

# 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*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2015

### 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. 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 Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

<b>3rd Sunday</b> - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
<b>Monday</b> - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday</b> - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
<b>Wednesday</b> - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Friday</b> - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
<b>1st Friday</b> - ---7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
<b>Fridays of Lent</b> —7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

## 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.

Every Wednesday during Lent     6:00pm – 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent     7:00pm

### 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 21st	4:00pm	Sunday (Vigil Mass)	Michael Smith++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 22nd	8:30am 11:00am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Sick and Shut in Sick and Shut in	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 23rd	10:00am	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo	Charles B. Williams++ (BB)	Janice Williams & Family
Tuesday 24th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Mary Chang	Mary Chang
Wednesday 25th	8:00am	The Annunciation of the Lord	Dr. Hu's Father++	Mary Chang
Thursday 26th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Ambadiang	Michele
Friday 27th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Dieudonne Ndouga	Family & Friends

**REFLECTION FOR  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about death. He gives the analogy of the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. Later, he speaks about how he will be "lifted up from the earth," making reference to his crucifixion.

He says that the fruit of this will be that he will "draw everyone" to himself. Jesus is telling us that death yields a greater good, that it produces fruit. So, when he insists that we must follow him, we can take courage. Yes, following Jesus means accompanying him all the way to the cross. It means that we too are called to carry our own cross and die to ourselves: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

But this death leads to a greater kind of life. When we stay connected to Jesus through thick and thin, we receive eternal life in the end! Jesus says, "The Father will honor whoever serves me." The season of Lent is designed not only to help us reflect a bit more deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ, but also to prepare us for the glory that follows.

The joy of Easter and the triumph of the Resurrection are all the more powerful precisely because they emerge out of the darkest, most "hopeless" of situations. When we cling to Jesus even through these kinds of circumstances in our own lives—whether they be sickness, unemployment, conflict, or disappointment—we are those servants that Jesus spoke of, the ones who go where Jesus goes, even when the going gets tough. But let us remember, as we march through Lent, that this journey will bear much fruit.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**THE MEANING OF HOLY WEEK**

The first Holy Week, by the plan of God, was the most important week in the life of Jesus Christ. This Holy Week, likewise, should be the most important week in the entire year for each one of us. It should be a week of prayer and meditation, in understanding the events of the Passion of Our Lord, knowledge of the Scriptural account of Holy Week is invaluable. PRELIMINARIES:

1. Place - The entire Passion took place in Jerusalem (the Capital of Palestine) and its environs. 2. Time - Probably in the year A.D. 30, during Passover Week, from the 9th to the 16th of the Jewish Month Nisan (March-April). Jerusalem was crowded with pilgrims. 3. Political Conditions - The Jewish Nation was subject to Rome. The Roman Governor was Pontius Pilate; the Jews were ruled by their High Priest, Caiaphas, and the Council of 70 elders, the Sanhedrin. Galilee, the region in the north of Palestine, had Herod as king.

4. Recent Developments - Jesus of Nazareth, who for three years had been preaching the Kingdom of God, working miracles, and finally claiming to be the Messiah, was so growing in popularity that the High Priest and the Jewish authorities saw in Him a serious threat to their authority over the people. The recent resurrection of Lazarus had caused many to believe in Jesus.

The Jewish leaders planned to kill Lazarus, to kill Jesus as a seditionist, and so to end this threat to their power. However, as a subject nation, they could not put anyone to death. Only the Roman Governor had the power to condemn a criminal to death. Now Passover Week, with the great influx of pilgrims to Jerusalem, was a hand. Under such circumstances Holy Week began . . .

**PALM SUNDAY** Jesus as well as the people knew of the opposition of the authorities and yet Jesus moved without fear of hiding. On Sunday morning of Passover Week, when pilgrims were traveling to Jerusalem, Our Lord went openly from Bethany to Jerusalem, by the most direct road. He even sent His disciples in for a donkey, thus encouraging a celebration.

The enthusiastic followers made a triumphal procession, and in triumph Our Lord entered the Holy City. As He saw the Temple and the city spread out before Him, Our Lord predicted its destruction and wept over the city. This triumphal procession was the greatest length to which Our Lord permitted His Messianic Kingdom to be proclaimed. Great excitement prevailed in the city upon His arrival.

Toward the end of the day He predicted His death by being "lifted up from the earth," and told the people: "Yet a little while the light is among you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you." It was the twilight of the Light of the World. At dusk Our Lord returned with His disciples to Bethany.

