



ST. LUKE'S ORDINARIATE PARISH ✠ WASHINGTON DC

The Epistle

BISHOP LOPES' LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL ON THE SINS OF CLERGY

On August 20, 2018, our bishop, Steven Lopes, sent to the faithful of the Ordinariate a letter concerning the recent revelations of the sinful actions of Theodore McCarrick [formerly Cardinal Archbishop of Washington DC] and the media reports on the grand jury investigations on sexual abuses by the Catholic clergy in Pennsylvania. We reproduce his words below for our members and friends:

Dear Faithful of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter,

This has been a difficult few weeks for the Catholic Church in North America. We have seen reports of episcopal negligence and malfeasance in the face of clerical sexual abuse, coupled with some reports of bishops themselves guilty of sexual

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predation. The report of the Grand Jury in Pennsylvania has reopened old wounds and inflicted new ones on victims, their families, the Catholic faithful at large, and indeed, the larger society.

There have been many statements and commentary about all of this, and I do not wish just to add to the multiplicity of words. I would simply echo the words of the great Saint John Paul II: there is no room in the priesthood for a man who abuses a child. In our particular context of the Ordinariate with both celibate and married clergy, I would add that there is no room in the priesthood for a man who commits an act of violence—physical, psychological, or sexual—against his own wife or children. And there is no room among those who call themselves Shepherds and Pastors for a man who would cover-up an instance of abuse.

I am confident in the policies and procedures in place ensuring that our Ordinariate is a safe environment for all of our children. All of these are publicly available on our website and they will be followed and enforced at every level. But policies do not bring about holiness, and isn't that what we all so deeply desire? A Church that lives the faith once delivered to the Saints in integrity and in good conscience? Holiness is something that ultimately comes from God, so it is something for which we should pray and labor:

- Pray for the victims of sexual abuse by clergy, so that the peace of God beyond all understanding may heal their hearts and minds in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for priests, that they may live their lives in integrity of heart, faithful to the vows of their ordination. Pray the Prayer of St. Michael daily, especially for priests! The Devil is never happier than when he corrupts a servant of God.
- Join with me in setting aside 30 minutes of prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to pray in reparation for the sins committed by clergy and faithful alike, sins which have disfigured the Body of Christ and caused many to turn away.
- Find some way to express Christian charity to your neighbor. Sin repels, but authentic love attracts and transforms.

September 21 is Ember Friday after Holy Cross Day. As your Bishop, I will offer that day in particular penance for the sins of bishops. I invite you to pray with me and offer some act of penance that day for the renewal of the Church.

The sins we have read about in these weeks have filled us with shame and with righteous anger. But one thing we should not feel is afraid. The Evil One thrives in darkness, so the bright light of truth, though painful in this moment, is purifying. Our Ordinariate exists because men and women of great faith placed everything on the line for the adventure of truth and Catholic communion. Even in the midst of these trials, I see that the joy of fidelity still draws people to Christ. I continue to receive letters from Anglican clergy seeking to join us. I have heard from three new

communities this summer trying to form Ordinariate parishes. We have admitted 3 new seminarians, young men of faith and integrity who desire to leave all to follow in the way of the Lord. May our fidelity then be our most eloquent response to the current crisis in the Church. For the one in whom we trust is the Lord! And he is risen from the dead!

Your servant in Christ,
+Steven J. Lopes

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPARATION

In his letter to the faithful of the Ordinariate, Bishop Lopes suggested ways that we can all work to heal the grievous wound inflicted on the Body of Christ by the sins of priests and bishops. Besides the prayer intentions the bishop suggested, he has particularly requested that we set aside September 21st [the Ember Friday after Holy Cross Day] to undertake penance and other acts of reparation.

In light of the Bishop's request, Fr. Vidal had decided to offer the 8:30 am Mass every Wednesday in reparation for the sinful behavior of the clergy. He has also added the St. Michael Prayer to the close of every Mass. A group of parishioners has undertaken to fast on Wednesdays [water only] in reparation. We encourage all to join in one of these endeavours, or to undertake other acts of penance in reparation. Just as the virtues and charity of the saints strengthen the entire Body of Christ, so do the sins of Her members weaken and sicken the Church. We must undertake penance as the medicine which can heal the Church.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. —Colossians 1: 24



EVENSONG AT THE ABBEY IS BACK!

The first service of Evening Prayer for the fall series will be Saturday, September 8th at 4 pm at St. Anselm's Abbey. A Low Mass in the Ordinariate Form [a Sunday Vigil mass] will be offered immediately afterwards. After Evensong, a time of fellowship will be held in the Abbey's Fort Augustus Room; those staying for the Mass should join the reception when Mass is done.

This beautiful service of thanksgiving and reflection is held on the first Saturday of each month during the school year. The other Evensongs this fall will be held on October 6th,

November 3rd, and December 1st. Please join us at St. Anselm's Abbey [4501 South Dakota Ave. NE, Washington DC]. All are welcome.

