

Sunday, August 27 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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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

"Who do people say I am?"

by Thomas Gumbleton

I hope we recall last Sunday's gospel because it was a very important turning point in the life of Jesus. Remember where Jesus had asked the disciples, "Who do people say I am?" and they said Elijah or one of the prophets, John the Baptist, and he said, "But who do you say I am?" Then Peter spoke up for all of them and said, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God," and it was then that Jesus, as we heard in today's gospel, set his face toward Jerusalem where he knew he would be handed over to his enemies, tortured, murdered, and then rise from the dead. As he set out then for Jerusalem, he told all of them who wanted to, "Follow me." That's the invitation that is given to us today -- follow Jesus, be one of his disciples.

If we listen carefully to the readings today, we discover something about what this means to be a disciple of Jesus. First of all, from the first lesson we hear something that is reinforcing what Jesus says at the beginning of Mark's gospel when he invites people to follow him. He says, "Be converted, change your lives," change your lives if you're going to follow Jesus." That means something very radical. In that first lesson, Elisha, who is being invited to follow Elijah the prophet, to be the prophet of God, what does he do?

He takes all of his belongings -- his oxen, his cart, everything he has that sustains him -- he slaughters the oxen to make a feast for his family, he burns the cart that was used to do the plowing, he has a feast, he leaves everything behind and follows. That's exactly what it means to follow Jesus. We have to radically change our way of thinking. St. Paul puts it in one of his letters, "You have to have a revolution in your mind, in your attitudes, how you look upon things if you're going to follow Jesus. Everything is different, so we have to begin to look how to make radical changes in our lives.

A second thing about following Jesus as we hear in the gospel is that it's an urgent call. One of the people who said, "I'll follow, but let me first go back and bury my father," that doesn't mean that his father had died just now and he had to go back and bury him, no, because in the Jewish tradition at the time (and it still holds true), people are buried almost immediately. Well, he was talking about going back to spend the last years with his father and to take over his inheritance, then maybe he would follow Jesus and Jesus says, "No, right now, follow me."

For us the same thing is true. It's an urgent call -- right now, change our lives, commit ourselves to follow Jesus. Another thing that it means is that we don't place our security in material things. It goes against our whole culture in this country of accumulating wealth. "The birds of the air have their nests, the fox have their holes, but he Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." We don't put our security in material things or in earthly power if we follow Jesus.

Excerpt culled from <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/peace-pulpit/who-do-people-say-i-am>

REFLECTION FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual *father* to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Kathy Harris Ndouga, Keith P. Quarles,
 Marvin Manassa, Kayla Tatum, N’Kaih T.
 Scott-Terrell, Louis A. Ratiff, Tina Akhaine
 and a happy wedding anniversary to
 Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester and Evelyn Mode

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

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23/Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
 Roman 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/Psalms
 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Psalms 139:1-3,
 4-6/Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Psalms 139:7-
 8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Psalms 90:3-
 5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/Psalms 97:1 and 2b, 5-6,
 10, 11-12/Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Psalms 98:1, 7-
 8, 9/Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
 8-9 (2b)/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to sup-
 port 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 8/28/2023
 God’s blessing and pro-
 tection for sick CWA mem-
 bers by Lady of Guadalupe
 Pray for the Cure for
 those with cancer, cancer
 survivors & life threaten-
 ing diseases by Bernadine
 Conrad

Tuesday 8/29
 The Passion of Saint
 John the Baptist

Wednesday 8/30
 Weekday

Thursday 8/31
 Eternal repose of the
 soul of Oscar Smith+++ by
 Patterson Family
 Eternal repose of the
 soul of Wayne Womack+++
 by Patterson Family

Friday 9/1
 Weekday

Saturday 9/2
 God’s blessing and
 protection for Anthony
 Wilson by Wilson Family

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 Graham
 Katrina Griffin
 Steve Halle
 Agnes Harrell
 Chris Hawkins
 Faye L. Hawkins
 Brenda Henson
 Carolyn Holland
 Gladys Lee Holley
 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
 Allan Pope
 Libretta Pope
 Gertrude Quarles
 John Quarles
 Dorene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Helen Smith
 Jimmy 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.
 Viola Wright

St Luke military
 families.

All the Homeless men
 and women in our com-
 munity.



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 8/20/2023: \$1,013.80

Donation for Maintenance: \$2,100.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen. Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love. And whatever your beliefs, honor your creator, not by passively waiting for grace to come down from upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen... yourself, right now, right down here on Earth. ———Bradley Whitford

PARISH NEWS

WARNING: Fr. Cornelius wants everyone to be aware of scams from phone calls and emails who are using his name to request any kind of assistance including money from you for him. Fr. Cornelius is not in need of any assistance so please do not respond to any of that kind of communication.

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.

THANK YOU: The Sodality would like to thank all of you for your generosity during the toiletry drive. It was a big success.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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 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 Call: 202-528-8633 ~ Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin

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 or 301-853-4546.