



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 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 Lord”** 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
Fridays of Lent —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.

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 11th	4:00pm	Vigil Mass with the Octave of Easter	Mrs. Audrey E. Brown++	Hilda McDougals
Sunday 12th	8:30am 11:00am	2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy	St Luke Parish Family St Luke Parish Family	Fr. Cornelius Fr. Cornelius
Monday 13th	10:00am	St. Martin I	Michael Bowser	Doris & Renee
Tuesday 14th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Ethel I. Williams++ (BB)	Jacqueline Wilson
Wednesday 15th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Bethel Quander++ (BB)	Louise Washington
Thursday 16th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Friday 17th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Mark Mode	Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Mode

**Reflection For
2nd Sunday of Easter**

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” After the Resurrection, the wounds of Christ take on a whole new meaning. Whereas they had originally been a sign of the tragedy and pain of the crucifixion, they now became a sign of triumph and power over physical death as well as spiritual death—sin.

When Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds, he is allowing Thomas to experience this reality for himself. Thomas doesn’t just look at the nail marks; he personally encounters them. He puts himself into the now-glorified wounds of Jesus. And then, he believes. This encounter not only takes away Thomas’ doubt but also allows him to share in the joy of Christ’s victory. “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaims.

This is a powerful image for the mercy of Christ. The suffering he endured on the cross was not just a distant symbol for us to admire. It was not just an opportunity for him to surprise everybody by rising from the dead. The fact that Jesus suffered for us means that our suffering now has somewhere to go. Our pain, our battle with sin, our struggle to truly believe in him, all of this can be laid within the wounds of Christ and healed. When we carry our scars alone, they blind us. They paralyze us. They prevent us from experiencing joy. But when we unite our own wounds to those of Christ, when we allow ourselves to encounter the wounded but glorified Christ, we are able to move beyond our own troubles. We get to share in the victory and stop hiding in the sadness of our self-doubt. It is through this honest encounter with the risen Christ that we are truly able to experience his peace.

PASTOR’S CORNER

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Living the Message of Mercy**

The devotional practices revealed through Saint Faustina were given to us as "vessels of mercy" through which God's love can be poured out upon the world, but they are not sufficient unto themselves. It's not enough for us to hang The Divine Mercy image in our homes, pray the Chaplet every day at three o'clock, and receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Easter. We also have to show mercy to our neighbors. Putting mercy into action is not an option of the Divine Mercy Devotion; it's a requirement!

Our Lord strongly speaks about this to Saint Faustina: I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it (Diary, 742). Like the gospel command, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," this demand that we show mercy to our neighbors "always and everywhere" seems impossible to fulfill. But the Lord assures us that it is possible.

"When a soul approaches Me with trust," He explains, "I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls" (Diary, 1074). How do we "radiate" God's mercy to others? By our actions, our words, and our prayers. "In these three degrees," he tells Sister Faustina, "is contained the fullness of mercy" (Diary 742). We have all been called to this threefold practice of mercy, but we are not all called in the same way.

We need to ask the Lord, who understands our individual personalities and situation, to help us recognize the various ways we can each show His mercy in our daily lives. By asking for the Lord's mercy, trusting in His mercy, and sincerely trying to live His mercy in our lives, we can assure that we will never hear Him say of us, "Their hearts are far from Me," but rather that wonderful promise, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

It is our hope that you will continue to read and reread the information on this website and make the prayers, attitudes, and practices presented a real part of your life, so that you may come to trust completely in God and live each day immersed in His merciful love — thus fulfilling the Lord's command to let your life "shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven" (Mt 5:16).

Culled from :<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm#ixzz3WmGbCwPe>

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 12, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/John 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 John 2:1-5a/Luke 24:35-48

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$7,439.73

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund
\$1,845.00

ATTENDANCE:

Holy Thurs. -150, Good Fri. -72
Easter Vigil and Sun.—354

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



4/18 4:00pm Mass— Kathy Ndouga & Dieudonne Ndouga
4/19 8:30am Mass— Debora Savoy & Christine Tolson
4/19 11:00am Mass— Terrenthia Sweeney & Shirley Williams

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish William Watts, Beatrice Carroll & Anthony Wilson a wonderful happy birthday.

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME
TO TODAY'S
CELEBRATION
OF THE MASS.



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OR AS I LIKE
TO THINK OF IT,
"BRING YOUR
PARISHIONERS
TO WORK DAY."





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.

THANK YOU DEAR PARISHIONERS: I would like to extend my heart felt gratitude to all those who made our Holy Week and Easter celebration a huge success. Special thanks to all the members of the choir and the directors for their commitment to serving God. Warmest appreciation to the wonderful people of the environment ministry for their dedication; extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, ministers of hospitality, altar servers, counting team, CCD teacher and you.

CRS RICE BOWL: Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!!! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. LUKE'S OWN AARON HYDE: who will be a recipient of the For God and Youth award issued at the Office of Youth Ministry/Catholic Youth Organization on April 19, 2015 at 3:00pm.

ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON sponsored by Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality on May 16, 2015 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at St. Luke Center. Donation \$25.00 — Contacts: Joyce Thomas, Janice Williams, Bernadine Conrad & Gloria Washington.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS: A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean Virginia, from May 22-24, 2015. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. There is no fee to attend this retreat. It is a non-smoking weekend. ***Registration closes May 12, 2015.*** If you have interest in attending, please call the Dominican Retreat House as soon as possible at (703)356-4243 in order to register. For questions about the retreat, you may call Doug Sebek at (703) 477-5681.

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY HERB AND PLANT SALE: The popular Franciscan Monastery Herb and Plant Sale is April 25 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and April 26 (8 a.m.-3 p.m.) at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Come early to get your organic herbs, annuals, perennials, fruit trees, vegetables and Monastery-grown plants, while enjoying food and craft vendors. Free garden tours at 11 a.m. and noon. Sponsored by the volunteer Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. Proceeds support the preservation of the monastery's historic gardens. Information: 202-526-6800 or www.FMGG.org.

SOME (SO OTHERS MAY EAT) SUMMER CAMP for senior citizens 65 years of age and older who reside in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. This program is designed for seniors who cannot afford a vacation but are in need of one. This five-day experience is filled with excellent accommodations and meals, arts and crafts, fun activities, and time to relax and enjoy the company of other seniors. When: July 13-17, 2015 or July 20-24, 2015. Applications must be returned to SOME before June 1, 2015. Where: West Virginia. Seniors are transported to via charter bus to and from the air conditioned retreat center, 90 minutes from Washington, D.C. Proof of monthly income, and a health form, which must be completed by the senior's Primary Care Provider giving approval for participation in the program. Applications are available from the St. Luke Rectory.

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.