

# 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*

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5, 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.

### Stations of the Cross

### 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.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord****Sunday, April 5, 2015**

<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Feast of the Day</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Saturday 4th	7:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Paulette, Abu and Andrew	Parish Family
Sunday 5th	8:30am 11:00am	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	St Luke Parish Family St Luke Parish Family	Fr. Cornelius Fr. Cornelius
Monday 6th	10:00am	Weekday Mass within the Octave of Easter	Harry Washington++	Louise Washington
Tuesday 7th	8:00am	Weekday Mass within the Octave of Easter	Dieudonne Ndouga	Family & Friends
Wednesday 8th	8:00am	Weekday Mass within the Octave of Easter	Dieudonne Ndouga	Family & Friends
Thursday 9th	10:00am	Weekday Mass within the Octave of Easter	Fr. Cornelius BB	Happiness Ejiogu
Friday 10th	8:00am	Weekday Mass within the Octave of Easter	Mathew Lucas, Jr. ++	Mom & Family

**Reflection For Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."* This must have felt like adding insult to injury. Mary Magdalene had stood faithfully by Jesus up to his last moment on the cross. She had seen him laid in the tomb and she had already visited his body there to mourn and pay her last respects. But today, on her arrival, she finds the body missing. Wasn't it enough to torture and crucify her innocent Lord? Why did they have to take away her one last bit of consolation? Why did they steal his body?

Imagine the despair she must have wrestled with at this moment. As if the events of Good Friday had not been enough, now she faced another tragic moment. From Mary's perspective, things could not have gotten any worse. Every bit of evidence around her converged to make her feel completely powerless and afraid. Her eyes could only see the darkness of the empty tomb.

Here now, into this rock-bottom moment when no human hope remained, here burst in the risen Christ. Just when there was no possible solution, when everything was far beyond repair, suddenly Jesus appeared, glorious, victorious, and completely and utterly unexpected.

His triumph over death was more than that: it was also a triumph over human hopelessness and despair. It was proof that God is bigger than our biggest problems. He is more powerful than the most threatening evils and all the fears that lurk around in our lives.

The joy of Easter is ours, today and every day. As Christians, we can rejoice in belonging to a God who is ready and able to break through the toughest barriers of sin and death, even when we least expect it.

**PASTOR'S CORNER****EASTER BLESSINGS**

Dearly beloved parish family of St Luke, May the grace and peace of our Risen Lord be with you always. For forty long days (and Six Sundays) we entered the season of Lent with prayers, fasting and generous almsgiving. During Holy Week we focused intently on the suffering and passion that Christ had to endure in order to bring us salvation. In response to this ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, we organized and participated in numerous social and spiritual activities in our parish to prepare us adequately for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. These activities not only helped us lift our minds and hearts to God, they also accorded us the opportunity to fellowship as one big family.

As we begin this year's Easter Season, please keep in mind that the mystery of the Lord's Resurrection invites us to go beyond ourselves (go out of our comfort zone) in order to reach others. In his homily, Pope Francis said the hopeful spirit of Easter means "leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the out-cast." He echoed the message of his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI, who reminded us that "Christ is hope and comfort to the Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And he is present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice."

I pray for the same spirit of hope and courage for us all. I pray that we will constantly "seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." [Matthew 6:33] Thank you dear brothers and sisters for all that you do for our parish and community. May your generosity never go unrewarded. May we never be tired of doing good.

Please pray for me- your priest  
Wishing you all a Happy Easter Season!!!

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Ruth Bundy  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Lamont Diggs, Sr.

Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin  
Oceacie Gray, Jr.  
Joseph Gear  
Florence Hall  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Michael Holland  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley

James Hughes  
Charles Jamison  
David & Keisha Jones  
Jane Jones  
Mary A. Lewis  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal

Dieudonne Ndouga  
Marlene Patterson  
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 April 5, 2015**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/  
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Matthew 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/John 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Luke 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Luke 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/John 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-31

**Lectors Schedule for Next Week**

4/11 4:00pm Mass– Chris Edelin & Dieudonne Ndouga  
4/12 8:30am Mass– John Faxio & Sylvester Mode  
4/12 11:00am Mass– Millicent Green & Bernard Robinson



**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



We would like to wish Victoria Watson, Ashley Gale,  
Ray Crawford, Christian Mitchell and Fr. Cornelius  
a wonderful happy birthday.

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

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

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

**\$4,262.50**

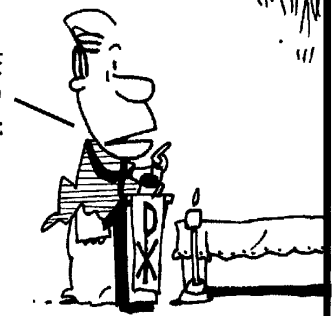
Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund  
\$3,348

**ATTENDANCE:**

294

**EASTER**

WHEN I THINK OF  
THE EMPTY TOMB,  
THERE'S JUST ONE  
THING I WANT TO  
SAY TO THE DEVIL:



**BUSTED!!!**



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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.

**CRS RICE BOWL: HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION:** We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger, Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl on the weekends of April 11-12 and April 18-19.

**CCD CLASSES** resume Sunday, April 12, 2015.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Appreciation goes out to everyone who played a part in developing the new member Church Directory. For those who took pictures in the Directory and did not receive their book please contact the Rectory.

**PARENTS and SPONSORS** of this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation class should attend a meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the St. Luke Center. This meeting is mandatory so that you might receive necessary information and instructions in preparing your children to receive their sacraments. It is an informative session so bring your questions and a note pad to be sure you have everything.

**ST. LUKE'S OFFERING BOOKLETS AND PARISHIONER TAX STATEMENTS:** All of you who have not picked up their offering booklet or tax statement may do so from the Rectory.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. LUKE'S OWN ALVIN HYDE:** who will be a recipient of the St. Timothy award issued at the Office of Youth Ministry/Catholic Youth Organization 70th Awards Ceremony and Mass on April 19, 2015 at 3:00pm. You are cordially invited to join them at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852. Bishop Knestout will celebrate the Mass, followed by awards presentation and light reception. This event is FREE. Please RSVP by April 10, 2015 at [favam@adw.org](mailto:favam@adw.org).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** The Josephite Pastoral Center presents "**Blessed Art Thou**" *The Dignity of a Woman* on Saturday, May 16th at 8:00am to 4:30pm (Vigil Mass), St. Joseph Seminary. The cost is \$35.00 which includes registration and materials, continental breakfast and lunch. To register call Cheryl Holley at (202)526-9270.

**MONTHLY REFLECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN:** Take time out of busy schedule and find something differing. Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required to attend. Suggested donations: \$10 per person. Reflections for Men are offered on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00-9:30pm. Reflections for Women are offered twice on the fourth Wednesday: Morning session: 9:45 am -12:30 pm/Evening session: 7:00 -9:45pm. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information please visit our website ([www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)) or call 301-365-0612.

**YOUNG ADULTS GET INVOLVED in your FAITH with DCC CATHOLIC:** Whether you just moved to DC or have been here for years, all young adults (21-late 30s) are invited to get involved in the active Young Adult Catholic community in DC. Young adult events include Happy Hour, monthly Masses, retreats, Bible studies, ser-