

St. Luke

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

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and Brothers



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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2015

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

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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 2015 is **“Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

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
Fridays of Lent —7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

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.
Every Wednesday during Lent 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent 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
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.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 7th	4:00pm	SS Perpetua and Felicity	Mary P.G. Washington++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 8th	8:30 am 11:00am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Sick and Shut in Sick and Shut in	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 9th	10:00am	St. Frances	Melvin R. Parks++	Hilda McDougald
Tuesday 10th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Cornelius Cephas++	Mary Williams
Wednesday 11th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Bertha B.Wade++	Mary Williams
Thursday 12th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	James Williams, Jr.++	Mary Williams
Friday 13th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Dr. & Mrs. Perkins++	Mary Williams

PASTOR'S CORNER**THE GREAT LENT**

*Slowly and softly the bells are ringing,
Slowly the faithful are coming to pray.*

*Inside the church we hear mournful singing -
Tis the Great Canon of Andrew of Crete.
The prodigal son's lamentful entreaties,
The publican's heartfelt and pitiful sigh -
All can be heard in the evening's chanting,
In the dark twilight of the altar on high.*

*The elderly priest standing humbly among us,
Holding the ancient book in his hands,
Ardently prays with sadness and sorrow,
Intercedes before God for all our sins.*

*Somewhere outside, just beneath the windows,
Droplets of thawing snow fall from the roof,
The true high voice of a young soprano
Rings in the choir like a beautiful flute.
Who is it there, who in weary prayer,
Weeps over sinfully wasted days?*

*Whose sighs are those and fervent entreaties
That are slowly extinguished in the sun's setting rays?*

**REFLECTION FOR
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

"While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing." How we would love to see those signs!

How easy it would be for us to believe if we too could witness Jesus healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, calming the storm. It's tempting to imagine that faith was a simple thing back in those days. We might be inclined to think that we don't have the same benefits as those first believers, and so faith is harder in our day and age. But is it, really?

In truth, we have an advantage that none of those people had: two thousand years of Church history! Two millennia of faithful, prayerful Christians believing in Jesus and spreading the Gospel; the collective witness of the saints—many of whom have also worked "signs" in Jesus' name; the effects of the Church on culture and the world through its schools, its hospitals, its spiritual movements, and religious institutions; the unbroken line of apostolic succession that traces back to the time of Christ. Just the fact alone that the Church is still alive and well in spite of all of its sinful members ought to be miracle enough for us.

But even with all of this testimony, it's important to remember that seeing signs and believing in Jesus are not the same thing. Even those who witnessed Jesus' miracles had to take the next step by choosing to accept him as their Lord. Ultimately, all of these convincing details are not the point.

The point is to encounter Jesus on a personal level. The signs may open the door to bring us closer to him, but it's up to us to walk through that door. May we walk so as to come "to believe the Scripture."

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Mary C. Bennett
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearing
Irena Fields
Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin

Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Michael Holland
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison
Fred Jones

Mary A. Lewis
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Dieudonne Ndouga
Betty Payne
Silvia Perry
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Bernadette Redmond
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace



Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dorothy White
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2015

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/Jonah 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b/Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43/Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Ephesians 2:4-10/Jonah 3:14-21

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

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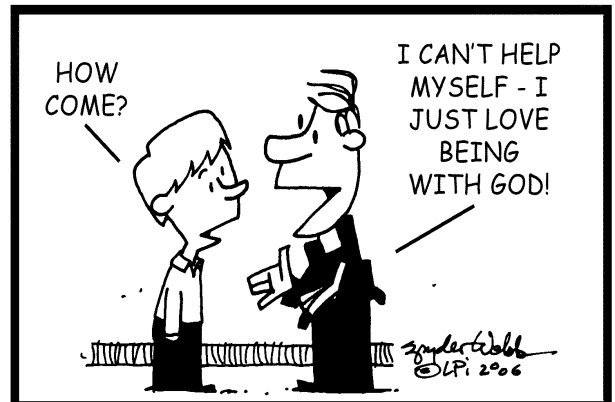
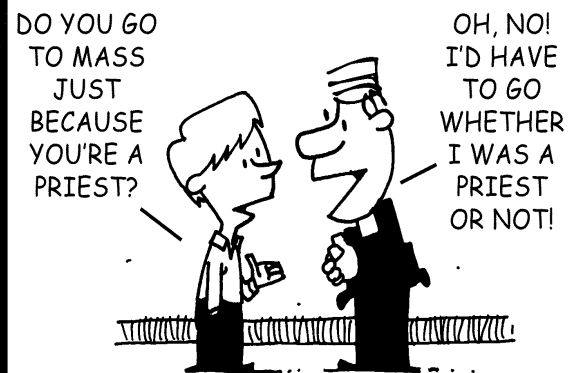
ATTENDANCE:

Lectors Schedule for Next Week

3/14 4:00pm Mass- Kathy Ndouga & Dieudonne Ndouga
3/15 8:30am Mass-Natoshka Douglas & Christine Tolson
3/5 11:00am Mass- Millicent Green & Bernard Robinson



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Doris L. Dunkins and Barbara Roberts a wonderful happy birthday.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength!!!



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held Friday, March 13 at 7:00pm in the Church.

THE LIGHT IS ON: Confessions and adoration will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Church. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

LENTEN FISH FRY will be hosted by the CCD on Friday, March 13 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

THE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE coordinated by Catholic Charities will take place the weekend of March 14th and 15th. Please return your grocery bags on March 14th and 15th. Food items asked to be donated will go by the alphabet of the last name. Instructions will be on the bag. Donations will go to the St. Luke's Food Bank.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring a tour, praying of the Rosary, Mass and then lunch at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Saturday, March 14, 2015 Contact Brother Neal at 202-704-6575. They will be leaving from St. Luke's top parking lot at 9:15am.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT ST LUKE will begin with the first rehearsal on Saturday, March 14th at 11:30am in the Church. Parents may register their children on Sunday, March 15th between 10:00 and 10:30am.

MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19 —FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be held at 8:00am instead of 10:00am.

CRS RICE BOWL: HUNGERING FOR A SEASON OF HOPE: The next step on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season—when food is in short supply—and we commit to acting for the common good.

CCD TEENS MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION CLASS will be participating in a 24-hour Food Fast beginning the evening of March 20th. Teens should show up at the Center at 6:00pm on March 20th and they will be excused after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Participants will be asking for sponsors and donations will go towards Catholic Relief Services. The purpose is to raise awareness of the hunger crisis here and abroad.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION hosted by St. Luke's Holy Name Society will be held March 28th at 9:00am. Celebrant and speaker is the Very Reverend Michael L. Thompson, S.S.J. Free lunch will be served. Contacts: Phil Smith (301675-6208 or Byron A. Wilson (571)221-4191

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: During Lent the office will be closed on Mondays and open Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

"AFTERNOON JAZZ BRUNCH" on April 26, 2015 is sponsored by the Incarnation Fellowship Choir at the Church of the Incarnation from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Cost is \$36 per person. For more information, please contact Jackie Greenfield 301-910-5409, Sheila Williams 301-943-5042 or Chris Chatman 301-735-0974.