

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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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

We need to Magnify Christ in our Body by Living Christ to make Him Great

Like the apostle Paul, we need to magnify Christ in our body, whether through life or through death; we need to enlarge Christ, and make Him great in the sight of others, by experiencing with the top enjoyment and through our living. The pattern of Paul is so vivid both in his writings and in his living. He did not only preach Christ and teach the truth; he also lived Christ and magnified Christ in his body. He did not only bring a new teaching that is higher, more ethical, and more spiritual to many parts of the earth; he lived what he preached, and his living matched his teaching. Even in prison, when he was in chains, though he was so limited and restricted, he still lived Christ, magnified Christ, and made Christ great in front of others.

He did not complain about his circumstances. Though he had so much to complain about and to ask the saints to pray for his release from prison, he was one with the Lord to minister life to the saints instead of bringing in his situation and condition. If you read the epistles of Paul you cannot but be amazed at the living and life that he had. In Phil. 1:19-21 we see the secret of his living: he enjoyed the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ and the supply of the Body, so he was not put to shame but rather, Christ was magnified through him, for he lived Christ. We may not be in a prison today, but many situations we're in may be like a prison, for they limit us, restrict us, and cause us to not be so free. In our situations, we need to open to the Lord and enjoy the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

This supply is bountiful, and it contains all that God is, all Christ has done, and all that He is and has done and has accomplished. The Spirit of God, the human living of Christ, the ability to endure sufferings, the cross of Christ, the death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, the power of His resurrection, and even His ascension, all these are included in the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. When we turn to the Lord and enjoy His bountiful supply in spirit, we will be able to live Christ for His magnification in all kinds of circumstances.

We simply need to enjoy and experience this wonderful, all-inclusive, bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and we need to remain in the reality of the Body of Christ, being one with the Lord and with the saints. If we enjoy this supply, all the things happening to us will turn out to salvation, and our earnest expectation and hope would be that in nothing we would be put to shame but that in all things Christ would be magnified in us. Amen!

Culled from <https://www.agodman.com/magnify-christ-in-our-body-living-christ-make-him-great/>

REFLECTION FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Michael Holland, Chikodili Onianwah, Jacqueline Wilson, Geraldine Jackson, Charmaine Williams, Ricardo C. Wilson, Bryce C. Wilson, Charmaine Onianwah, Monica Peters-Welch and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Westley and Natoshka Faxio Douglas, Mr. & Mrs. Byron, Sr. and Sharanda Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius & Linda Osuji, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin & Angelica Ford

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

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9/Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6/Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/John 1:47-51

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Luke 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ezra 18:25-28/Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

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 9/25
Birthday blessings for Jacqueline Wilson by Wilson Family

Thursday 9/28
Birthday blessings for Jacqueline Wilson, by Wilson Family

Tuesday 9/26
Ss. Cosmas, Damian

Friday 9/29/2023
Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Wednesday 9/27
St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday 9/30
God's blessing & protection for Jacqueline Gillespie by Janice Townsend

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
Louise Washington
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 9/17/2023: \$
Donation for Maintenance: \$

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isa. 55:6-9)

PARISH NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR CCD 2023-2024 A meeting of **all CCD parents** and children will be held on today, Sunday, September 24th in The Center beginning at 9:00 AM. A continental breakfast will be served. Agenda will include class registration, potential calendar for the year, rules and expectations. It is highly recommended that parents become more involved with the religious training of their children.

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 is located in the back of the church after 8:30 and 11:00am Sunday Mass.

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

NATIONAL MASS IN OBSERVANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: Many Catholic families have experienced violence and abuse at home. You are invited to participate in the 7th National Observance of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" at the Vigil Mass on October 7th at 4:30PM at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Most Reverend Roy Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will be the presider and homilist. Help is available for families suffering abuse. For more information: www.CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org