A WORTHY ACT OF MERCY: SUPPLIES FOR SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL

When boys come to San Miguel School in the sixth grade, they generally test a year or two below grade level. But two years later, the entire class is proficient in math and reading. One hundred percent go on to Catholic high schools and 97 percent go on to college.



Located on Georgia Avenue in Northwest Washington DC, San Miguel was founded in 2002 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools and St. John's College High School. Its purpose is to break the cycle of poverty by providing low-income boys with an excellent private Catholic education that they could not otherwise receive. San Miguel keeps in touch with its graduates throughout their educational careers. When, for example, one grad couldn't afford school meals in his new school, San Miguel quietly intervened.

“Being a student at San Miguel was not easy,” US Marine Sgt. Rene Ramos, a member of San Miguel's

Class of '05, the first graduating class, recently admitted. But the Marine added that the school “expected a lot from us, and made sure we lived up to those expectations. We were not only taught English, Math, Science, and Social studies, we were taught discipline, and how to be men, even though we were not yet there.”

Sgt. Ramos, a husband and father of two, who worked with the Marine's “Super Stallions” helicopter unit, believes that San Miguel changed his life. “San Miguel instilled in me many values that I still hold today – hard work, humility, and integrity, to name but a few,” he said. He remembered the Christian Brother who made sure that the boys said grace before every meal and tied their ties correctly.

We can participate in some small way in the miracle of San Miguel by contributing to St. Luke's corporal act of mercy for September. San Miguel Outreach and Development Manager Rodney Elam said that we could “really help out” by donating school supplies for the school's athletic, science and tech programs.

He gave us a list of items that are needed:

6 Outdoor Basketballs @\$16.99 each

4 Kick balls @ \$6.39

18 Dodgeballs @ \$19.99 [6 pack]

AA and AAA batteries

Envelope moisteners @ \$14.29 [4 pack]

First Aid Supplies 2 @ \$19.99

5 Hot plates @ \$1700

Address labels @ \$57.99

There are two ways of to donate: You can check their wish list on their website (sanmigueldc.org/wish-list), and then either bring your selections to Mass or send them directly to the school through Amazon Smile.

Some of these items are pricey and we suggest going in with another parishioner to purchase one. We will deliver items to the school after the final Sunday in September.



MUSIC THIS MONTH

2 SEPTEMBER: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Missa brevis #6 [James Healey Willan, 1880-1968]

In te speravi [Fr. Carlo Rossini, 1890-1975]

9 SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena [James Healey Willan, 1880-1968]

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence [communion hymn]

16 SEPTEMBER: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mass for Four Voices [John Stainer, 1840-1901]

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord [Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847]

23 SEPTEMBER: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Missa Salve Regina [Christoph Dalitz, 1967-]

Rejoice in the Lord Alway [Henry Purcell, 1659-1695]

30 SEPTEMBER: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Missa tribus vocibus [Christoph Dalitz, 1967-]

O Domine Jesu Christe [Francisco Guerrero, 1528-1599]

