

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”  
- Mt 13:44

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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

### A Prayer for Strength When Weary

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Lord, I'm weary. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is lagging. And I am so in need of you. I need your strength and your fresh touch to get back on track again. Your Word says the joy of the Lord is my strength. If that's true, then I need your joy to replace all the bone-tired parts of my mind, body, and soul. The pressures of life sometimes push me into a corner, rendering me helpless to move forward. A hundred voices call my name, and I feel paralyzed at times to answer, not knowing where to turn. Lord, help me not to quit, to keep running the race faithfully, and to find strength in that safe, secret place of yours, under the shadow of the Almighty.

I need your strength to say no when I'm tempted to surrender to harmful things, or when selfishness clings to my clothes and won't let go. I need your strength to say yes, when cowardice and fear nudge me to deny the convictions of my heart. I need your strength to reach out in love to those both close to me and all around me. When don't I need your strength, God? You are my rock, and I run to you today, believing that you will lift up my heavy arms, that you will fuel me for the tasks you've given me, and that your joy will completely consume the weakness of my life and make me strong again.

I don't want to stay grounded, crippled by limitations and failed attempts. I'm tired of feeble efforts. Lord, I want to mount up with wings like an eagle and not just fly. I want to soar. Renew my strength, Lord. Fill me with your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in my path. With my eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside me, working through me, I can make it. Thank you, Lord! In Jesus's name, Amen

Culled from <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/a-prayer-for-strength.html>

### REFLECTION FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum.

Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

**Brenna Ratiff**  
**Bobby Glover, Jr.**

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

## Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

**Sunday:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Romans 8:28-30/ Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Monday:** Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Matthew 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Psalms 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Matthew 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Exodus 34:29-35/Psalms 99:5, 6, 7, 9/ Matthew 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38/Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Matthew 13:47-53

**Friday:** Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Psalms 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Matthew 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Leviticus 25:1, 8-17/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/ Matthew 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Peter 1:16-19/Matthew 17:1-9

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 7/31**  
Eternal repose of the soul of William Johnson+++ by Bernadine Conrad

Eternal repose of the soul of Zane Brown +++ by Bernadine Conrad

**Tuesday 8/1**  
St.. Alphonsus

**Wednesday 8/2**  
SS. Eusebus & Peter

**Thursday 8/3**  
God's blessing and protection for Elizabeth & Mercer Patterson by Patterson Family  
Prayers and protection for Wayne by Patterson Family

**Friday 8/4**  
St. John

**Saturday 8/5**  
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

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  
Nichole Gramh  
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  
Steven N.  
Kathy Ndouga  
David Neal  
Martha Neal  
Silvia Perry  
Gertrude Quarles

John Quarles  
Dorene 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 7/23/2023: \$1,347.84  
Donation for Maintenance: \$1,502.00  
May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

### **A Prayer for Guidance When Life is Challenging**

Lord, I'm here today with open hands and an open heart, ready to depend on you to help me through the day and all it will bring my way. Help me be like Nehemiah, help me come to you for guidance, strength, provision and protection. As I face tough choices and hard situations, help me remember my belovedness, help me remember that I am Your child and Your representative to the world around me. Help me live today in a way that brings honor to Your holy name. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ Charles Stanley

## PARISH NEWS

**ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK BAG DRIVE:** It is almost that time again for the annual back to school book bag drive! This summer we'll start end of July through last Saturday in August, prior to our St. Luke Family/Friends Fun Day! They can be placed in the back of the church, as always, St. Luke Book bag Committee appreciates your support!

**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.

## ARCHDICESAN NEWS

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS** The Office of Family Life with St. John Neumann will be offering a Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30am – 7:00pm. Any parent who has lost a child no matter how long ago or the cause, is welcome to attend. [Click here](#) for the link for registration. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at [flm@adw.org](mailto:flm@adw.org) or 301-853-4546.

**ORACLE Religious Assn: (Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin and Msgr. Raymond East)** Present The ORACLE BMW: Blind Men Witness Men's Retreat Date: October 13,14,15, 2023 (Fri., Sat., Sun.) Place: Washington, DC Visit ORACLE'S website ~ [www.oraclereligious.com](http://www.oraclereligious.com) Or call: 202-528-8633 ~ Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin

**ORACLE Religious Assn: (Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin and Msgr. Raymond East)** Present The ORACLE WWW: Well Women Witness Women's Retreat Date: November 10,11,12, 2023 (Fri., Sat., Sun.) Place: Washington, DC For more information, visit [www.oraclereligious.com](http://www.oraclereligious.com) Call: 202-528-8633 ~ Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin