



# 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*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 21, 2014**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 20th	4:00pm	25th Sunday Mass vigil	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianwah	Charmanine Onianwah
Sunday 21st	8:30 am 11:00am	25th Sunday Mass 25th Sunday Mass	William Patterson (BB) World Peace & Security	Mercer Patterson Parish Family
Monday 22nd	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Elizabeth & Mercer Patterson	Family
Tuesday 23rd	10:00am	St. Pius	Sick and Shut in	Parish Family
Wednesday 24th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Lorraine T. Aikens++	The Aikens Family
Thursday 25th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Lucille Diggs++	Louise Washington
Friday 26th	8:00am	SS. Cosmas & Damian	Jacqueline Wilson (BB)	The Wilson Family

**REFLECTION FOR THE**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Are you envious because I am generous?” So often, we expect God to operate the way we do. We expect to be able to understand everything he does. When we don’t, it’s tempting to think that the problem is on God’s end, not ours. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about God’s mercy. And some of us may not understand it at first glance. Why should the “lazy” workers who showed up late in the day be given the same wage as the diligent ones?

Doesn’t this suggest a kind of fundamental disrespect for the efforts of the first group? Extending the principle spiritually, we might ask a similar question. Why should sinners who spend much of their lives doing wrong be allowed to “show up” suddenly and receive the mercy of God? What about those faithful Christians who have walked the road of virtue all along? Shouldn’t they receive something more than these ne’er-do-wells?

As Jesus points out, there is nothing unjust about being generous (or merciful) to a certain group of individual. As long as no one is cheated out of what they were promised, there is no reason for envy or anger. Furthermore, and perhaps this is the real point of the parable, no one should be so quick to assume that he or she is a diligent worker.

In fact, when we honestly assess our own weaknesses and sins, when we acknowledge the ways that we personally have fallen short of perfect virtue, the picture changes. It becomes clear that in fact we are the beneficiaries of God’s generous mercy. We are the ones who showed up late in the day. Instead of calculating the degree of others’ sins, let us call to mind and be sorry for our own. Then we can truly rejoice in God’s forgiveness, no matter who is so fortunate as to receive it.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER**

**WHY BE GENEROUS:**

**JOYFUL GENEROSITY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.**

Consider how your community would change if you were a little more giving today. If you gave your money, your talents and your time to causes that really matter.

The most generous act in all the world – Christ taking on our sins and dying in our place, to be raised again on the third day – is the essence of Generosity. God looked with compassion on us and provided a way that we might spend eternity with Him. And it cost Him everything – the very life of His beloved Son. We are all called to be generous, because God was and is the first and most generous giver.

Generosity... is Biblical;  
connects us with others; establishes priorities in our lives; energizes; creates perspective;  
draws us toward the character of God;  
is doable by everyone.

Generosity is more than being kind, bighearted, or even charitable.

It is an attribute that derives its power from the very nature of God.

God's generosity must spill over into our lives and flow through every act, thought, and desire. A generous God gave to us His most precious gift.

We must give generously back to Him to fulfill his purposes in the world.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

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  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Marie Neal  
Regina Neal  
Vincent Neal  
Annibelle Nelson  
Betty Payne  
Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen

Bernadette Redmond  
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 September 21, 2014

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:6-9/Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a  
**Monday:** Proverbs 3:27-34/Luke 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Luke 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Proverbs 30:5-9/Luke 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Luke 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Luke 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8/Luke 9:43b-45  
**Next Sunday:** Ezekiel 18:25-28/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

*Church Support*

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly  
**\$3,642.35**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**245**

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



9/27—4:00pm Mass— Michael Holland  
9/28—8:30am Mass— Natoshka Douglas & John Faxio  
9/28--11:00am Mass—Terrenthia Sweeney & Violet Tinsley

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Jacqueline Wilson & Chikodili Onianwah a very wonderful birthday.

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

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## 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.

**JOIN US FOR FAITH FORMATIONS—REFRESH/UPDATE YOUR FAITH KNOWLEDGE:** If you would like to know more about your faith or grow closer to God or even become a catechist you should join us for faith formation. The classes include: sacraments, creed, morality, prayer, and scripture. Each class will be 3-4 sessions in length! If you are seeking catechist certification you are required to complete an assessment following each course. There is a required fee of \$20 per course. The first class, Sacraments, will begin Saturday, September 27th at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 9:00am. To register call the parish at 202-584-8322 or Shirley Williams at 301-249-2219.

**SPECIAL MASS** for the Sick and Shut-In will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 10:00am. A luncheon will follow the Mass. There will not be an 8:00am Mass.

**RELIGIOUS MUSIC CONCERT** sponsored by the St. Martin de Porres Council #9386 of the Knights of Columbus in communion with the Most Reverend Edward Tamba Charles, S.T.D., Archbishop of Freetown on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 PM. This special Religious Music Concert is in support of the people of Sierra Leone during the 2014 Ebola Outbreak. Free will offering. All proceeds sent to Sierra Leone. Make check payable to "DC Knights of Columbus Charities". Featuring St. Margaret of Scotland New Vision Choir, OLQP Gospel Choir, St. Luke Contemporary Choir and many others.

**PLEASE JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES** at St. Luke's Music Fest Dinner fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 4th in the St. Luke Center from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets will be on sell in the back of church after each Mass. Donation is \$35.00. For more information contact Gloria Washington at 301-505-2850.

**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, Oct. 6-9, 2014**. The theme for this year is "*Jesus Show Us the Way.*" As always, the Revival will begin **each night at 7:00pm** with praise and worship. St. Luke will co-host on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. The schedule is as follows: Monday, Oct. 6: The Church of the Incarnation (Opening Night); Tuesday, Oct. 7: St. Joseph of Largo (Youth Night); Wednesday, Oct. 8: Mt. Calvary (Reconciliation Night); Thursday, Oct. 9: St. Thomas More (Closing Mass).

**ANNUAL PRAY FOR THE CURE MASS:** We walk for the cure, run for the cure now let us come together and pray for the cure with Most Rev. John Ricard, S.S.J. Ph.D., celebrant and homilist on October 12, 2014 at the 11:00 am Mass.

**YOGA AT ST. LUKES:** Welcome to a session for increasing flexibility and reducing stress. Yoga at St. Luke delivers an opportunity, free of charge, to reconnect with your personal vitality. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Seated options to advanced postures are available. Yoga your way is guided by Elaine Williams, certified instructor. Bring a mat if you have one and wear loose fitting clothes. If you have questions call the rectory and leave your contact information. Where: St. Luke's Hall — When: Every Thursday — Time: 6:30pm—8:00pm. Classes will be held thru October 27th.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**FALL ARTS FAIR:** Washington Performing Arts will hold its annual Fall Arts Fair on Sunday, October 5 from 12 to 5 p.m. The event will be held at THEARC located at 1901 Mississippi Ave., S.E. D.C.. A complimentary shuttle will run between the Southern Ave. Metro (on the Green line) and THEARC. Ample free parking will also be available. There will be art activities for all ages, food vendors, instrument petting zoo, performances and much more.