

# St. Luke

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

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers  
and Brothers



*Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 13, 2014**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

### Parish Devotions

**3rd Sunday** - 1:00 p.m.  
**Monday** - ---10:30 a.m.

Cameroon Mass  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
Senior Bible Study Group  
Novena to St. Joseph  
Bible Study  
Prayer for Vocations  
Holy Hour  
Rosary

**Wednesday** - 8:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** - 7:00 p.m.  
**Friday** - ----8:00 a.m.  
**1st Friday** - --7:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** --- 3:00 p.m.

## 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.

<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Feast of the Day</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Saturday 12th	4:00pm	Vigil Mass	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianwah	Charmanine Onianwah
Sunday 13th	8:30 am 11:00am	Sunday Weekend Mass Sunday Weekend Mass	Edna Coates Clement A. Martin, Jr.++	Hilda McDougald Hilda McDougald
Monday 14th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Helen W. Valentine++	Shirley Williams
Tuesday 15th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Elizabeth Chang	Mary Chang
Wednesday 16th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Alex Chang	Mary Chang
Thursday 17th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Betty Cannon++	Violet Tinsley
Friday 18th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Mary Chang	Mary Chang

**ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER**

( In our quest to be familiar with our Catholic faith and Tradition, we continue our analysis of the meaning and significance of the Sign of the Cross. It is worth the effort to “Know your Faith”)

**21 Things We Do When We Make the Sign of the Cross  
By Stephen Beale**

- Remember the Passion of Our Lord. Fundamentally, in tracing out the outlines of a cross on ourselves, we are remembering Christ’s crucifixion. This remembrance is deepened if we keep our right hand open, using all five fingers to make the sign—corresponding to the Five Wounds of Christ.
- Affirm the Trinity. In invoking the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are affirming our belief in a triune God. This is also reinforced by using three fingers to make the sign, according to Pope Innocent III.
- Focus our prayer on God. One of the temptations in prayer is to address it to God as we conceive of Him—the man upstairs, our buddy, a sort of cosmic genie, etc. When this happens, our prayer becomes more about us than an encounter with the living God. The Sign of the Cross immediately focuses us on the true God, according to Ghezzi: “When we invoke the Trinity, we fix our attention on the God who made us, not on the God we have made. We fling our images aside and address our prayers to God as he has revealed himself to be: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”
- Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit. In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person the Trinity. In lowering our hand we “express that the Son proceeds from the Father.” And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, according to Francis de Sales.
- Confess our faith. In affirming our belief in the Incarnation, the crucifixion, and the Trinity, we are making a sort of mini-confession of faith in words and gestures, proclaiming the core truths of the creed.

To be Continued

**REFLECTION FOR THE  
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Hear then the parable of the sower.” With his analogy of the sower and the seed, Jesus gives us four images to help us gauge the depth of our spiritual maturity. What kind of “soil” does our faith exist in? Are we fruitful Christians? Does our seed yield as much as it could? The first image is of the seed that fell on the path. This describes those who hear about Christianity “without understanding it.”

Nothing can grow, nothing can blossom at this level. We should ask ourselves if we have taken the time to be sure we understand the faith we practice. Are we stuck at a superficial level, allowing stereotypes, popular opinion, or media distortions to “steal away” the richness of the Catholic faith?

Perhaps we have been properly educated in the teachings of the faith, but our commitment has been fickle. Are we the seed on the rocky ground, that “has no root and lasts only for a time”? Have we experienced difficulties in the practice of our faith that have led us to become indifferent? Have we found it just too troublesome to bring our faith into our everyday lives? Or have we heard the word, but allowed it to be choked by “worldly anxiety and the lure of riches”?

Do we appreciate Christianity but fail to make the sacrifices that it requires? Are we more interested in a comfortable life than anything else? Many of us have sampled these stages at different times. But ultimately, our goal as Christians is to be “the seed sown on rich soil.” We are called to be open to hearing the word, to seek to understand it, and to allow it to take firm root in our hearts. When we do this, the seed of our own faith can produce a rich harvest for the world.

