Mass at 11am. Please pray for the family

PARISH NEWS

CCD CLASSES: In-person CCD classes are up and running. Classes are for children and youth ages 3-high school. Those anticipating receiving Sacraments in Spring 2023, must enroll and attend classes by end of October. Registration blanks are available at rear of church. You can also register between 9:00-9:30 on Sundays at the Center.

ST LUKE 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Our Parish 65th anniversary and Unity Mass will take place on Sunday October 30th at the 11am Mass. Bishop John Ricard and the Josephite community will join us in this celebration. Reception will follow at the center. For more information, please call the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Archdiocese of Washington is seeking a **Human Resources Generalist located at the Pastoral Center in Hyattsville, MD.** The Human Resources Generalist will provide guidance on Archdiocesan benefits and policies and will assist the Office of Human Resources in the administration of those policies. In addition, the HR Generalist will assist in the coordination of paid leave benefits and responding to busy employee call line and emails, as well as maintain confidential files and HRIS records. If you are a practicing Catholic with a bachelor's degree or an equivalent combination of education/experience with 2-3 years' experience as a Human Resources Generalist, please forward your resume and letter of interest to calla-russl@adw.org

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: On this weekend there will be a second collection at each of the Masses during the weekend of World Mission Sunday. The donations collected will be used to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's chief outreach to more than 1,100 mission dioceses across the globe that depend on annual help and the prayers of all of us. In a divided world, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized. Please give generously.