



St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda  
**THE SCROLL**  
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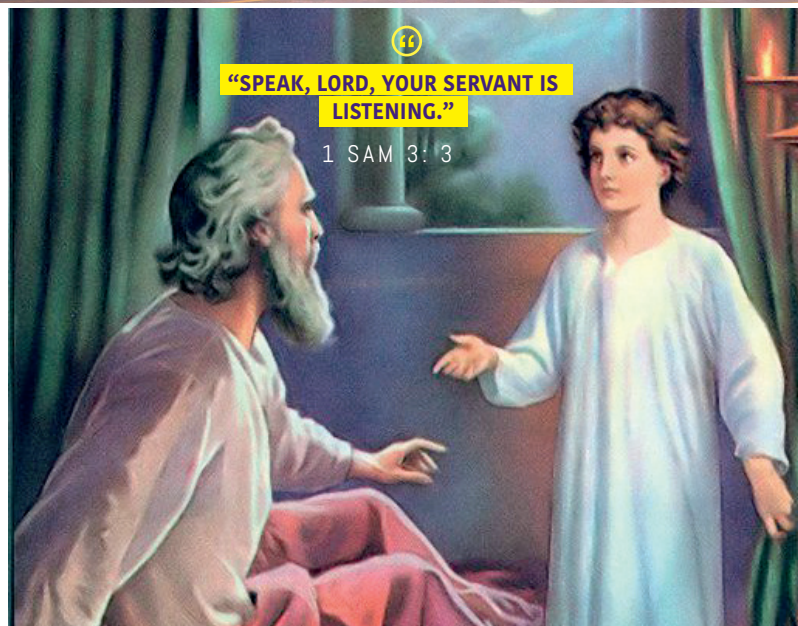
# “SPEAK, O LORD...”

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“Speak, O Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10) is the guidance that Eli gives to Samuel. The young boy, namely, Samuel was being called by the Lord God but he was not aware of this and so he thought that Eli the priest was the one calling him. Even when Samuel was not aware that God is the One calling him, his readiness to obey is already seen in his fast response to go to Eli and saying three times, “Here I am because you have called me” (1 Samuel 3:5,7,8). It was night and Samuel did not complain of being disturbed while sleeping. The readiness with which he went to Eli is the same readiness with which he listened to the guidance of Eli and so listened to him. By listening to Eli, Samuel started a key step in his journey of being a prophet most especially when he said to God, “Speak, O Lord for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus Christ and says, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). By listening to these words, two of the disciples of John the Baptist start their journey with Jesus Christ and this journey leads them to being among the Twelve. Eli guided the boy Samuel in the first reading and John the Baptist guided his disciples to Jesus Christ. The two servants of God, that is, Eli and John the Baptist did not guide the people to themselves but rather to God. They were “bridges” that joined people with God and so they are wonderful examples for us too, most especially at a time when the world

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## FIRST READING

A reading from 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

**“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the

third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL

Monday English | Tuesday Luganda | Wednesday English | Thursday Luganda | Friday English | Saturday Luganda

SUNDAY MASS PROGRAM: 07:00 a.m Luganda | 08:30 a.m English | 10:00 a.m English | 11:30 am Luganda | 1:00 am English | 5:00p.m English

PARISH THEME: “ WALKING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF GOD”

## PSALM

Ps 39:2.4. 7-10. # w. 8. 9

**Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

**“Do not sin against your own body”**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:35-42**

*“We have found the Messiah”*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared

hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## ESSOMO ERISOOKA

*“Yogera ayi Mukama, omuddu wo awulira.”*

**Bye tusoma mu kitabo ekibereberye ekyamu Samueli. (3, 3b-10; 19).**

Olwatuuka, Samueli yali yeebase mu kiggwa ky’Omukama awaali essanduuku y’endagaano ya Katonda. Awo Omukama n’ayita Samueli, ye n’addamu, nti: Nzuuno. Kwe kudduka n’agenda ewa Heli n’amugamba, nti: Nzuuno, kubanga ompise. Ye n’amugamba, nti: Sinnakuyita, ddayo weebake, n’addayo ne yeebaka. Omukama n’addamu okuyita Samueli. Samueli n’asituka n’agenda ewa Heli, n’amugamba, nti: Nzuuno, kubanga ompise, Ye n’addamu nti: Mwana wange, sinnakuyita, ddayo weebake. Obudde obwo, Samueli yali

tannamanya Mukama era n’ekigambo kye kyali tekinnaba kumubikkulirwa. Omukama n’addamu omulundi ogwokusatu okuyita Samueli, n’asituka n’agenda ewa Heli, n’amugamba, nti: Nzuuno, kubanga ompise. Awo Heli n’amanya ng’Omukama ye yali ayita omwana era n’agenda Samueli, nti: Genda weebake, singa addamu okuyita omuddamu nti, Yogera, Mukama, kubanga omuddu wo awulira. Samueli kwe kuddayo mu kifo kye ne yeebaka. Omukama n’ajja n’ayimirira era n’ayita nga bwe yali akoze emirundi emirala, nti: Samueli, Samueli. Samueli n’amugamba, nti: Yogera, Mukama, kubanga omuddu wo awulira. *Ebyo Omukama y’abyogera.*

