



St. Luke

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 16, 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 Morning Masses

In the Martin De Porres Chapel

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 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 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 15th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Jennifer Hunter (God's Peace & Blessings)	Family
Sunday 16th	8:30am 11:00am	29th Sunday Mass in O T 29th Sunday Mass in O T	Healing for Victims of Domestic Violence Healing for Victims of Domestic Violence	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 17th	10:00pm	St. Ignatius of Antioch	Karis Felton (In Thanksgiving to God)	Family
Tuesday 18th	8:00am	St. Luke, Evangelist	Mercer Patterson (in Thanksgiving for birthday)	Family
Wednesday 19th	8:00am	St. John de Brebeuf & Co.	Theodore Pinckney++	Jacqueline Wilson
Thursday 20th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Terrell Wilson & Anthony Wilson (God's Peace)	Jacqueline Wilson
Friday 21st	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Jacqueline Wilson (In thanksgiving for birthday)	The Wilson Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Perseverance Required in Prayer

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Our prayers, then, must be humble and confident; but this is not enough to obtain final perseverance, and thereby eternal life. Individual prayers will obtain the individual graces which they ask of God; but unless they are persevering, they will not obtain final perseverance: which, as it is the accumulation of many graces, requires many prayers, that are not to cease till death.

The grace of salvation is not a single grace, but a chain of graces, all of which are at last linked with the grace of final perseverance. Now, to this chain of graces there ought to correspond another chain [as it were] of our prayers; if we, by neglecting to pray, break the chain of our prayers, the chain of graces will be broken too; and as it is by this that we have to obtain salvation, we shall not be saved.

It is true that we cannot merit final perseverance, as the Council of Trent teaches: "It cannot be had from any other source but from Him Who is able to confirm the man who is standing, that he may stand with perseverance." [Sess. 6, c. 13] Nevertheless, says St. Augustine, this great gift of perseverance can in a manner be merited by our prayers; that is, can be obtained by praying:

"This gift, therefore, can be suppliantly merited; that is, can be obtained by supplication." And F. Suarez adds, that the man who prays, infallibly obtains it. But to obtain it, and to save ourselves, says St. Thomas, a persevering and continual prayer is necessary:

"After Baptism continual prayer is necessary to a man in order that he may enter Heaven." [P. 3, q. 39, a. 5] And before this, our Savior Himself had said it over and over again: "We ought always to pray, and not to faint." [Luke 18: 1] "Watch ye therefore, praying at all times, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are to come, and to stand before the Son of man." [Luke 21: 36]

Excerpt from <http://www.catholictreasury.info/books/prayer/pr14.php>

REFLECTIONS FOR THE

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept *"bothering"* the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but *"day and night."* This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to *"pray always without becoming weary."* It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God *"will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."* Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming *"weary"* when our requests don't seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be.

But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep *"bothering"* this truly just Judge!

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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.

ST LUKE 59TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 30TH: Dear brothers and sisters, this October marks 59 years of our parish existence. In gratitude to God for the life and wellbeing of our parish family, we will be celebrating our anniversary on the 30th of October 2016. Mass and Celebration of the Sacrament begins 10:30am. Please note that we will have only one Mass on the 30th of October. **THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8:30 AM MASS.**

PRAISE, WORSHIP, AND HEALING PRAYER! from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Saturday, October 22nd, 2016. Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, DC will lead praise and worship, followed by individual prayer for healing for those who wish. This will take place in the St Martin de Porres Room.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

YEAR OF MERCY: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us." (Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus) God casts open the doors of his heart to share his love, but is the door of your heart open to welcome him? Are there any doors in your heart that might be closed off to receiving that love right now? Spend some time today asking God to surprise you and open your heart fully to his redeeming love. Celebrate God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE: Saturday, October 22nd of 12:00pm to 9:00pm. Youth, young adults and World Youth Day alumni are invited to join at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. for an all day celebration of faith and friendship in Christ. This free event features live music, faith-formation, talks, a vocation fair, adoration, confession and more. Highlights include Mass for the feast of St. John Paul II statute. Food trucks will be on site from 12 to 8 pm. For a full program schedule and speaker information visit jpIIshrine.org/wydone.

October 30 - November 5: White Ribbon Against Pornography Week: Pornography is on the rise, not only because it is easier to access, but because of the lack of awareness about the negative and harmful effects associated with this addictive material. Is your family protected against the devastating effects of pornography? The archdiocesan Office for Family Life provides anti-pornography resources on its website www.visible.org. Monthly Reflections Series for Women & Men: All Things New... Jesus Changes Everything! Evening of Reflection for Women: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:00-9:30 pm Morning of Reflection for Women: Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:45 am - 12 Noon. Evening reflection For Men: Wednesday, Nov 2, 7:00-9:30 pm

MUSIC AT THE MONASTERY -- FREE CONCERTS OCT. 9-DEC.4: Enjoy free concerts on one of the city's best organs at "Music at the Monastery," a monthly recital series cosponsored by the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the American Guild of Organists (DC Chapter). Upcoming concerts include Oct. 9, Russell Weismann, St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Nov. 13, Carl Schwartz, All Hallows, Davidsonville; and Dec. 4, the Ron Freeman Chorale. Concerts are at 4 p.m., followed by a reception, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free-willing offering taken; free parking. Information: myfranciscan.org or 202-526-6800 x174.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER OFFERS MONTHLY REFLECTIONS for Women twice each month: first, on the fourth Wednesday evening and then again the next day, Thursday morning. And, we offer Monthly Reflections for Men on the first Wednesday. Each Session Includes: Mass, Talks, Time for Quiet Reflection, Gospel Reflection and a delicious meal. A free will offering of \$10.00 is suggested to defray the cost of the meal and to help us present these and future programs. Address: 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

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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
Aniceto Charles
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
Rolland Taylor
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.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2
Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Doris Bowser, Alfred J. Price, Frank Williams Sr. Chrishel Mitchel.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

10/15/2016– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & R. Watson

10/16/2016– 8:30am Mass
M. G. Wright & A. Miles

10/16/2016– 11:00 am Mass
L. Miles & T. Sweeney

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

10/15/2016– 4:00pm Mass
V. Watson K. Ndouga

10/16/2016– 8:30am Mass
M. Harris & L. Washington

10/16/2016– 11:00am Mass
B. Conrad & C. Young



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ATTENDANCE:
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).
— Homily on March 17, 2013

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" — Lk 18:7-8