

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Do not be afraid; you  
are worth more than  
many sparrows.”  
- Mt 10:31

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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 2023 is “You are my inheritance O Lord, you have made my destiny secure.” [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

### To All Our Graduates

This season of new beginnings, fresh starts, and graduations can bring a mixed bag of emotions for many of us. Though it's a time of great celebration, the process of letting go might bring some pain or uncertainty too. Whether our kids are just now taking their next steps out of kindergarten, or we're watching them head off to college, life transitions can sometimes be difficult for us as parents.

But here's a hopeful reminder: our children are His. No matter where they go or how old they are, they are in God's care. And He has great purpose for them in this life. Let us pray for our graduates to know God's love and care for them.

It's a daily process to keep learning to let go, bit by bit, through every stage of parenting. But as we entrust those we love straight into the care of our powerful and loving God, we can be assured that He sees, knows, and is there with them, always. May we never underestimate the importance of speaking His blessing and truth over the lives of our children, no matter what their ages. Praying for your graduate is a powerful way to remember God's Word is true.

He promises in Isaiah 55:11 that His word will never return empty without accomplishing great things. He reminds us that He hears our prayers and is always at work on our behalf and in the lives of those we love. So we can send them out, covered in prayer, rich in His blessing, with great hope for all that God has in store.

**Happy Graduation to all 2023 GRADUATES**

Excerpt culled from <https://www.ibelieve.com/career-calling/prayers-of-blessing-and-hope-for-your-graduate.html>

### REFLECTION FOR 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, **“Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”** Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**John Quarles, Brenyce Sweeney,**  
**Adelaide Watts, Odile**  
**Ngonsambi, Sadie M. Mason**  
**Elijah Ngacheu**

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

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Romans 5:12-15/Matthew 10:26-33

**Monday:** Genesis 12:1-9/Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Genesis 13:2, 5-18/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Matthew 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 7:15-20

**Thursday:** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/Galatians 1:11-20/John 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19

**Friday:** Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Matthew 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Genesis 18:1-15/Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Matthew 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Romans 6:3-4, 8-11/Matthew 10:37-42

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during these 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 6/26**  
 Eternal repose of the souls of the deceased Patterson Family by the Patterson Family

**Thursday 6/29**  
 Eternal repose of the souls of the deceased Brown Family by the Patterson Family

**Tuesday 6/27**  
 St. Cyril of Alexandria

**Friday 6/30**  
 Weekday

**Wednesday 6/28**  
 St. Irenaeus

**Saturday 7/1**  
 God's blessings and protection for the Sick Members of the CWA by Our Lady of Gwadalupe

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

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  
 Faye L. Hawkins  
 Brenda Henson  
 Carolyn Holland  
 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  
 Sadie Mason  
 Doris McCannon  
 Alice L. Montague  
 Veronica Murray  
 Kathy Ndouga  
 David Neal  
 Martha Neal  
 Silvia Perry  
 Gertrude Quarles  
 John Quarles  
 Doreene Redd

Corley Redd  
 Regina Rivers  
 Leroy Sandifer  
 Betty Smith  
 Helen Smith  
 Kayla Tatum  
 Rolland Taylor  
 Gloria Thompson-Price  
 James F. Thompson, Jr.  
 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

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 6/18/2023: \$2,064.75

Donation for Maintenance: \$3,256.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

Education is an important element in the struggle for human rights. It is the means to help our children and thereby increase self-respect. Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. —Malcolm X

## PARISH NEWS

**FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY** is June 30, 2023 sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Come out for free food, games and fun from 6:00pm to 10:30pm. Food will be served at 6:00pm. Please come early.

**2023 SUMMER PROGRAMMING & ENRICHMENT** June 28th—August 4th at St. Luke's Center. Registration opens late April/early May. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

**SISTER ACT the Musical:** The Daughters of Isabella and Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality presents a trip to: *Toby's Dinner Theater* on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Tickets are \$135.00. You can make 4 payments the 1st payment: is due ASAP and the final payment. is due Sept. 10th. Lunch is served upon arrival. For reservations contact Janice Williams and Joyce Thomas. Flyers are in the back of church.

**TOILETRY DRIVE FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER** during the summer months beginning in June. The items being requested are soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place your items in the boxes located in the front of the church and in the back of the church. This is sponsored by the Sodality.

**THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY** extend a warmhearted invitation to the parishioners of St. Luke to join our Senior Knights and Ladies Division and Catholic young men and young women (ages 7 to 18) to join the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters Division. Members of the Knights of Peter Claver will be in the back of the church after the two Masses on Sunday, July 9, 2023 to share what we do in the Church and Community, many membership benefits/opportunities (i.e., protecting your family, scholarships, tutorial assistance), national programs and more. The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the oldest and largest historically, African American Catholic lay organization founded by 4 Josephite priests and 3 laymen .