



**ST. LUKE**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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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**

**S**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 2019 is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

**Parish Devotions**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2nd Sunday— 1:15 p.m        | Igbo Mass                            |
| 3rd Sunday - 1:1:5 p.m.     | Cameroon Community Mass & Fellowship |
| 3rd Saturday— 3:00pm        | Prayer Meeting                       |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m.      | Miraculous Medal Novena              |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.       | Seniors Bible Study Group            |
| Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.       | Novena to St. Joseph                 |
| Friday - ----8:00 a.m.      | Bible Study                          |
| 1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.    | Prayer for Vocations                 |
| Fridays---6:00pm            | Holy Hour                            |
| Saturday --- 3:30 pm        | Stations of the Cross                |
| 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30 | Rosary                               |
|                             | O/L of Guadalupe CWA                 |



**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses**

**In the Martin De Pores 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 23rd	4:00pm	7th Sunday in OT (V)	For peace in Cameroon & intention of CWA members	Beatrice
Sunday 24th	8:30am 11:00am	7th Sunday in OT 7th Sunday in OT	We pray for the respect of all human lives and racial equality in our church, country and our world.	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 25th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Beatrice Kouemou's deceased family and all of the Souls in purgatory+++	Beatrice
Tuesday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Gregory Jackson +++	Parish Family
Wednesday 27th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	For a successful eye surgery for Fr. Pius Ajiki	Parish Family
Thursday 28th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	God's Protection on all expectant mothers and their unborn child	Parish Family
Friday 1st	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

### REFLECTION FOR THE

### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment.

Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### Why We Should Love Our Enemies

by John Piper

*"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."*  
[Luke 6:27]

There are two main reasons why Christians should love their enemies and do good to them. One is that it reveals something of the way God is. God is merciful.

"He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" [Matthew 5:45].

"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities" [Psalm 103:10].

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" [Ephesians 4:32].

So, when Christians live this way, by God's power, we show something of what God is like.

The second reason is that the hearts of Christians are satisfied with God and are not driven by the craving for revenge or self-exaltation or money or earthly security. God has become our all-satisfying treasure and so we don't treat our adversaries out of our own sense of need and insecurity, but out of our own fullness with the satisfying glory of God.

[Hebrews 10:34]: "You joyfully accepted the plundering of your property [that is, you didn't retaliate against your adversaries], since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one." What takes away the compulsion of revenge is our deep confidence that this world is not our home, and that God is our utterly sure and all-satisfying reward. We know that we have "a better possession and an abiding one."

So, in both these reasons for loving our enemy we see the main thing: God is shown to be who he really is as a merciful God and as gloriously all-satisfying. The power to be merciful is that we have been satisfied with God's mercy toward us. And the ultimate reason for being merciful is to glorify God, that is, to help others magnify him for his mercy. We want to show that God is magnificent. We want our love, by God's mercy, to make God look great in the eyes of man.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-we-should-love-our-enemies>

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes  
Blanche Bourm  
Barbara Batts  
Tanisha Bennett  
Tammy Berry  
Ruth Bundy  
Valene Chemoo  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Aniceto Charles  
Joyce Cristwell  
Alvera Dance  
Joyce Diggs

Marita C. Edelin  
Irena Fields  
Florence M. Fields  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
Florence Hall  
Steve Halle  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Norma Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes

Melvin Jamison  
Mary Ann Johnson  
David & Keisha Jones  
Dawn Lattimer  
Lawrence Lee  
Fred Lewis  
Maria A. Logan  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Doris McCannon  
Alice L. Montague  
Veronica Murray  
David Neal  
Florence Patterson

Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Lillian Pharms  
Alfred Price  
James Ratiff  
Joyce Ratiff  
Doreene Redd  
Xavier Roots  
Leroy Sandifer  
Betty Smith  
Kayla Tatum  
Rolland Taylor  
Gloria Thompson  
James F. Thompson, Jr.  
Matthew Thompson

Barbara B. Tyler  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington  
Cecelia Williams  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.  
All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Corinthians 15:45-49/Luke 6:27-38  
**Monday:** Sirach 1:1-10/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mark 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sirach 2:1-11/Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mark 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Sirach 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mark 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Sirach 5:1-8/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mark 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sirach 6:5-17/Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mark 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sirach 17:1-15/Psalms 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mark 10:13-16  
**Next Sunday:** Sirach 27:4-7/Psalms 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Corinthians 15:54-58/Luke 6:39-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Mr. Robert Thompson and Ms. Odette Ngeumou.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

3/2/209- 4:00pm Mass  
K.H. Ndouga & R. Watson

3/3/2019-830am Mass  
M. Green & P. Nixon

3/3/2019- 11:00am Mass  
V. Tinsley & T. Hyde

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

3/2/2019- 4:00pm Mass  
P. Hamlin & V. Watson

3/3/2019/2019-8:30am Mass

L. Washington & C. Holland

3/3/2019-11:00am Mass

D. Baker & S. Williams

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Love yourself for who you are, and trust me, if you are happy from within, you are the most beautiful person, and your smile is your best asset.

-Ileana D'Cruz

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$4,428.69

ATTENDANCE:

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"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."  
- Lk 6:35-36



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside 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. New Year's Day Mass will be held on Tuesday January 1st at 10am.

**MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 6:00pm in St. Luke Church.

**A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Gregory Jackson on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. viewing from 10 to 11am and funeral Mass begins at 11:00am. Repast will follow in the Hall

**ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL** This is the 50th Anniversary of the Archdiocesan Appeal and the new theme is "Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Mission." Contributions to the Annual Appeal are 100% designated to ministries and mission of the Church. The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch and affect thousands of lives. This year, you can support the Annual appeal many different ways. Many of you may have received a mailing in January that you can respond to. You can also support the Appeal online at [adw.org](http://adw.org) or text "Give" to (301)231-1816. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** We are on the verge of updating our pictorial directory. Now is the time to schedule your family photos. This is a way to include new parishioners, reactivate the inactive, reach our community and connect with parish members. Sign up in the back of the church, after each mass, beginning Sunday, February 10, 2019 through Sunday, March 10, 2019. *Photos will be taken and slots are available for March 14-17, 2019.*

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2019.** The Religious Activity will be a Lenten Day of Recollection. It will begin with the Praying of The Rosary at 8:15am. The Praying of the Mass will follow at 8:30am. Subsequent to the Mass the Facilitator, who is Deacon Timothy Tillman will conduct the Day of Recollection up until 12:00pm. All are welcome to come and participate in this Spiritual Event. If you have any questions or seek any further clarification regarding this please contact Byron Wilson at 240-357-8027 or Phil Smith at 301-675-6208. I pray that every one can stay warm, especially the homeless.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS "ESSENCE OF THE ORIENT"** on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:00pm (Doors Open at 2:00p.m.) Tickets: \$10 (adults), \$5 (children) Free (Three and under). The address is 4925 East Capitol Street, S.E., D.C. 20019. Tickets will be available at the back of the church on March 3, 2019. Contact person is Tracy Hessing (703) 862-0438.

**THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM** is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6-10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

**TICKET FOR THE PRAISE 104.1 FM 17TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** will be held on Saturday March 23rd 2019 at Martin Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Time is 8am. Tickets are \$45. Fr. Cornelius has been selected as one of the recipients of this year's award.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY YOUTH@WORK/SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)** provides an opportunity for young people across the County to participate in career development, life-skills training and summer employment opportunities. County youth may apply for public and private positions through several resources. Youth, ages 14 to 22, are encouraged to apply for all opportunities. Here's the link to the application: <https://www.goernmentjobs.com/careers/pgc/jobs/2277507/service-aide-youthwork-summer-youth-enrichment-program-19-036-multi-nm?page=5&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesjobs>

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**A HEALING RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE:** Men's Retreat is April 5-7, 2019 and Women's Retreat is April 12-14, 2019. For frequently asked questions and further information contact [adw.org/the-way-retreat](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat). To learn more or to register contact Deborah McDonald at [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or 301-853-4466. The retreat is sponsored the Archdiocese of Washington and is free of charge to participants. It will be facilitated by experienced counselors, pastoral