## OKWEBUULIRIRA

**EKIDD: Nzuuno nzize, ayi Mukama, okukola Ggwe ky’oyagala.**

## ESSOMO II

*“Emibiri gyammwe bye bitundu by’omubiri gwa Kristu.”*

**Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa csooka, Paulo gye yawandiikira ab’e Korinti. (6, 13c-15a. 17-20).**

## EVANJIRI

*“Baalaba we yali asula ne basigala ewuwe.”*

**Ebigambo by’Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Yoanna. (1, 35-42).**

Olwatuuka Yoanna yali awo ng’ayimiridde wamu n’ababiri ku bayigirizwa be; n’alengera Yezu ng’atambula n’agenda nti: Laba Akaliga ka Katonda! Abayigirizwa ababiri ne bamuwuli

is in a rush for celebrities and titles. As Christians, we are to lead people to God and not to search for celebrity status. We are to point to God and not to ourselves. Our way of life, therefore, should lead people to God and not to ourselves or worse still away from God.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta teaches us that, “God does not call the qualified but He qualifies the called.” Samuel was a young boy and so by standards of age, one would have considered him

to be too young to be called by God. God who qualifies the called, called him all the same. This has happened in the lives of many saints and Christians. Sometimes, the imperfections in our lives may lead us to think that we are not worthy to be called by God but let us remember that, “God does not call the qualified but He qualifies the called.”

In our Christian life, dear brethren in Christ, we all need spiritual direction.

In a way, Eli and John the Baptist were spiritual directors of their time guiding people to follow God. Spiritual direction, therefore, is not only for the seminarians, religious and priests but all of us need a spiritual guide with whom we journey in our spiritual life. It is good when the spiritual director is a priest but must not always be a priest. Samuel had Eli, the first disciples of Jesus Christ had John the Baptist, “please, do you have a spiritual director?”

ra ng'ayogera, ne bagoberera Yezu. Yezu bwe yakebuka, n'alaba nga bamugoberera, n'abagamba nti: Munyoonya ki? Ne bamugamba nti Rabbi (muyigiriza) osula wa? N'abagamba nti: Mujje mulabeyo. Ne bagenda, ne balaba we yali asula, ne bamala ewuwe olunaku olwo. Essaawa yali nga ya kkumi. Andrea muganda wa Simoni ye yali omu ku babiri abaawuli-

ra Yoanna ne bagoberera Yezu. Yasooka kusisinkana muganda we Simoni, n'amugamba nti: "Messia (kwe kugamba nti Kristu) tumugguseeko! N'amutwala eri Yezu. Yezu n'amwekaliriza, n'agamba nti: Ggwe Simoni omwana wa Yona: kale onooyitbwanga Sefasi (ekivvuunulwa nti: Lwazi).

*Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo.*

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

St Joseph is the spouse of the Blessed virgin Mary, legal guardian/ earthly father of Jesus, patron of the church, and guardian of the Holy Family. He is commonly depicted holding the infant Jesus, and lilies. St Joseph is mentioned in the gospels of Matthew and Luke each containing a genealogy of Jesus showing ancestry from King David. The last time Joseph appears in person in any of the canonical Gospels is in the narrative of the Passover visit to the Temple in Jerusalem when Jesus was 12 years old, which is found only in Luke. No mention is made of him thereafter.

St. Joseph is not mentioned as being present during Jesus' adult ministry like at the Wedding at Cana at the beginning of Jesus' mission, nor at the Passion at the end. If he had been present at the Crucifixion, he would under Jewish custom have been expected to take charge of Jesus' body, but this role is instead performed by Joseph of Arimathea. Nor would Jesus have entrusted his mother to the care of John the Apostle if her husband had been alive

The earliest records of a formal devotional following for Saint Joseph and references to him as Nutritor Domini (educator/ guardian of the Lord) began to appear in the 9th century and continued growing. Pope Leo the XIII issued the encyclical Quamquam plurimes in which he urged Catholics to pray to Saint Joseph, as the patron of the church in view of the challenges facing the church. Likewise, Pope Leo stated that Saint Joseph "set himself to protect with a mighty love and a daily solicitude his spouse and the Divine Infant; regularly by his work he earned what was necessary for the one and the other for nourishment and clothing."

Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph the

patron of the Universal Church in 1870. Having died in the "arms of Jesus and Mary" according to Catholic tradition, he is considered the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death, in other words, the patron of a happy death.

Saint Joseph is well known as the patron saint of fathers, both families and virgins, workers, especially carpenters, expecting mothers and unborn children. Among many others, he is the patron saint of attorneys and barristers, emigrants, travellers, and house hunters. He is invoked against hesitation and for the grace of a holy death.

19 March, Saint Joseph's Day, is the principal feast day of Saint Joseph, and in the Catholic Church, it is a solemnity.

Pope Pius XII established the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on 1 May both to honour Saint Joseph, and to make people aware of the dignity of human work. The church reserves and celebrates St Joseph every Wednesday.

