

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2015

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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 2015 is "**Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit**" Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - ---7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.	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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 10th	4:00pm	The Baptism of the Lord (v)	Delores Archer++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 11th	8:30 am 11:00am	The Baptism of the Lord The Baptism of the Lord	Sick and Shut in Sick and Shut in	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 12th	10:00am	St. Marquerite	Evelyn Bemigho Mode (BB)	The Family
Tuesday 13th	8:00am	St. Hilary	Frs. Joe DelVachio & Joe Begay SSJ	Parish Family
Wednesday 14th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Katherine Harris	Parish Family
Thursday 15th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Viola V. Taylor++ (BB)	Doris Lucas & Family
Friday 16th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	The Family

**REFLECTION FOR
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

“I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.” That was a lowly job. Removing someone’s sandals back in the days when everyone walked everywhere on dusty, sandy desert ground was a dirty task. So when John the Baptist said he wasn’t even worthy for that humble duty, he was emphasizing an important point.

John understood Jesus’ real identity. He knew that this was not just another good man, not just a wise teacher or a gifted leader. John realized that Jesus was truly God-made-man. And because of this, the prophet also comprehended how perfect Jesus was. In relation to this perfection, John honestly acknowledged his own sinfulness with this analogy about the sandals.

But look what happened: even though John proclaimed that “one mightier than I is coming after me,” Jesus showed up at the Jordan River and asked John to baptize *him*! Jesus humbled himself by going through this ritual of cleansing and purification, even though he didn’t need to. John may have thought himself unworthy, but that didn’t stop Jesus from coming to him.

Jesus wants to come to us too. Not because we have “earned” his love or because we are “worthy” of some great honor, but simply because he loves us. God sent his Son to us to be one of us, to walk among us, to care for us and guide us. When we were baptized, he counted us among his beloved children in a special way, but that joyful bond is not a thing of the past.

By our baptism we are always his children, even when we may be disobedient or belligerent ones. His love is not calculated or quantified; it is a free gift. May we appreciate this gift enough to show our gratitude by a life well lived.

PASTOR’S CORNER

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are “reborn of water and the Spirit.” God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament.

For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament.

“Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery.” Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity.

As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus’ tenderness toward children which caused him to say: “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,” allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church’s call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.

This article is taken from The Catechism of the Catholic Church– article VI. No. 1257-1261. http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a1.htm

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
Silvia Perry
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Bernadette Redmond
Michael Smith
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
Matthew Thompson



Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2014

Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mark 1:7-11
Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6/Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12/Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18/Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14/Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16/Mark 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/John 1:35-42

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

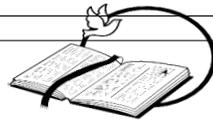
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ATTENDANCE:

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Lectors Schedule for Next Week



- 1/17 4:00pm Mass- Kathy Harris Ndouga & Chris Edelin
- 1/18 8:30am Mass- Christine Tolson & Debora Savoy
- 1/18 11:00am Mass-Terry Sweeney & Bernard Robinson

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

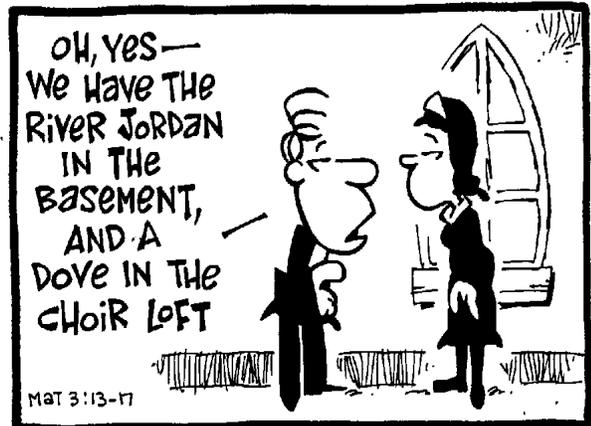
HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Jaea O. Scott-Terrell and Westley Douglas II a very happy birthday.

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD





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.

ALL LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC : there will be a meeting on January 24th at 10:00 am. Venue is St. Martin De Porres Room.

ST LUKE WILL HOST A VALENTINE DANCE, featuring DJ music from 70'-80's, clean verse of Hip Hop & R&B. Date is 02/14/2015. The donation tickets is \$15 per person and reserved table specials at \$60 for 4 people. For tickets or special table reservation Please contact John Anthony: 202-556-5321

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

FERTILITYCARE FOR NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AND WOMEN'S HEALTH is a method of holistic fertility awareness for teens through the menopausal years. Combined with medical care, it can be used as an effective method of natural family planning or as a treatment for underlying causes of pain, irregularity and miscarriage/infertility issues, PMS, postpartum depression, ovarian cysts, endometriosis, recurrent miscarriages, infertility, chronic discharges, and irregular cycles. Couples encouraged to attend together. Information provided about instruction + materials following the presentation. "As effective as the Pill, more effective than IVF" register: gaithersburgfertilitycare.org Sessions are Tuesday, January 13th 7-9 Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring FREE session & Tuesday, March 10th 7-9pm Holy Cross Hospital GERMANTOWN FREE session taught by Therese Rodriguez, RN, CFCP,, Certified FertilityCare Practitioner and local parishioner. 301-512-7451 metrodcfertilitycare@gmail.com REGISTER: www.gaithersburgfertilitycare.org

2015 ANNUAL JUBILIARIAN MASS; Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 13.

2015 ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: Once again this year, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will sponsor the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life on the morning of the National March for Life on January 22. This event for parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington will be held at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW). The Rally kicks off at 9am and features Sr. Maris Stella, S.V. (Sister of Life), as the main speaker. Fr. Avelino Gonzalez will celebrate the Mass, which begins at 10am. Attendees depart for the National March for Life at 11:30am. Registration is required: adw2015familyrally4life.eventbrite.com. Please visit www.adw.org/Adult-Mass-For-Life for more information.

SOAP-MAKING WORKSHOP: The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild will hold a soap-making workshop on Saturday, Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the monastery's Sacred Heart Conference Room, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. The mission of the all-volunteer Garden Guild is to preserve and promote the historic monastery's beautiful gardens, which includes flowers, vegetables, native plants and beehives. Learn more at www.FMGG.org.