

St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers
and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 31, 2014

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

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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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

Parish Devotions

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| 3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m. | Cameroon Mass |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena |
| | Senior Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. | Novena to St. Joseph |
| Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Friday - ----8:00 a.m. | Prayer for Vocations |
| 1st Friday - --7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour |
| Saturday --- 3:00 p.m. | Rosary |

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday: 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Every 1st Friday of the Month 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am- 10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class. Parents and God-parents preparation is held on the First Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptisms will take place on the Third Sunday of each month.

| Weekday | Time | Feast of the Day | Mass Intention | Requested By |
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| Saturday 30th | 4:00pm | 21st Sunday Vigil Mass | Chikelue & Chijioke Onianwah | Charmanine Onianwah |
| Sunday 31st | 8:30 am 11:00am | 21st Sunday Mass 21st Sunday Mass | Sick and Shut-in St Luke Parish Students & Teachers | Parish Family Parish Family |
| Monday 1st | 10:00am | Weekday Mass | Josephite Fathers & Brothers | Fr. Cornelius |
| Tuesday 2nd | 8:00am | Weekday Mass | Alexander Emedo++ | Justin Emedo |
| Wednesday 3rd | 8:00am | St. Gregory | Ernest J. Taylor, Jr.++ | Doris Lucas |
| Thursday 4th | 10:00am | Weekday Mass | Lawrence Carter++ | Geraldine Marshall |
| Friday 5th | 8:00am | Weekday Mass | Susie++ and Frank++ McDougald | Family |

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

WHICH WAY FORWARD AMERICA?

Anger, rage, riot, outrage and protest...these are common reactions to the blatant injustices that we face. But what good has this been? What purpose have they serve? We have been talking about the senseless killing of young black men for a while now. Remember the murder of Trayvon Martin? We screamed and shouted at the top of our lungs. Did anyone in authority (who can truly make changes) listen? What we are experiencing today is a result of the “Do Nothing Policy” that has been systematically implemented

For those who are of the illusion that racism has been defeated, please think again. Racism still exists in America. This is not a hoax. Our racist past has a way of rearing its ugly head over and over again. This is the reality of life here in God’s own country. I know we have made progress in the past couple of years. But exactly how much progress have we made? (A topic for another day’s discussion) There is no point pretending that these senseless killings would end as a result of our protests. As sickening as it may sound, it is the reality of the world that we live in. This trigger happy lifestyle that is prevalent today, isn't going away anytime soon.

If my assertions are correct, then the question would be “which way forward America?” Is this what you want to be known for? Can you seriously sit back and watch your future destroyed? My dear St Luke family, we cannot wait for these questions to be answered for us. It behooves us all to teach our young people to protect themselves at all times. But when we have that conversation with them, please tell them never to engage in an altercation with anyone. Make them understand that there is no shame in walking away from risky situations. Remind them of the words of Nelson Mandela (of blessed memory) that says “Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it.” Show them also that “Peace is not the absence of violence, but our ability to cope with it.”

Our children must learn better ways to cope with the injustices they face on a daily basis. Let them understand that this country will not become a paradise for minorities all of a sudden. After all, 250 years of slavery, 90 years of Jim Crow and 60 years of separate but equal can only bear one fruit— **systematic racism.**

**REFLECTION FOR THE
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Profit and gain. Most of us would be happy to experience these things. In our capitalist economy, profit is the point. Gain is the goal. Thought of in terms of money or possessions, having plenty of them often offers us a sense of security and sometimes a kind of pleasure. But today Jesus warns us about putting too much stock in this kind of worldly security.

It’s important to recognize that Jesus isn’t condemning money or possessions in and of themselves. But he is advocating a radical rethinking of our priorities. In a way, he turns everything upside down. Instead of giving us tips to “gain the whole world,” Jesus instructs us to take up our cross and follow him, and to lose our life for his sake.

This is not a message about gain but about loss. At least, that’s how it appears on the surface. When we take up our cross—embracing the sacrifices that come with our vocation, or accepting the sufferings that inevitably cross our path—it may not gain us immediate relief, but it will unite us to Christ who suffered for us on the cross. When we lose our life for his sake—giving of our time, our talents, and our treasure for the sake of those we love or those in need—it may not fill our pocketbooks, but it will fill our hearts.

