



St. Luke

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

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 24, 2016

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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 2016 is **“Blessed are the merciful for the will receive Mercy from God.”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.
Last Sunday— 1:00pm
Monday - —10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
Friday - —8:00 a.m.
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.
Fridays of Lent—6:00pm
Saturday — 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass
Congolese Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena
Senior Bible Study Group
Novena to St. Joseph
Bible Study
Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
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 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 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
Saturday 23rd	4:00pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)	Terrell Wilson	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 24th	8:30am 11:00am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	God's Protection on the Homeless God's Protection on the Homeless	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 25th	10:00am	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (FEAST)	Mathew B. Lucas, Jr.++	Mother
Tuesday 26th	8:00am	SS. Timothy and Titus (OBL)	The Patterson Family	Mercer
Wednesday 27th	8:00am	St. Angela Merici (OPT)	The Patterson Family	Mercer
Thursday 28th	10:00am	St. Thomas Aquinas (OBL)	Julius & Pauline Batiste++	Family
Friday 29th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Audrey E. Brown++ (BB)	Jacqueline Wilson

REFLECTIONS FOR 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." St. Luke began his Gospel by explaining why he wrote it. His intention was to provide a written account *"of the events that have been fulfilled among us."* But he didn't write simply to make a historical record; he wrote in order to bolster the confidence of the Christian community. He wanted to offer them a resource for realizing that what they had been taught was legitimate. This is why he investigated *"everything accurately anew"* and wrote it down *"in an orderly sequence."*

"This passage helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the church "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (#82). Here, Luke emphasizes that what he writes is a confirmation of what was already being taught.

"This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. This inspired collection of books exists to help us practice our faith and to bring us into a deeper understanding of the revealed word of God. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help us to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. We do hear Bible readings at Mass, but we would do well to read the Bible on our own as well. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.

PASTOR'S CORNER

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The *General Instruction* tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101).

The key word in all of this is *listening*. We are called to *listen* attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the *General Instruction* itself, we should *listen* as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it *is* God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Blessed John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. . . . He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Mary C. Bennett
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
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
David & Keisha Jones

Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler



Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2016

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps alms 19:8-10, 15/1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Psalms 117:1-2/Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps alms 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17/Psalms 89:4-5, 27-30/Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/Psalms 132:1-5, 11-14/Mark 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Psalms 51:3-7, 10-11/Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/Psalms 51:12-17/Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish Debbie Baker, Debora Savoy, Gloria Washington, Barbara Wilson, Hope Brown, Robert Stewart, Frances Mercer and Pamela Nixon a wonderful and happy birthday.

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS SCHEDULE

1/30– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

1/31– 8:30am Mass
M. Greene & D. Savoy

1/31– 11:00 am Mass
B. Robinson & B. Sweeney

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

1/30– 4:00pm Mass
J. Travers & S. Glover Cox

1/31– 8:30am Mass
C. Holland, L. Washington, D. Lucas

1/31– 11:00 am Mass
S. William, B. Conrad, T. Hyde

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus is the “face” of the Father’s mercy. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, is the “face” of the Father’s mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus’ example when we open ourselves to the Father’s mercy by looking “sincerely” into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those “who are denied their dignity.”

SOMETIMES THE BIBLE
READINGS SPEAK EXACTLY TO
WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!



IT'S ALMOST
LIKE IT'S
SUPERNATURAL!

GEE, YOU THINK?





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.

COMMUNITY YOUTH BASKETBALL AND DANCE for youth, boys and girls, on January 29, 2016 from 6:00pm—9:00pm at St. Luke Catholic Church Center. Admission is free to play basketball and to attend the dance. Concession will be served at both events. The dance will begin at 8:00pm. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Luke Church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00am in the St. Martin de Porres Room.

VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST will be sponsored by the Holy Name Society on Sunday, February 14, 2016 after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. Half of the proceeds will go to St. Luke.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016: A Time for Reflection: This week you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us. If you received your pledge from in the mail earlier this month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend and the following weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

YEAR OF MERCY CORNER: Reflection for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Feed the Hungry: "'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ...' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt 25:35-40) Who is the least brother or sister of mine? What am I doing to fill his or her hunger? *Share mercy with those in need through your parish or with Catholic Charities. Find more at mercy.adw.org.*

COMMUNITY NOTICE

FREE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL for seniors. To register for the service call the mayor's office number — 311. Listen for the options to select and then press 4, a representative will answer and you can tell them that "YOU WANT TO SIGN UP FOR THE FREE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS".. When a representative answers, tell her/him "YOU WANT TO SIGN UP FOR THE FREE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS". They will then ask you questions that you will be able to answer.