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Barbara Batts	Joseph Grear	Mary A. Lewis	Joseph Queen		
Beatrice Carroll	Florence Hall	Rose Luck	Bernadette Redmond		
Edna Coates	Michael Harkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Franklin Smith		
Deacon Joe Conrad	Chris Hawkins	Doreene Mahoney	Michael Smith		Wayne A. Wallace
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith		Mary P.G. Washington
Alvera Dance	Brenda Henson	Veronica Murray	Betty Smith		Shiela Washington
Mary E. Davis	James Holley	Marie Neal	Ruth Stokes		Wellington Waters
Bertha Dearing	Thelma Holley	Regina Neal	Anna Strother		Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Irena Fields	Rudolph Holley	Vincent Neal	Kayla Tatum		And all St Luke
Gwendolyn Fortune	James Hughes	Annibelle Nelson	Gloria Thompson		Parishioners & families
Tina Garvin	Charles Jamison	Betty Payne	Matthew Thompson	who served in the	
Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Fred Jones	Lillian Pharms	Jerome J. Wallace	military.	

**Readings for the Week of July 13, 2014**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:10-11/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9  
**Monday:** Isaiah 1:10-17/Matthew 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:1-9/Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Matthew 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Matthew 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Micah 2:1-5/Matthew 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/ Romans 8:26-27-27 Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Lectors Schedule for Next Week**



**7/19—4:00pm Mass—Kathy Harris Ndouga & Michael Holland**  
**720— 8:30am Mass—Doris Lucas & Sylvester Mode**  
**7/20—11:00am Mass— Terrenthia Sweeney & Shirley Williams**

**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



We would like to wish Betty Gale and Peggy Wines and Christine Tolson a very wonderful birthday. Happy Joyous Wedding anniversary to Kimbolyn & Anthony Flowers, Sr.  
 May the joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

***Church Support***

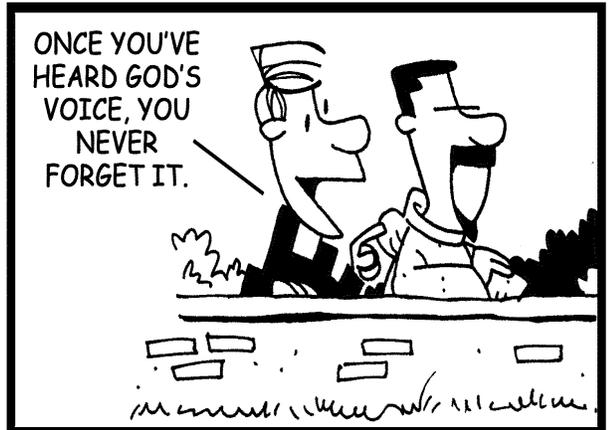
**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
 May God reward you abundantly  
**\$5,661.88**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**264**

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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 for our Tree located in the north-west 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. LUKES CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Family portraits will be done for the Church Directory between July 16 and July 20. Someone will be calling to make an appointment with you and your family. There will also be sign in sheets in the back of the Church for you to put a date to have your family portrait done. There will also be a sign up sheet for organizations and ministry opportunities. For more information contact Terrenthia Sweeney at 202-306-7468.

**ST LUKE WILL BE RECORDING:** all wedding anniversary and birth dates in a special book for our St. Luke family record. Please print both names for wedding anniversaries and your name and date of birth on the list located in the rear of the Church. Thank you!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The vacation bible camp will be held August 4th thru 8th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. It's free! Vacation Bible School would appreciate donations of water, juice boxes and ice pops.

**EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL, 2014:** Please mark your calendars now! The 25th Annual East of the River Fall Revival will be held on **Monday through Thursday, October 6-9, 2014**. The theme for this year is ***“Jesus Show Us the Way.”*** As always, the Revival will begin **each night at 7:00 pm** with praise and worship. St. Luke will co-host on Monday, October 6, 2014. The schedule is as follows: Monday, October 6: The Church of the Incarnation (Opening Night); Tuesday, October 7: St. Joseph of Largo (Youth Night) \*Youth are encouraged to attend all four nights of the Revival; Wednesday, October 8: Mt. Calvary (Reconciliation Night); Thursday, October 9: St. Thomas More (Closing Mass).

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY** gave a generous contribution of \$300.00 for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund. The scholarship committee thanks you.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING** for those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. To be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Hyattsville, MD. Celebration of Mass will be held at 10:00am. On July 26th, 2014. There will be lunch and personal testimony 11:30—12:15—**“Hope and Despair: One Family's Journey with Christ through Infertility and Pregnancy Loss”** by Nick and Melissa Hadek. At 12:15 there will be closing remarks and prayer.

**COMMEMORATIVE MASS** on Gettysburg Battlefield at Hancock Ave. near the Pennsylvania Memorial on July 19, 2014 at 5:00pm. This Mass is sponsored by the *Workers of St. Joseph*. You may call 301-399-2480 or 703-855-1266 or *e-mail* tony\_sl@verizon.net.