



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September , 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 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.

3rd Saturday- 3:00pm

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

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

1st Friday - ---7:00 p.m.

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass

Prayer Meeting

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors Bible Study Group

Novena to St. Joseph

Bible Study

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour

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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			Sunday, September 4, 2016	
Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 3rd	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Elizabeth Gillem	Parish Family
Sunday 4th	8:30am 11:00am	23rd Sunday Mass in O T 23rd Sunday Mass in O T	For Teachers and Students Returning to School For Teachers and Students Returning to School	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 5th	10:00pm	BL. Theresa of Calcutta OPT	Michele Peters (BB)	Doris C. Lucas
Tuesday 6th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Jerold K. Darlington++ (BB)	Janice Williams & Family
Wednesday 7th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Olivia M. Epps++ (BB)	Janice Williams & Family
Thursday 8th	10:00am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sarah E. McWain++ (BB)	Janice Williams & Family
Friday 9th	8:00am	St. Peter Claver OBL	Silecia D. Darlington++ (BB)	Janice Williams & Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

3 WAYS TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

BY MARK BATTERSON,

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." [Mark 8:34-35] This may be the most important description of what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the entire gospel, yet most of us have no idea what it means. We understand the imagery, but we don't know how to live it out. What exactly does it mean to take up your cross?

First, it means self-denial. I've never met anyone who doesn't want to experience self-fulfillment, but the only path to self-fulfillment is self-denial. There is no other way. While self-denial may sound miserable, it's actually wonderful. We simply deny ourselves those things that are temporarily pleasurable but eternally painful. We deny the desires of our flesh. We deny the temptation of sin. We refuse to settle for anything less than the best which is God's good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Second, taking up your cross means torture. And we wince at the thought, but stop and think about it. Any great achievement requires torture. Athletes torture their bodies. Thinkers torture their minds. And we get that on the physical and intellectual plane, but wish there was another way on the spiritual plane. There isn't. Just like the physical realm: no pain, no gain. Are you willing to suffer temporal pain for eternal gain? That's what it comes down to.

Finally, it means death. You have to die to self everyday. How? By allowing your circumstances to help you become more like Christ--especially the circumstances you don't like. Anytime you feel the pain of an insult, disappointment, suffering, physical challenge, failure, injustice, or trial--it's an opportunity to die to pride, die to ego, die to sin, die to self. And if you keep dying to self, you'll come alive in ways you never imagined. In fact, you'll live forever.

We worry about all the wrong things! You only have one job and it's this: take up your cross. That is your portfolio as a Christ follower. You simply need to deny yourself, endure torture, and die to self. If you do that, God will do the rest. If you do it everyday, you have all of eternity to look forward to.

Culled from <http://www.christianpost.com/news/3-ways-to-take-up-your-cross-50639/>

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point.

Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God MUST be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something--or Someone--else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity.

On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

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Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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Charles Jamison
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Readings for the Week of September 4 2016

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b/Psalms 90:3-6, 12-17/Philemon 9-10, 12-17/Luke 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Psalms 5:5-7,12/Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11/Psalms 149:1-6, 9/Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Psalms 45:11-12,14-17/Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Psalms 13:6/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/Psalms 84:3-6, 12/Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18/Luke 6:43-49

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to **Marquerite Simpson & Mavula Kinata Rose**

We would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Victoria Watson and Mr. & Mrs. John & Gertrude Quarles.**

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

9/10/2016- 4:00pm Mass
K. H. Ndouga

9/11/2016- 8:30am Mass
C.Tolson, & A. Miles

9/11/2016- 11:00 am Mass
J. Thomas & I. Quinones

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

9/10/2016- 4:00pm Mass
P.Hamlin, S.G.Cox & P.Glover

9/11/2016- 8:30am Mass
D. Savoy, Y. Tolson & M.Harris

9/11/2016- 11:00am Mass
B.Conrad, J.Williams & J.Thomas



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$3898.98

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.

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” – Lk 14:28, 33



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..

THANK YOU to the St. Luke 2016 cook-out committee and the many volunteers who helped in making this year's Family fun day and cook-out a huge success. May your efforts be blessed.

COOK OUT COLLECTION: Special thanks to all who donated towards our cook-out last Sunday. Total collection is \$1043.00. May God reward you for your generosity.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS: In line with the church's celebration of the "Year of Mercy", our parish will be holding 4-week RCIA Course for those who have not received any or all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This Special Preparatory course is for those 18 years and older. Please call parish office to register. Deadline for registration is September 11th 2016. Participants will receive the sacraments on our parish feast day celebration -October 30th.

CCD CLASSES RESUME Sunday, September 18. Registration for CCD has begun. Registration forms will be in the back of the church.

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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time : "We need to let the Lord's words echo constantly in our hearts: *'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, who am meek and humble of heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls'* (Mt 11:28-30). Jesus' yoke is a yoke of love and thus a pledge of refreshment. ... We need to learn from Jesus, or better to learn Jesus, meek and humble; to enter into his meekness and his humility by contemplating his way of acting; ... And to remember that Jesus' Church is kept whole not by *'consuming fire from heaven'* (Lk 9:54), but by the secret warmth of the Spirit, who *'heals what is wounded, bends what is rigid, straightens what is crooked'*." (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit)

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATION OF their 5th Annual Hope Mass. & The Heart of Hope Expo. Caregivers, Persons with Special Needs, Advocates, Families and Friends to attend. It is ASL Interpreted & Wheelchair Accessible. The date is Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 11:00am followed by the HEART OF HOPE EXPO & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. The location is 920 11th Street, NE, phone 202-397-2525.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH will be hosting a Healing Mass on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DC's CENTRAL KITCHEN JOB TRAINING PROGRAM is having a **14-week training program** to prepare for a **full-time career** in the culinary industry. Registration ends September 9. Classes begin October 10, 2016. Applications may be obtained every Tuesday from DC Central Kitchen at 425 2nd Street N.W. You may contact Tony Vinson at 202-621-7322.