

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
- Mt 18:15

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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

"IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE..."

When you do a Google search for "Conflict Resolution," you come up with 34 million results, everything from Dale Carnegie courses to a video game for children called "Cool School—Where Peace Rules." But long before Dale Carnegie and video games ever came along, we had Matthew 18:15. Often this section of St. Matthew's Gospel is entitled "Fraternal Correction." But a more contemporary title might be "Conflict Resolution." Here Jesus gives his disciples and all of us a very practical lesson on what to do when someone sins against us.

Today's Gospel reading goes into detail on the proper process to follow: First, try to keep it between the two of you. If that doesn't work, bring in two or three witnesses. And if that doesn't work, then refer it to the Church. Beyond this process, however, there is also the matter of attitude, and today's second reading, taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, tells us about the attitude that we should have as we offer another person our friendly correction and/or advice: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

So what do we do when we have a complaint to make, or when we feel that some friendly correction and/or advice is needed? The first thing that we can and really ought to do is to approach the person in question one-on-one. We must try to show the person that we are seriously concerned about the harm that he has done to us, to someone else, or to themselves. "Go and tell him his fault," Jesus tells us, not by announcing it to everyone we know, but by going to him personally and privately, as a friend.

As you reflect on this Gospel passage, does anyone come to mind who needs some fraternal correction and/or advice? If so, then pray that the Lord will give you the courage and wisdom to reach out to that person during this coming week. And if during this coming week someone approaches you with some fraternal correction and/or advice, then pray that the Lord will give you the openness and humility to accept the fraternal correction and/or advice and to ask for that person's forgiveness.

<https://www.missionsandiego.org/if-your-brother-sins-against-you-go-and-tell-him-his-fault-between-you-and-him-alone/>

REFLECTION FOR TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine.

But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Renee Bowser, Dianne P. Taylor, Mavula
 Kinata Rose, Gabriello K. Deuppi,
 Felicia Daria T. Mouga
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Edith Wright
MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ezra 33:7-9/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20
Monday: Colossians 1:24—2:3/Psalms 62:6-7, 9/Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15/Psalms 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11/Psalms 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Numbers 21:4b-9/Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Philippians 2:6-11/John 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14/Psalms 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17/Psalms 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Luke 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sirach 27:30—28:7/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Romans 14:7-9/Matthew 18:21-35

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 9/11
 Eternal repose of the soul of Jerold K. Darlington+++ (BB) by Williams Family
 God's blessings and protection for Tierra & Chosen by Wilson Family
Tuesday 9/12
 The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday 9/13
 St. John

Thursday 9/14
 In Thanksgiving for Birthday Blessings for Tina Saxone Akhaine by Tina God's blessing and protection for Deacon Richard Walker by Bernadine Conrad
Friday 9/15
 Eternal repose of the soul of Robert L. Norwood by Parish Family
Saturday 9/16
 Eternal repose of the soul of Harold K. Townsend +++ by Janille Thompaon

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
 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 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 9/3/2023: \$1,132.90

Donation for Maintenance: \$4,201.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

You need to hold fast to two virtues:

kindness toward your neighbor

&

humility toward God. ~St Padre Pio

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Robert L. Norwood on Friday, September 15, 2023. Viewing 10am-11am. Funeral Mass begins at 11am. Please pray for the family.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD 2023-2024 is now in progress! Registration Desk is in the church hall from 9:45-10:45 AM each Sunday until notified. For those preparing for First Holy Communion next Spring, you must register your child by October 31, 2023. There will be no registration for First Holy Communion after October 31st.

SIGN UP LISTS FOR THE DANCE MINISTRY AND THE YOUTH CHOIR are also located at the CCD Registration Desk in the church hall.

ARCHDICESAN NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a September second collection today for the Catholic University of America. Please give generously.

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