AN EASY WAY TO HELP ST. LUKE'S



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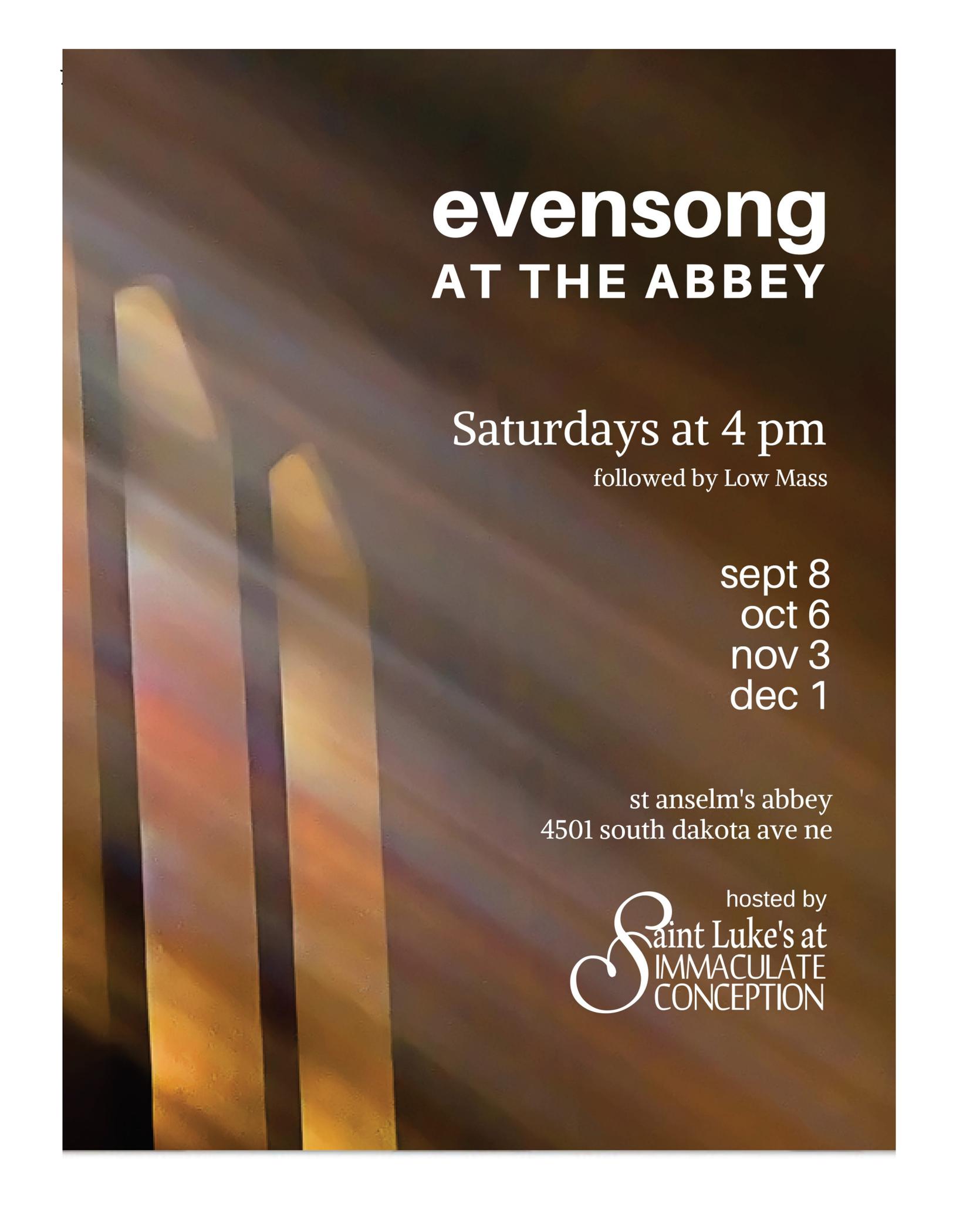
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**THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE
OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER**

That we all may be one

FROM THE PASTOR

Well, it's that time of the year again. Labor Day is upon us and with that, the beginning of the school year. For us at St. Luke's, that means that it is time to register our kids for our online CCD program. If you have not spoken to Karen King yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can also email her at ksbkpng@comcast.net. The parish has already paid for the program so we need to get our money's worth. It is a fun program that follows the Baltimore Catechism and has ways that we can track everybody's progress.

With the summer and fall we also have "movement" of people.

Earlier this summer Patrick and Tianlu Redmon moved to Texas where Patrick will join a Houston law firm in September. Our loss, Our Lady of Walsingham's gain. We will miss them both and pray they will find their way back to us some day. Another beloved family that has left is the Henderson family. Mike was transferred by the State Department to Ladson, South Carolina. All three of the Henderson children have received their sacraments at St. Luke's. We are lucky that they will return to us on November 11 for Preston to receive his First Communion. The Hendersons were warmly welcomed by Corpus Christi Church, the Ordinariate community in Charleston, SC. We will miss the Hendersons' cheerful participation and volunteering.

But this movement does not just mean people moving out. We have been graced with six new families. We have Peter and Nicole Crawford and their children Bradana, Sunniva, Jude, and Gregan. Peter has come to the DC area to start St. Jerome's Institute, a liberal arts high school in the Hyattsville area. Also new to us is the Shivone family. Andrew has begun his PhD program in theology at the Pope St. John Paul II Institute. Following in a few days will be his wife Elizabeth and their children Mary, Carolyne, Michael, and Christopher. Both the Crawfords and the Shivones come to us from San Antonio, Texas, where they were members of Our Lady of the Atonement. Luke and Jane Maschue have moved to the area after getting married a couple of weeks back. We are thrilled to have them with us. Also new to us are Amanda Montee and Jeff Blackwood. Amanda has begun instruction to make her

profession of faith soon and they are both also receiving marriage instruction in anticipation of their marriage next summer. Also joining us, from a distance, are Ordice and Vivian Gallups. The Gallups live in Chesapeake, Maryland, and hope to make it up to us every other week or so. Ordice is an Oblate of St. Benedict and an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Vivian is an experienced organist. We look forward to having them with us every Sunday as our planned new home is within a reasonable driving distance. Finally, while not new members, the Hanby family has begun to visit us regularly. While formerly Episcopalian and Ordinariate eligible, the family is heavily involved at St. Jerome's in Hyattsville and have decided to remain members there while visiting us on a regular basis.

I want to give all a hearty welcome! I am excited that we continue to grow. Please continue to be welcoming to people who join us on Sundays and definitely continue to pray that the Lord will send us parishioners as we work to move to our new home.

Speaking of our new home, we continue to wait on the bank to respond to our offer on the property in Upper Marlboro. I hope to hear from them in the first or second week of September. Once they accept our offer (praying with confidence!) we will be doing our due diligence inspections and confirming the property's suitability for us. As soon as I have some news I will share that with you. Please keep your prayers going.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. John