Jesus wants our lives to be full. Full of love, full of peace, full of joy. Today he reminds us to be sure we aren’t so full of other “stuff” that we have no room left for what truly satisfies. Jesus promises that in losing our life for his sake, we will find it in the end. May we have the confidence to put our trust in this promise.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Batts
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearing
Irena Fields
Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Gear

Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison
Fred Jones
Mary A. Lewis
Rose Luck

Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Veronica Murray
Marie Neal
Regina Neal
Vincent Neal
Annibelle Nelson
Betty Payne
Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Bernadette Redmond

Michael Smith
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
Matthew Thompson
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Mary P.G. Washington

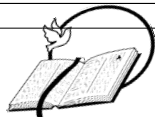


Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
And all St Luke
Parishioners & families
who served in the
military.

Readings for the Week of August 31, 2014

Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Luke 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Luke 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Luke 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ezra 33:7-9/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



9/6—4:00pm Mass—To be announced
9/7—8:30am Mass—Sylvester Mode & Debora Savoy
9/7--11:00am Mass—Brenyce Sweeney & Violet Tinsley

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Barbara Easterling,
Marvin Manassa and Keith R. Quarles a very wonderful
birthday.
Happy Wedding Anniversary
to Mr. Bobby and Mrs. Essie Willis.
May the joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

Church Support

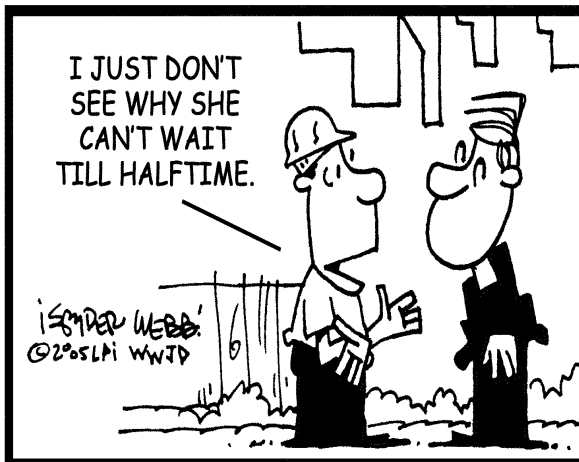
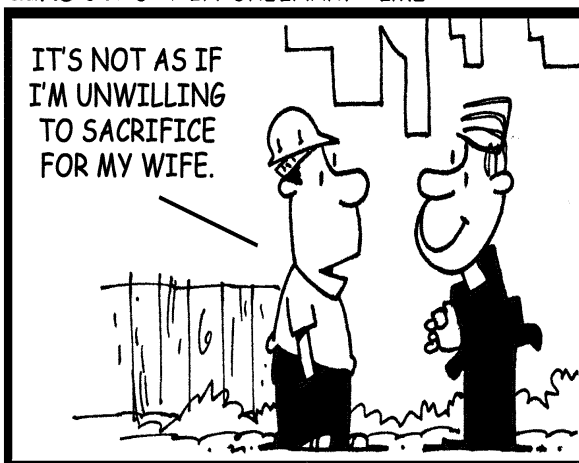
Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$3,475.02

ATTENDANCE:

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves for our Tree located in the northwest corner of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 38 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.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET/STREET FESTIVAL: St. Luke's Sodality will host its Annual Flea Market/Street Festival on September 20, 2014 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Now is a good time to clear your closets, attics and basement of items that are no longer of any use to you. For information on renting a table to sell your items, please call Joyce E. Thomas on 202-399-0943 or any member of the Sodality. The cost to rent a table is \$20.00.

PLEASE JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES at St. Luke's Music Fest Dinner fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 4th in the St. Luke Center from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets will be on sell in the back of church after each Mass. Donation is \$35.00. For more information contact Gloria Washington at 301-505-2850.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES crab feast will be held Sept. 20th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the St. Luke Center. Cost is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children 11 and under. Contact Milton at 202-412-0465. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT.** Get your tickets now!

JOIN US FOR FAITH FORMATIONS—REFRESH/UPDATE YOUR FAITH KNOWLEDGE: If you would like to know more about your faith or grow closer to God or even become a catechist you should join us for faith formation. The classes include: sacraments, creed, morality, prayer, and scripture. Each class will be 3-4 sessions in length! If you are seeking catechist certification you are required to complete an assessment following each course. There is a required fee of \$20 per course. The first class, Sacraments, will begin Saturday, September 27th at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 9:00am. To register call the parish at 202-584-8322 or Shirley Williams at 301-249-2219.

SPECIAL MASS for the Sick and Shut-In will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 10:00am. A luncheon will follow the Mass. There will not be an 8:00am Mass.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank Fr. Cornelius for being there for me and my family and all the St. Luke parishioners for all their prayers, calls, cards and hugs during my husband, Franklin Smith, illness and funeral. Also, a big thanks to all the ladies who helped at the repast. God will bless you all, Brenda Smith and Family.