Here at St. Charles Lwanga, devotional prayers are recited at the end of mass on Wednesday and devotees to St Joseph gather at church on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm for devotional prayers and our monthly meeting.

We encourage you all to join us, to know more about St. Joseph and spread devotion to him. We shall share in the following subsequent weeks information on his patronage, attributes, and significance in our lives today, do not miss all this and more in the scroll every Sunday.

**For more information, please contact the Chairperson, Michael Wathum on +256773304874 or visit the Parish office.**

St Joseph, Pray for us!

## THE MARRIAGE BANS

- **Joseph Ojalla** of Balitta son of Charles Okumu and Leonia Anyokori-ta of Busitema, Busia District wishes to marry **Diana Nalwera** of Balitta daughter of Kayabula Samuel and Nalwanga Agnes of Nsozibiri Rakai-district
- **Timothy Sean Martin** of Maryland son of Late Francis Xavier Martin and Late Patricia Evelyne Martin of Usa wishes to marry **Laura Kabarwani Byabazaire** of Maryland daughter of Late Mathew Byabazaire and Yuniya Majara Byabazaire of Nabulagala, Kasubi
- **Medadi Orisinga** of Mutungo son of Late John Owakubariho and Dezeranta Mutesigensi of Rwemiro, Kishimi, ruhaama Ntungamo wishes to marry **Sandra Nakabugo** of Mutungo daughter of Dembe Stephen Salongo and Nyakato Jenipher Nalongo of Mandela Mbarara District
- **Atwiine Timothy** of Kira son of Late. Kahungu Deziderio Tibayeita and Margaret Gutta Tibayeita of Kakiika, Kashenyi, Mbarara wishes to marry **Peninah Kukunda** of Naguru daughter of Late Karuhanga Enos and Bashagire Annet of Kishasha Mbarara
- **Innocent Muhwezi** of Bujoko son of Late Marsial Tirwakunda and Late Tibarimu Assumpta of Rukungiri wishes to marry **Katusiime Jane** of Kyebando daughter of Mwamba John and Kabarwani Edith of Burarro, mwenge Nyantungo Kyenjojo

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

We have celebrated the second Sunday in ordinary time year B. Thank you for your active participation at Mass.

Next Sunday is our Good Samaritan Sunday. We are all reminded to honor our pledges in the Golden Hearted Book or make a cash donation in the good Samaritan boxes inserted in the church walls.

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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

Children from Oratorio and the Holiday Programme under the Teaching Commission invite you for a thanksgiving Mass scheduled to take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 01:00pm. Parents are requested to bring their children for this Mass as Oratorio classes will not be held on this day.

Registration for catechism classes (First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Solemn commitment) is ongoing. Please pass by the tent and register your child.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

The Holiday programme is continuing with preparatory activities every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00pm – 5:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Parents are requested to register offertory items on behalf of their children at the Parish Office any day of the week.

**SACRAMENTS**

Children who have been undertaking catechism class for the holiday program will receive the SACRAMENTS today during the 1pm Mass. the next intake for the holiday program will commence next holiday.

**BAFUMBO DAY LAUCH**

The Marriage and Family Ministry together with The St. Joseph's will celebrate their St. Joseph's and Bafumbo day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. In preparation, therefore, they are inviting all The Marrieds and Well-wishers for a launch on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the church premises, starting 2.30pm. Come all and support this noble and very central Parish event.

**For more information, please contact: Mr. Lweterozo Raymond-0752411600/ 0772969487, Mr. Ssebunya Vincent - 0772328829, Ms. Burungi Teddy - 0772376645**

**WEEKLY FINANCES**

Mon 1 -Sun 7/01/2024	Amount	
Tithe	18,031,300	\$ 5
Sunday Offertory	20,254,700	\$ 31
Week Day Offertory	3,692,500	
Kalooli Lwanga Tower	100,000	
Marriage Stole Fees	1,660,000	
Baptism Stole Fees	170,000	
Catechism Stole Fees	470,000	
Thanksgiving	2,277,000	\$ 100
Donations	120,000	
Christmas Gift	1,276,600	\$ 100
Scroll Sales	200,000	
Choirs	1,390,000	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	141,500	
Women's Guild	400,000	
Good Samaritan	20,000	
Radio Maria	20,000	
Family and Marriage	300,000	
Oratorio	300,000	
Procure Items	3,139,000	

**PAYMENT CHANNELS FOR THE PARISH**

**Bank accounts;** St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda **3610600038 (Centenary bank) - UGX**

St. Charles Lwanga Ntinda Development **A/c No. 3010609993 (Centenary Bank) - UGX Mobile Money;** Tel No. **0782952065** and **0701952065**, all in the names of Fr. Edward Muwanga.

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**READINGS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	19 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	20 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
St. Paul the Hermit	St. Marcel	St. Anthony Abbot	St. Prisca	St. Pontian	Blessed Cyprian Micheal
1 Samuel 15:16-23	Samuel 16:1-13	Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Samuel 24:3-21	2Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Mark 2:18-22	Mark 2:23-28	Mark 3:1-6	Mark 3:7-12	Mark 3:13-19	Mark 3:20-21

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