



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 28, 2016

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 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.	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 27th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Jerica Alaine Harris++	Parish Family
Sunday 28th	8:30am 11:00am	22nd Sunday Mass in O T 22nd Sunday Mass in O T	For all the Victims of the Earthquake in Italy For all the Victims of the Earthquake in Italy	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 29th	10:00pm	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist OBL	Althea Fox	Andrew Howard
Tuesday 30th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Thanksgiving for Blessings	Mercer Patterson
Wednesday 31st	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Thanksgiving for Blessings	Mercer Patterson
Thursday 1st	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Reginald Z. Lucas, Sr. ++ (BB)	By Mom
Friday 2nd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Susie++ & Frank++ McDougald	Family

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in **THIS** life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, its important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice!

This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company. But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

BE GENTLE IN CARRYING OUT YOUR BUSINESS by Fr. Tommy Lane

Let's probe this lack of humility a little more. Why would someone want to exalt himself/herself or, in the language of Jesus' parable in the Gospel today, want the best place at table? One reason could be feeling inferior to others or lacking self-confidence. They try to compensate by exalting themselves. A proverb from somewhere in Asia is good; it says, "Don't make your self so high, you are not so low." In other words, "Don't boast or be snobbish, you are not so inferior that you have to compensate by looking down on someone else." Don't make yourself so high, you are not so low.

The solution to the problem of feeling inferior to others or lacking in self-confidence is not in boasting or behaving like a snob or demanding the top place at the table. The solution is in recognizing that we receive our value from God and not from others' opinions of us. Others' opinions of us are a factor but do not determine our value. Our value is that we are all equal in dignity before God as his sons and daughters. Those who are proud or boastful or snobs do not realize that everything they have comes from God. None of us has anything that was not given to us by God therefore the only thing each of us can boast of is God. Think about it; we do not have anything that was not given to us by God so why be proud. It is all God's.

So the problem of pride or lack of humility is not really the problem. The problem is one layer deeper, forgetting that since baptism we are all sons and daughters of God, forgetting that we, by ourselves, are not capable of saving ourselves and are saved only by the death of Jesus. We have all been purchased by Jesus for the Father at the greatest price. We all cost the greatest price; that price is the life and death of Jesus. That is the only thing we can boast of, and nothing else. We are worth the life of Jesus! And so also is the person next to you, behind you, in front of you. So we are all equally precious. In society unfortunately it does not always work like that but that is Jesus' plan for his kingdom.

Excerpt http://www.frtommylane.com/homilies/year_c/22.htm

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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



Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2016

- Sunday:** Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Psalms 68:4-7,10-11/Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14
- Monday:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Psalms 119:97-102/Mark 6:17-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Psalms 145:8-14/Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Psalms 33:12-15, 20-21/Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Psalms 24:1-6/Luke 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Psalms 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Psalms 145:17-21/Luke 6:1-5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to **Kathy Ndouga, Marvin Manassa, Kayla Tatum and N’Kaih T. Scott-Terrell.**

We would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Mr. & Mrs. Bobby and Essie Willis.**

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

- 9/3/2016– 4:00pm Mass**
M. Holland
- 9/4/2016– 8:30am Mass**
P. Nixon & S. Mode
- 9/4/2016– 11:00 am Mass**
B. Robinson & R. Johnson

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

- 9/3/2016– 4:00pm Mass**
K.H.Ndouga, R.Watson & V.Watson
- 9/4/2016– 8:30am Mass**
L.Washington, D.Lucas & C. Holland
- 9/4/2016– 11:00am Mass**
D.Baker, S.Williams & V.Tinsley



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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.

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” – Lk 14:13-14



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..

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.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER-DANCE Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. At St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, S.E. Music by: D.J. Chilly Willie (jazz & oldies but goodies & line dancing), Donation is \$35.00, Dress is Semi-Formal and NO B.Y.O.L. Contacts: Phil Smith (301) 675-6208, Gloria Washington (301) 505-2850 and Janice Williams (202) 584-1130.

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YEAR OF MERCY: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time : "The Jubilee is a year-long celebration, in which every moment becomes a chance for us to grow in holiness. It is a time when we can discover that life together as brothers and sisters is like a great party, perhaps the most beautiful party we can imagine, the endless party that Jesus has taught us to celebrate by his Spirit. The Jubilee is the party to which Jesus invites us all, without excluding anyone... 'Merciful like the Father'. This is the theme of the Jubilee, but it is also the prayer we make for all of you as we welcome you in the name of Jesus. To be merciful means to grow in a love which is courageous, generous and real. It means to grow physically and spiritually. You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace." (Pope Francis, 6 January 2016) *Celebrate on God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.*