

St. Luke

Catholic Church

4925 East Capitol Street, SE Washington, DC 20019



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 29, 2017

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Welcome

T. 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 they 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. **Cameroon Mass** 3rd Saturday-3:00pm **Prayer Meeting** Monday - -- 10:30 a.m.

Seniors Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. **Bible Study**

Friday - ----8:00 a.m.

1st Friday - —6:00 p.m. Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Novena to St. Joseph

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour Rosary

Mass Schedule



Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Porres Chapel 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	Tim	me	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By			
Saturday 28	th 4:00	00pm	4th Sunday Mass Vigil	Rememberance of Birthday Blessings for Audrey Brown++	Jacqueline Wilson			
Sunday 29	th 8:30 11:0	~ ~	4th Sunday of O/Time 4th Sunday of O/Time	Praying for the Unity of all Christians Praying for the Unity of all Christians	Parish Family Parish Family			
Monday 30	oth 10:0	:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of Viola V. Taylor++	Doris C. Lucas			
Tuesday 31	st 8:00	00am	St. Bosco OBL					
Wednesday 1	st 8:00	00am	Weekday Mass					
Thursday 2r	d 10:0	:00am	The Presentation of the Lord					
Friday 31	d 8:00	00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of Susie & Frank McDougald++	Family			

REFLECTIONS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian-admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

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COMMENTARY ON DAY 5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Paul encountered Christ, the risen Lord, and became a renewed person—just as everyone does who believes in Christ. This new creation is not visible to the naked eye. Instead it is a reality of faith. God lives in us by the power of the Holy Spirit and lets us share in the life of the Trinity.

By this act of new creation, the Fall is overcome and we are brought into a saving relationship with God. Truly amazing things can be said about us: as Paul said, in Christ we are a new creation; in his resurrection death is overcome; no person or thing can snatch us out of the hand of God; we are one in Christ and he lives in us; in Christ we are "a kingdom and priests" (Rev 5:10) as we give thanks to him for overcoming death and we proclaim the promise of the new creation.

This new life becomes visible when we allow it to take shape and live it out in "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." It must also become apparent in our ecumenical relationships. A common conviction in many churches is that the more we are in Christ, the closer we are to each other.

Especially on this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded of both the achievements and tragedies of our history. The love of Christ compels us to live as renewed beings in actively seeking unity and reconciliation.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 leaves the northwest corner of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 38 leaves still available for memorializing decease 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.

<u>FUNERAL:</u> There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Charles Rudolph Mason on Monday, January 30, 2017 here in our parish. Viewing will begin at 10:00am and funeral Mass will start at 11:00. Repast will follow in the St. Luke Hall.

HOLY HOUR will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 6:00pm.

<u>PRE-VALENTINES DAY PARTY</u> sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in St. Luke Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10:00pm to 2:00am. The ticket donation is \$20. There will be a special offer for reserved tables. There will be a DJ. Contact chairman, John Anthony at 202-556-3521 for additional information or tickets. Also, tickets will be sold at the rear of the church after each Mass and flyers will also be available.

YOUTH MINISTRY CAREER EXPO at St. Luke's Community Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20019 on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. For additional information please contact: Terrenthia Sweeney (202) 582-8219 or Dennita Ferrell at dennitaferrell@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

<u>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY</u>: February 5 marks the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family, which was created by Fr. James Goode,

✓ February 2017 Sun		March 2017 ▶				
	Mon	Tue	e February 20 Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	Holy Hour 6:00 p.m.	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	KOC Pre-Valentines Day Dance St. Luke Center
12 Holy Name Society Coffee & Donust After both Masses	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	FOOD BANK	24	25 Holy Name Society Basket Ball & Youth Dance St. Luke Center
26	27	28				

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
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

Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCannon
Hilda McDougald
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson

Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Irving Proctor
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson

Silvia Perry



Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20 Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Gloria Washington, Robert Stewart, Clarence David Proctor, Lillian A. Pharms.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

02/4/2017– 4:00pm Mass

Kathy H-Ndouga

02/5/2017-8:30am Mass

C. Tolson & D. Lucas

02/5/2017- 11:00 am Mass

B. Robinson & T. Hyde

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

02/4/2017- 4:00pmMass

P. Hamlin & S.G. Cox

02/5/2017-8:30am Mass

L. Washington & C. Holland

02/5/2017- 11:00am Mass

D. Baker & V. Tinsley

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

ATTENDANCE:

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: **only light can do that**. Hate cannot drive out hate: **only love can do that**."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."

— Mt 5:7-8