

# 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*

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 27, 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 26th	4:00pm	Vigil Mass	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianwah	Charmanine Onianwah
Sunday 27th	8:30 am 11:00am	Sunday Weekend Mass Sunday Weekend Mass	Rita Brown-Hall Deacon Joseph Conrad, Jr.	Parish Family Hilda McDougald
Monday 28th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Lois Williams	Hilda McDougald
Tuesday 29th	8:00am	St. Martha	Lennie Peters	Family
Wednesday 30th	8:00am	St. Peter Chrysologus	Bernadette Mahoney	Hilda McDougald
Thursday 31st	10:00am	St. Ignatius of Loyola	Sick & Shut-In	Parish Family
Friday 1st	8:00am	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Susie & Frank McDougald+	Family

**ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER**

**“KNOW YOUR FAITH”**

We conclude our analysis of the meaning and significance of the Sign of the Cross.  
No. 17-21

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

17. Mark ourselves for Christ. In ancient Greek, the word for sign was sphragis, which was also a mark of ownership, according to Ghezzi. “For example, a shepherd marked his sheep as his property with a brand that he called a sphragis,” Ghezzi writes. In making the Sign of the Cross, we mark ourselves as belong to Christ, our true shepherd.

18. Soldier on for Christ. The sphragis was also the term for a general’s name that would be tattooed on his soldiers, according to Ghezzi. This too is an apt metaphor for the Christian life: while we can be compared to sheep in the sense of following Christ as our shepherd we are not called to be sheepish. We instead are called to be soldiers of Christ. As St. Paul wrote in Ephesians 6, “Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. ... take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

19. Ward off the devil. The Sign of the Cross is one of the very weapons we use in that battle with the devil. As one medieval preacher named Aelfric declared, “A man may wave about wonderfully with his hands without creating any blessing unless he make the sign of the cross. But, if he do, the fiend will soon be frightened on account of the victorious token.” In another statement, attributed to St. John Chrysostom, demons are said to “fly away” at the Sign of the Cross “dreading it as a staff that they are beaten with.” (Source: Catholic Encyclopedia.)

20. Seal ourselves in the Spirit. In the New Testament, the word sphragis, mentioned above, is also sometimes translated as seal, as in 2 Corinthians 1:22, where St. Paul writes that, “the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.” In making the Sign of the Cross, we are once again sealing ourselves in the Spirit, invoking His powerful intervention in our lives.

21. Witness to others. As a gesture often made in public, the Sign of the Cross is a simple way to witness our faith to others. “Let us not then be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the Cross our seal made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we rise up; when we are in the way, and when we are still,” wrote St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

Sources include: The Sign of the Cross, by Bert Ghezzi, and Signs of Life, by Scott Hahn. <http://catholicexchange.com/21-things-cross>

**REFLECTION FOR THE  
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” How many of us think of our faith as “a pearl of great price”? How many of us really recognize the precious treasure we already possess? As baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God’s family. We are royalty in his kingdom! No matter what our status may be on earth, no matter what treasures we may or may not own right now, we are heirs of God’s heavenly kingdom.

It is easy to take this for granted, however. On this side of eternity, it’s even a temptation to forget that we have been adopted into God’s family. Right now, for us, “the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.” That is to say, the treasure isn’t always so obvious. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it. We have to remove whatever layers of dirt or sand may be obscuring the priceless package and bring it back into the daylight.

So where is our treasure buried? What, if anything, is obscuring the full flourishing of our faith? Is it buried by the demands of work or school? Is our faith hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false “treasures” that only give us fleeting joy? Or have we never even given our faith the chance to come into the sunlight at all?

Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet. By giving ourselves to Christ, encountering him regularly through prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments, we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Batts  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Deacon Joe Conrad  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin  
Oceacie Gray, Jr.

Joseph Grear  
Florence Hall  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Charles Jamison  
Fred Jones  
Mary A. Lewis

Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Veronica Murray  
Marie Neal  
Regina Neal  
Vincent Neal  
Annibelle Nelson  
Betty Payne  
Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen

Bernadette Redmond  
Franklin Smith  
Michael Smith  
Anna E. Smith  
Betty Smith  
Ruth Stokes  
Anna Strother  
Kayla Tatum  
Gloria Thompson  
Matthew Thompson  
Jerome J. Wallace  
Wayne A. Wallace



Mary P.G. Washington  
Shiela Washington  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
And all St Luke  
Parishioners & families  
who served in the  
military.

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2014

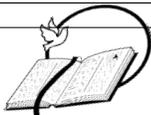
**Sunday:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/  
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
**Monday:** Jeremiah 13:1-11/Matthew 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 14:17-22/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/Matthew 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 18:1-6/Matthew 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jeremiah 26:1-9/Matthew 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/Matthew 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 55:1-3/Romans 8:35, 37-39/Matthew 14:13-21

Church Support

**Sunday Collection:**  
Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly  
\$3,855.10

**ATTENDANCE:**  
271

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



8/2—4:00pm Mass—To be announced  
8/3— 8:30am Mass—Debora Savoy & Jasmine Wilson  
8/3—11:00am Mass—Bernard Robinson & Shirley Williams

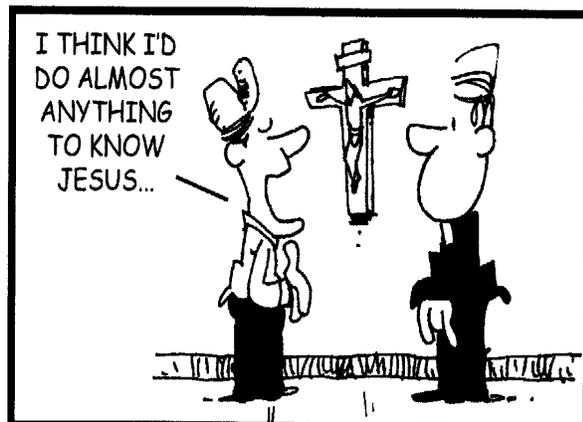
PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Mrs. Russell, Ethel Holt, Tracy Tatum, Kelly Tatum, Dajah Edlin and Mary Lewis a very wonderful birthday.  
Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to Mrs. Bernadine and Deacon Joseph Conrad.  
May the joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

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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 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.

**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.

**PARISH PICNIC** will take place on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at Watkins Park. We need a picnic committee by the last week in July. Please sign the list in the back of church.

**PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL:** The time is here to elect a new Parish Pastorial Council to serve for two years. We would also like a youth to be on the Council. If you would like to be on the committee to assist in the process of electing a new Council please sign the list in the back of the church.

**HOLY HOUR:** There will be no Holy Hour on Friday, August 1, 2014.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY :** Organizations and church ministries need to sign up for their directory photos. The dates are September 9 thru September 12. Call Terry Sweeney to get your picture appointment at 202-306-7468. The slots are filling up fast.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS:** Thank you for a wonderful five years as your Pastor and your support. Please pray for me as I begin my new assignment. Till we meet again. God Bless. Fr. Joe (St. Peter Claver, 1546 North Fremont Avenue. Baltimore, MD 21217.