

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**31ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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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

Happy 65th Anniversary to Our Parish

Dear parishioners and friends in Christ. It is with great joy that I write to congratulate us all on the 65th Anniversary of this great parish. St. Luke Catholic Church is a beautiful dream that came into reality in 1957. We are indeed blessed by the almighty and will continue to be a blessing to many in and around our community for many more years to come. Our God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good. May the name of the Lord be praised both now and forever.

We have come a long way bearing our burden in the heat of the sun. We have been privileged to experience abundant joys but have seen our fair share of sorrow. So many men and women, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts, friends, families and well wishers who helped lay the foundation of this church have gone before marked with the sign of faith. Many who joyfully sat on these same pews singing praise to God and receiving the Sacraments of their salvation, are no longer here to celebrate with us. To them, we pray that the eternal Father will welcome them into the banquet feast in heaven— Amen.

For us who are privileged to be here today, I pray that we may never cease to be thankful and grateful to God for the numerous blessings we have received. May we never forget the legacies of our ancestors. But most importantly, may we continue to work in the Lord's vineyard and build our own legacy for years to come. Let us never be tired of doing what is good and pleasing to the Lord.

There is no denying the fact that our parish has become more diverse than it was 65 years ago. This is the work of the Lord and we rejoice with our hands raised to the hill where our help and sustenance come. Our diversity is not a problem to be solved, but a Grace-filled opportunity to testify to the universal nature of the heavenly liturgy that we aspire to be part of at the end of our life here on earth. Psalm 145 reminds us that we will extol you, O our God and King, and we will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will we bless you, and we will praise your name forever and ever...for God is kind and compassionate towards all his works.

How do we endeavor to keep our parish doors open for another 65 years and beyond? This is a relevant question that requires serious attention. Because of the uniqueness of our parish, efforts have to be made to pave way for the younger members to assume responsibility of leading the church. We must intentionally invest our time, talent and treasure to developing them as today's leader. We must let the light of Christ in them to shine forth. This doesn't imply that our more seasoned members should not be involved in ministry. No! On the contrary, we are to collaborate with the younger ones and guide them greener pastures. They are not the future of the church. They are the Now of parish.

We must intensify our evangelization in the neighborhood and beyond. Every baptized parishioner is called by Christ to bring others into the fold. We must sincerely ask ourselves- how many new members have I brought into the church? How many non active members have I called, visited or invited back to the empty pews? I am a big believer that the more folks we have in our parish family, the more resources we can pull from and the more great things we can achieve.

I invite all hands on deck as we write the next chapter of our parish history. Thank you for all have done and the things you will continue to do to uplift this parish that God has gifted us. How good and pleasant will it be, if as sisters and brothers we continue to dwell together in unity and love. I pray that the good work that the Lord had begun in our lives, be brought to fruition. May the joy of the Lord be our strength today, tomorrow and for ages to come.

Ad Multos Annos

Fr. Cornelius Kelechi Ejiogu, S.S.J

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

Ronald Watson,
Barbara Tatum,
Alliha Ferrell
Pearl A. Baynes.

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

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

Sunday: Wisdom 11:22—12:2/Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Philippians 2:1-4/Psalms 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14/Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wisdom 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Romans 5:17-21/Matthew 11:25-30
Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8a/Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Luke 15:1-10
Friday: Philippians 3:17—4:1/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd -5/Luke 16:1-8
Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19/Psalms 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Luke 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14/Psalms 17:1, 5 -6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5/ Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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 10/31
God's blessings and protection for Toni Bowie by Mercer Patterson
Eternal repose of the soul of jessie Brown+++ by Patterson Family
Tuesday 11/1
All Saints
Wednesday 11/2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Thursday 11/3
God's blessings and protection for Elizabeth by Mercer Patterson and Mercer Patterson
God's blessing and protection for the ladies of the Catholic Women's Association by Constance Young
Friday 11/4
Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday 11/5
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

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Offertory Contributions for : 10-23-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. 2Thes 1:11-2:2

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1ST: This Tuesday, November 1st is all saints day— Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2ND: Mass for all souls day will be at 10am this Wednesday. November 2nd. The church has a tradition of encouraging member to visit a cemetery and pray for those who have died.

BUS TRIP TO DELAWARE PARK CASINO sponsored by the Blue Angels of St. Luke Center on Thursday, November 17th, 2022. Donation is \$45.00 with a \$20 Rebate in Free Play. There will be Snacks and Door Prizes (50/50). Contact Hope, 240-533-6289, Gloria, 202-581-1695; Lulu, 202-679-8667

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CHRISTMAS BAZZAR sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD on December 10 from 10am to 4pm. They are trying to raise funds for a Capitol Campaign to fix their HVAC system. You may contact Katie Ward at 301-495-2306. for more information.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH: The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to join them to celebrate Mass commemorating Black Catholic History Month. The celebration will be on **Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at Saint Augustine Catholic Church** (1419 V St NW, Washington, DC 20009.) We will start with praise and worship, followed by Mass with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, the Principal Celebrant. For more information, contact us at culturaldiversity@adw.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: The collection is November 5 and 6. Our priests enrich our lives in many ways they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Please give generously.