



St. Luke

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



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 21, 2016

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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. 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

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| 3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m. | Cameroon Mass |
| 2nd Saturday— 3:00pm | Legion of Mary (French) |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena |
| | Senior Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. | Novena to St. Joseph |
| Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Friday - ---8:00 a.m. | Prayer for Vocations |
| 1st Friday - ---7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour |
| Saturday --- 3:30 pm | 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
Saturday 20th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Thomas Albert Weems++	Hilda McDougals
Sunday 21st	8:30am 11:00am	Sunday Mass in O T Sunday Mass in O T	God's Blessings on all Victims of Flood and Fire God's Blessings on all Victims of Flood and Fire	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 22nd	10:00am 7:00pm	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary OBL	Brown Family	Patterson Family
Tuesday 23rd	8:00am	St. Rose OPT	James Freeland	Patterson Family
Wednesday 24th	8:00am	St. Bartholomew	Elizabeth Patterson	Mercer Patterson
Thursday 25th	10:00am	SS. Louis; Joseph Calasanz OPT	Mathew Lucas ++	Mercer Patterson
Friday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Patterson Family	Patterson Family

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ.

We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

NARROW AND WIDE GATES

BY BOB GOTTI

We all must consider, every day, both the broad and narrow way,
For destruction, or life awaits, for all entering through both gates,
The narrow gate leads to life; the one where we find Jesus Christ,
The wide gate leads to a road of sin,
a broad path of destruction.

First, one must choose a gate; the road that follows will correlate,
Wide or narrow this is my friend, with each having a different end,
We see here a clear deduction, as one's life,
the other destruction,
The choice is ours, in this life, but, only one leads to Jesus Christ.

A choice not only eternal friend, but having results before the end,
As tribulation may come today, we of God choose the narrow way,
Though the wide can be one easy life, with very little toil and
strife, The choice affects our destination, with a
bearing on our salvation.

If, the narrow gate you choose, eternally my friend,
you won't lose, The only road with an eternal view,
one unfortunately chose by few,
While filled at times with tribulation,
life with God is the destination,
When we finish the end of life, received in
Heaven by Jesus Christ,

Not so friend with the wide gate, which is
your choice, not just fate,
With many on that broad road friend,
for this leads to a darker end,
Being the eternal separation from God,
when you leave earth's sod,
Far from that wide road many cherish,
for you shall eternally perish.

<http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/narrow-and-wide-gates/>

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd
Barbara Barnes	Joseph Grear	Doreene Mahoney	Leroy Sandifer
Barbara Batts	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith
Ruth Bundy	Michael Harkins	Michael Mason	Betty Smith
Beatrice Carroll	Chris Hawkins	Doris McCann	Ruth Stokes
Edna Coates	Charlene Haywood	Alice L. Montague	Kayla Tatum
Sophie Coleman	Brenda Henson	Martyn Montague	Gloria Thompson
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Holland	Veronica Murray	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Vincent Neal	Matthew Thompson
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Jerome J. Wallace
Irena Fields	Charles Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Wayne A. Wallace
Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Alfred Price	Shiela Washington
Gwendolyn Fortune	Lawrence Lee	Irving Proctor	Cecelia Williams
Tina Garvin	Rose Luck	Joseph Queen	Wellington Waters



Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21/Psalms 117:1-2/Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/Psalms 96:1-5 / Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/Psalms 96:10-13/ Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: Revelation 21:9b-14/Psalms 145:10-13, 17-18/ John 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Psalms 145:2-7/Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Psalms 33:12-13, 18-21/ Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Psalms 68:4-7, 10-11/ Hebrew 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Barbara Easterling, Kenard Brisbon, Keith Quarles, Ka Mysha Davis, and Chiedoie Onianwah.

We would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Sr. & Janice Williams and Mr. & Mrs. Abu, Sr. & Colette Mansaray**

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

8/27/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K. H. Ndouga

8/28/2016– 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & M. Greene

8/28/2016– 11:00 am Mass
J. Thomas & C. Ndeumeni

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

8/27/2016– 4:00pm Mass
F.Cooper, S.G.Cox & P.Glover

8/28/2016– 8:30am Mass
C.Tolson, Y.Tolson & M.Harris

8/28/2016– 11:00am Mass
E.Young, G.Abate & J.Thomas

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ATTENDANCE:

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
God of Mercy and Compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
Jesus, Lord, I ask for Mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

P“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” — Lk 13:29-30



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 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.

2016 EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL YOUTH CHOIR: Rehearsal for the 2016 ERRC Adult Choir will be August 26, September 9, 16, 23, 28, & 30. Times of rehearsals is 7:00pm to 9:00pm (everyone must arrive on time). Rehearsal will be held at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church - 6700 Marlboro Pike - Forestville, MD 20747. Look for fly-

REHEARSAL FOR THE 2016 ERRC YOUTH CHOIR will continue on August 27; and September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 2016 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Rehearsal will be held at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church - 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747.

ST. LUKE'S FAMILY & FUND COOK-OUT will take place on Sunday, August 28 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Watkins Regional Park — site "O". **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for clean-up after the cook-out. A sign up sheet will be in the back of the church.

CCD CLASSES RESUME Sunday, September 18. Registration for CCD will begin on August 28. Registration forms will be in the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Sign-up sheet for children's choir will also be in the back of the church on August 28, 2016.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET/STREET FESTIVAL: St. Luke Sodality will sponsor its annual flea market/street festival on September 17, 2016 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Table rental will be \$15.00. For table rental, please contact Joyce E. Thomas on 202-399-0943.

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YEAR OF MERCY: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time : "Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to His home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvelous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it... Therefore, the Church professes and proclaims conversion. Conversion to God always consists in discovering His mercy, that is, in discovering that love which is patient and kind as only the Creator and Father can be; the love to which the 'God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ' is faithful to the uttermost consequences in the history of His covenant with man; even to the cross and to the death and resurrection of the Son. Conversion to God is always the fruit of the rediscovery of this Father, who is rich in mercy." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 13) *Celebrate on God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.*

TEA WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The gathering time is 11:30 a.m. and concludes around 3:00 p.m. The Tea will be held at Our Lady of Mount Providence Sacred Heart Hall at 701 Gun Road in Baltimore, MD 21227. Cost is \$35.00. Hats and gloves are encouraged by ladies and ties for the gentlemen. There will be a silent auction and other unique tea items for purchase on hand.

PILGRIMAGE TO EMMITSBURG, MD sponsored by Msgr. Raymond East and the St. Teresa of Avila Sodality. You will be visiting The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 8:00am and returning at approximately 5:00pm. The cost is \$30 per person (includes lunch). For more information contact: Pat Jenkins 301-736-9013 or Colene Nelson-Harrison at 301-567-6590.

! ENJOY BASEBALL WHILE SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS! On Sunday, August 28, the DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their final game of the 2016 season at Prince George's Stadium (home of the Bowie Baysox). This will be a game to remember! Bishop Holley will be there, and the Padres are ready to win. The Padres face off against the Bishop McNamara Mustangs at about 5-5:30pm (shortly after the 2pm Baysox game ends). Keep your eye on the DC Padres website (www.dcpadres.com) and Facebook page for updates and info about how to purchase tickets, or call Mary at 240-565-1680 if you have questions. Mark your calendars now and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians.