



St. Luke

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

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 18, 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.

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 17th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Karis Felton	Family	
Sunday 18th	8:30am 11:00am	25th Sunday Mass in O T 25th Sunday Mass in O T	God's Protection on all Expectant Mothers God's Protection on all Expectant Mothers	Parish Family Parish Family	
Monday 19th	10:00pm	St. Januarius OPT	In Memory of Ethel Patterson++	Patterson Family	
Tuesday 20th	8:00am	SS Andres & Paul. OBL	Patterson Family	Patterson Family	
Wednesday 21st	8:00am	St. Matthew FEAST	Elizabeth Mercer Patterson	Patterson Family	
Thursday 22nd	10:00am	Weekday Mass	In Memory of Ceneca Espinosa++(BB)	Janice Williams & Family	
Friday 23rd	8:00am	St. Pius OBL	In Memory of Donald M. Lewis++	O'Linda & Children	

PASTOR'S CORNER

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of.

And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example.

Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something **RIGHT** and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

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HOW PRUDENCE WORKS

Prudence is the art of taking moral principles and applying them to concrete situations. Let's take some examples. We all know the maxim: "Love your neighbor as yourself." This is a general moral principle. But even after we learn this principle, the question still remains, "How do I love this neighbor, here and now?" We still have to take the general moral principle and make it concrete in particular situations.

To take a second case, the Church teaches that drunkenness is a grave sin, which we should avoid. But how do I avoid drunkenness, here and now? Prudence tells me when I should stop drinking; what beer or glass of wine should be my last. Or what about the principle that sexual activity must be reserved for marriage? Practically speaking, how do I protect my sexuality from misuse? Well, prudence tells me that I probably shouldn't be alone with my girlfriend in her bedroom, as it may lead to serious sin. Prudence therefore demands two aspects:

Firstly, knowing the principles, that is, knowing what the goods of human nature are, and that we must work towards them and never against them. Consequently, it is never prudent, regardless of the situation, to act against the moral principles. There is no such thing as a prudent abortion, because it always violates the good of innocent human life. There is no such thing as prudent contraception, because it always goes against the good of human life and against the good of the marital relationship. There is no such thing as prudent pornography, because it goes against the good of human relationships.

Secondly, knowing how to apply the principles to the concrete situation. The first part is knowing the goals; the second part is knowing how to choose the means for obtaining the goal. In the words of St. Thomas Aquinas: "The prudent man considers things afar off, insofar as they tend to be a help or a hindrance to that which has to be done at the present time. Hence it is clear that those things which prudence considers stand in relation to the end." With prudence, we look at every decision in light of the ultimate goal, that is, goodness and happiness.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/virtue/cardinal-virtues/prudence/>



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..

PRAY FOR THE CURE: The Eighth Annual October “Pray for the Cure Mass” will hold on October 9, 2016 at the 11:00am Mass in St. Luke Church. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Most Reverend John Ricard, S.S.J., Bishop Emeritus Pensacola, Tallahassee.

2016 EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL begins on October 3 through 6, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church. Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ will be this year’s Revivalist. St. Luke will co-host the Monday night revival., October 3rd. Please fill out the Prayer Petitions found in the basket in the rear of the church and write your Prayer Petition and place in the basket on the Altar to be taken to the East of the River Revival for the week of October through 6.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASS: Will be held on September 20th. Mass and anointing begins at 10:00am in the Church. Lunch will follow immediately after Mass. Please invite our sick and shut in family members and neighbors to come and receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

ST. LUKE’S LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY is looking for new members. All are welcome. Dance practice will start October 1, 2016 at 12:00pm. Please contact Brenyce Sweeney (202)494-9531.

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YEAR OF MERCY: 25th 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)

Continue your Walk With Francis and celebrate God’s mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

THE 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE will be held in Philadelphia on October 6 through 9. It is a platform to empowerment to serve as Christ-centered leaders of their families and communities. If you have any questions you may contact Fr. Charles Smith at gamba10333@aol.com.

THE 24TH INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING coalition in collaboration with The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy and Priests for Life are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Oct. 2nd—10th) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: ***for the conversion of all peoples and nations, to build a culture of life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life and to for peace and to implore God’s Mercy***. For the final day, on Monday, October 10th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 9am to 4:30pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register on line at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

WELCOME HOME REENTRY COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR will be held in the St. Luke Center on September 28, 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Vendors will be on sight to provide information and resources on legal services, expungement information, vocational skills, job training, education, transitional housing, voter education, resume building, health care, financial management and nutrition.

EXHIBITION AT THE ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE: In a new landmark exhibition, ***God’s Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More***, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians The exhibition runs from September 16, 2016 through March 31, 2017 and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Gwendolyn Fortune	David & Keisha Jones	Alfred Price	 Wayne A. Wallace Shiela Washington Cecelia Williams Wellington Waters Terrell Wilson Dolores Woodard, Jr. Harold Woodard, Sr. Beatrice Wright St Luke military families.
Barbara Barnes	Tina Garvin	Lawrence Lee	Irving Proctor	
Blanche Bourm	Elizabeth Gillem	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	Rolland Taylor	
Aniceto Charles	Michael Holland	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson	
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Vincent Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Matthew Thompson	
Irena Fields	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Barbara B. Tyler	
Florence M. Fields	Charles Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Jerome J. Wallace	

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2016

- Sunday:** Amos 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13
Or 16:10-13
- Monday:** Proverbs 3:27-34/Psalms 15:2-5/Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35,44/Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Psalms 19:2-5/Matthew 9:9-13
- Thursday:** Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Luke 9:7-9
- Friday:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Psalms 144:1-4/Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8/Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Luke 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalms 146:7-10/1 Timothy 6:11 -16/
Luke 16:19-31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Frances A. Cooper, Sunday Glover-Cox, Dorene Mahoney, Laurent Ebenbend, Marie Ebenbend, Candice Williams & Constance Young.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

- 9/24/2016– 4:00pm Mass**
K.H. Ndouga
- 9/25/2016– 8:30am Mass**
D.Savoy & M.Greene
- 9/25/2016– 11:00 am Mass**
T.Sweeney & B.Pianwi

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

- 9/24/2016– 4:00pm Mass**
P.Hamlin, R.Watson & V. Watson
- 9/25/2016– 8:30am Mass**
D. Lucas, L. Washington & Y. Tolson
- 9/25/2016– 11:00am Mass**
V. Tinsley, C.Holland & S.Williams



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ATTENDANCE:
276

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.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”