



St. Luke

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



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 11, 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

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| 3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m. | Cameroon Mass |
| 3rd Saturday- 3:00pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena |
| | Seniors 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.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By	
Saturday 10th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Mary Williams	Parish Family	
Sunday 11th	8:30am 11:00am	24th Sunday Mass in O T 24th Sunday Mass in O T	In loving Memory of all the victims of 911 In loving Memory of all the victims of 911	Parish Family Parish Family	
Monday 12th	10:00pm	The Most Holy Name of Mary OPT	Karis Felton	Family	
Tuesday 13th	8:00am	St. John OBL	In thanksgiving to God for Mr. Eugene Russell	Parish Family	
Wednesday 14th	8:00am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Missionaries in the Middle East	Parish Family	
Thursday 15th	10:00am	Our Lady of Sorrows OBL	Gloria G. Wilson+++	Byron A. Wilson	
Friday 16th	8:00am	St. Cornelius OBL	Cornelius U. Ejiogu +++	Fr. Cornelius	

PASTOR'S CORNER

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

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3 CHARACTERS, 3 LESSONS

FROM THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

By Dan Delzell

Jesus knew just how to address the needs of everyone, from the rebel on the run, to the person dripping with self-righteousness. And whenever the Lord told a parable, it spoke to a variety of situations and a wide spectrum of people. Jesus wanted everyone to know how much we all have to learn about the kingdom of God. Each one of us can relate in some way to the parable Jesus told about a prodigal son, his father, and his older brother. (Luke 15:11-32)

First, there is the son who was restless and driven to experience whatever sinful pleasures money could buy. He wanted his share of the inheritance, and he wanted it immediately. In that culture, it was the height of disrespect for the son to make this request while the patriarch of the family remained in such good health. And yet, he couldn't seem to stop himself from chasing the golden goose and sowing his wild oats.

As often happens, it wasn't until his money ran out that he began to reflect upon just how good he had it before he went off on his lustful tangent. Such is the nature of man. We feel driven at times. We get tempted. And if we are not careful, we make decisions which are rooted in fantasy rather than reality. The prodigal son chased his fantasy, but his fanciful dream eventually turned into a nightmare.

Thankfully, "he came to his senses." (Luke 15:17)

That's when he started to realize everything he had given up, and how he had "sinned against heaven and against his father." (Luke 15:18) You could say he "hit rock bottom." And so there was no place to look but up. This is the point in the story where the love of the Father explodes onto the scene.

The son headed home, "but while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20) No condemnation. No guilt-trips. No waving of the finger while saying, "I told you so." Nothing but love, pure and unconditional. "God is love." (1 John 4:8) And the love of the father in this parable points to the amazing grace and endless love of our great and mighty God.

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/3-characters-3-lessons-from-the-parable-of-the-prodigal-son-155252/#MtZC5P01EXf4Jf77.99>



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..

TWO FUNERAL MASSES:

Funeral Mass for Gloria G. Wilson on Thursday, September 15, 2016. Viewing 9:00am — Funeral Mass 11:00am

Funeral Mass for Butler Borum on Friday, September 16, 2016. Viewing 9:00am — Funeral Mass 11:00am

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 12th 2016. Participants will receive the sacraments on our parish feast day celebration -October 30th.

THANK YOU MR. EUGENE RUSSELL: This is to announce that Mr. Eugene Russell (one of our longest serving staff) has retired. He distinctly served us for decades as maintenance manager of our church. We are deeply grateful for his generous service and commitment to our parish. We pray that God will reward him abundantly. Happy Retirement.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their "Benefits Knight" on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00pm in the Church Hall.

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.

PILGRIMAGE on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016: National Shrine and Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mt. St. Mary's Grotto in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Travel by bus and enjoy lunch all for \$30. Bus will leave Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Grounds at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. Cars may be parked on the lot here. Guides will include Msgr. R. East from St. Teresa of Avila, Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu from St. Luke's, and Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, DC. For Reservations contact: Pat Jenkins 301-736-9013 or Colene Nelson-Harrison 301-567-6590.

EMERGENCY LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING on September 17 at 12:00 to 1:00pm in the Church.

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: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time : "Jesus not only wanted to show solidarity with every person. He not only wanted everyone to experience his companionship, his help, his love. He identified with all those who suffer, who weep, who suffer any kind of injustice. He says this clearly: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). Faith makes us know that God is at our side, that God is in our midst and his presence spurs us to charity. Charity is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another." (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit)

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
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
David & Keisha Jones

Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCann
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price

Irving Proctor
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington



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

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Timothy 1:12 -17/ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1 -10
Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33/Psalms 40:7-10, 17/Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a/Psalms 100:1- 5/Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday: Numbers 21:4b-9/Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38/ Philippians 2:6-11/ John3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Luke 8:1-3
Saturday: 1Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49/Psalms 56:10-14/Luke 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Amos 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Renee Bowser, Charles Fantroy, Diane P. Taylor, Mercers Patterson and Mavula Kinata Rose.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

9/17/2016- 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

9/18/2016- 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & M. Greene

9/182016- 11:00 am Mass
T. Hyde & E. Williams

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

9/17/2016- 4:00pmMass
K.H.Ndoug, R.Watson & V. Watson

9/18/2016- 8:30am Mass
L.Washington, J.Williams &C.Holland

9/18/2016- 11:00am Mass
R. Brooks, G. Abate, & C. Young



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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.

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.