Excerpt from <http://www.scborromeo.org/papers/holyweek.pdf>

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Lamont Diggs, Sr.  
Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune

Tina Garvin  
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  
Mary A. Lewis  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal  
Dieudonne Ndouga  
Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
Bernadette Redmond  
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  
Dorothy White  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.

**Readings for the Week of March 22, 2015**

Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34/Hebrews 5:7-9/Jonah 12:20-33  
Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jonah 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9/Jonah 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38  
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/Jonah 8:51-59  
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Jonah 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ezra 37:21-28/Jonah 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mark 11:1-10 or Jonah 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**230**

**Lectors Schedule for Next Week**

- 3/28 4:00pm Mass– Kathy Ndouga & Michael Holland**
- 3/29 8:30am Mass–Debora Savoy & Christine Tolson**
- 3/29 11:00am Mass– CCD**



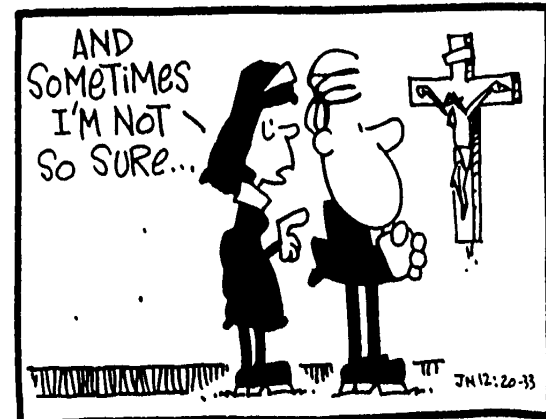
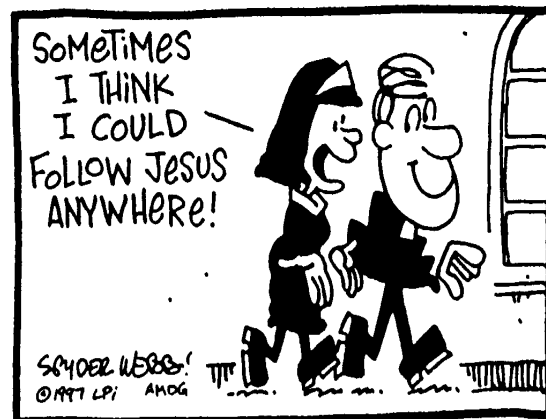
**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



We would like to wish Kamaria Harmon, Gwendolyn Fortune, Paulette Hamlin and Gertrude Quarles a wonderful happy birthday.

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**





## **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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm in the Church.

**THE LIGHT IS ON:** Confessions and adoration will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Church. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**LENTEN FISH FRY** will be hosted by the Cameroon Faith Community on Friday, March 27 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This will be the last Lenten Fish Fry for the season.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**ST LUKE COMMUNAL MEAL** will be held on Wednesday, April 1. Soup and bread will be served at 5:30pm. Evening Mass for Wednesday of Holy Week will be held at 7:00pm. There will be no morning Mass.

**HOLY THURSDAY**: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be 7:00pm. There will not be a morning Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** At 2:00pm there will be Living Stations followed by the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm. There will not be a morning Mass.

**EASTER VIGIL** will be held on Saturday April 4 at 7:30pm.

**CRS RICE BOWL: HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY HARVEST:** CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** hosted by St. Luke's Holy Name Society will be held March 28th at 9:00am. Celebrant and speaker is the Very Reverend Michael L. Thompson, S.S.J. Free lunch will be served. Contacts: Phil Smith (301)675-6208 or Byron A. Wilson (571)221-4191.

**THANK YOU** St. Luke family for all the love and care you gave me during the loss of my brother, Melvin Parks. With all my love, Joyce Thomas.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**QUO VADIS EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN**: A *Quo Vadis* Excursion Day for high school-aged men will be on Sunday, April 19. It will be an all-day excursion to Sugarloaf Mountain in upper Montgomery County, including a hike, lunch, a talk, Mass, and fellowship. The 7th Annual *Quo Vadis* Camp for high school-aged men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from July 19-22. The four-day camp includes prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Registration is now open for both of these events at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). For more information visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org), or call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020.

**THREE TO BE MARRIED MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND:** Upcoming weekends: Apr 23-26, May 7-10, May 21-24, Jun 18-21 Are You Ready?! You're not just planning a wedding, you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCUS Inventory included! \$285 per couple. Registration required. [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) 301-365-0612. Weekends fill up, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD.