

# 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*

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 4, 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.

### 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 3rd	4:00pm	Twenty-Seventh Sunday (VIGIL)	Michael Bowser++	Renee & Doris Bowser
Sunday 4th	8:30am 11:00am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of O T Twenty-Seventh Sunday of O T	For an End in Domestic Violence For an End in Domestic Violence	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 5th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Chinita Jones and Yvette Buckmor	Parish Family
Tuesday 6th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Homer Bozeman++	Family
Wednesday 7th	8:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, (OBL)	Agnes Queen	Parish Family
Thursday 8th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Alvin Hyde	Family
Friday 9th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Marline Patterson	Parish Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### LOVE IS A MIGHTY POWER

BY THOMAS À KEMPIS

Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good.  
 Love alone lightens every burden,  
 and makes rough places smooth.  
 It bears every hardship as though it were nothing, and  
 renders all bitterness sweet and acceptable.

Nothing is sweeter than love,  
 Nothing stronger,  
 Nothing higher,  
 Nothing wider,  
 Nothing more pleasant,  
 Nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth;  
 for love is born of God.

Love flies, runs and leaps for joy.  
 It is free and unrestrained.  
 Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds.  
 Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil,  
 attempts things beyond its strength.

Love sees nothing as impossible,  
 for it feels able to achieve all things.  
 It is strange and effective,  
 while those who lack love faint and fail.

Love is not fickle and sentimental,  
 nor is it intent on vanities.  
 Like a living flame and a burning torch,  
 it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle.

Culled from <http://immortalpoetry.com> Love\_is\_a\_Mighty\_Power

### Reflection For 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female ...”* In today’s Gospel, Jesus sheds light on the nature of Christian marriage. The Pharisees were trying to trick him, but Jesus transformed their plot into a teachable moment. Speaking of the Mosaic law that allowed a man to divorce his wife, Jesus indicated that this man-made law was not the standard by which marriage should be understood. Instead, he referred back to *“the beginning of creation.”*

In the story of Adam and Eve, we see the first human couple living in a state of perfect harmony and bliss with each other and with God. As today’s Old Testament reading reveals, Adam was thrilled with Eve. *“This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,”* he declares with joy and relief. God’s original plan for marriage was part of the joyful paradise in Eden. But sin entered the world, and with it came a rupture in the pristine unity of the man and the woman.

The tensions between husbands and wives have been problematic ever since. Thus Jesus explains divorce as the result of sin (i.e., *“the hardness of your hearts”*). But as always, Jesus calls us to transcend the slavery of sin. And more than that, he promises us his own divine help, his grace, and his Spirit to enable us to accomplish what we could not do on our own power. So when he replaces the Mosaic law with his commandment about marriage—*“what God has joined together, no human being must separate”*—he is calling us to a more beautiful understanding of marriage: one that is blessed by the true marital unity that can transcend the sadness of sin.

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Rosemary Feaster

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  
Lawrence Lee  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal  
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price  
Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
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.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.  
Sister Vartimea  
Sister Lavrajoy

**Readings for the Week of October 4, 2015**

Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24/Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
Monday: Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11/Luke 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11/Luke 11:1-4  
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b/Luke 11:5-13  
Friday: Jeremiah 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Luke 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jeremiah 4:12-21/Luke 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wisdom 7:7-11/Hebrews 4:12-13/Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/  
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Shannon Harris, Michael Crawford, Dana West, Silvester Mode and Joan Lee.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**10/10- 4:00pm Mass  
K. Ndouga & J. Rookard Sr.**

**10/11- 8:30am Mass  
M. Wright & C. Tolson**

**10/11- 11:00 am Mass  
M. Holland & P. Wines**

**E.M.E. SCHEDULE**

**10/10- 4:00pm Mass  
R. Watson & V. Watson**

**10/11- 8:30am Mass  
C. Holland & J. Thomas**

**10/11- 11:00 am Mass  
D. Savoy & V. Tinsley**

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF PEOPLE TOOK AS MUCH CARE WITH THEIR MARRIAGES AS THEY DO WITH THEIR WEDDINGS, MORE MARRIAGES WOULD LAST A LIFETIME!



*Snyder Webb*  
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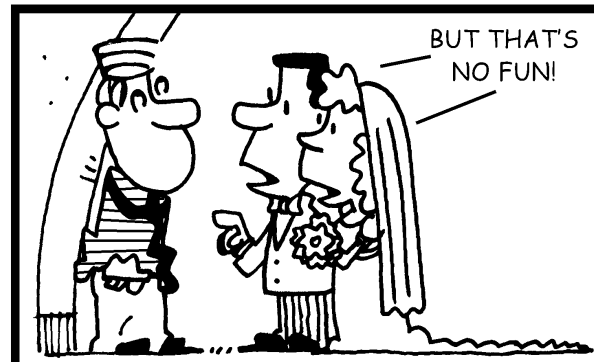
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May God reward you abundantly

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund :

**\$105.00**

**ATTENDANCE:**



BUT THAT'S NO FUN!



## **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.

**ST. LUKE 58th ANNIVERSARY MASS** and luncheon be held on Sunday, October 25 beginning at 11:00am.

**PRAY FOR THE CURE PINK AND BLACK CANDLE LIGHT BRUNCH** at 1:00pm in the church hall after the Pray for the Cure Mass on October 11, 2015. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets are now available for purchase in the back of church after each Mass. This brunch is a fundraiser for the parish and a portion of the proceeds will be given to Children Hospital in Washington, D.C. for children with cancer and life threatening diseases.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER & DANCE:** A St. Luke fundraiser on Saturday, November 7, 2015 in the St. Luke Center. From 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Donation is \$35.00. There will be live music. Volunteers are needed please contact Gloria Washington at 301-505-2850.

**HOLY NAME MASS AT THE BASILICA:** The Holy Name Society of St. Luke has scheduled a Mass on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the National Shrine in the *African Chapel*, beginning promptly at 10:00am. All are invited to attend. Car pooling is strongly suggested. If you can provide transportation or need transportation, please meet at 8:30am in the St. Luke parking lot.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE JOSEPHITES**

**FOLLOW JOSEPHITES ON FACEBOOK:** The Josephites need your “likes.” Search “The Josephites” on Facebook and click the “Like” button to show your support. Stay informed of all latest parish and Josephite news, plus see fun stories and photos from events within the Josephite community.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**THE “WWW: WELL WOMEN WITNESS DAY OF REFLECTION** “ will be held at the Church of Incarnation, 880 Eastern Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019, on Saturday, October 10, 2015. For more information contact: Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin at 202-528-8633 or [drmartin@oraclereligious.org](mailto:drmartin@oraclereligious.org).

## **HEALTHCARE DECISIONS: HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOURSELVES AND YOUR LOVED ONES?**

You are invited to come learn about the critical issues related to healthcare decisions and the legal documents needed to protect yourselves. The presentation will be given by international speaker Rita Marker, Executive Director of the Patients Rights Council, on Tuesday, October 27 from 7–9pm at St. Raphael Parish in Rockville, MD (1513 Dunster Rd.) in the Trumpet Room. Sponsored by the St. Raphael Respect for Life Committee and the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information, please contact Sandy Shamburek at 240-864-2514.

**“DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY” AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE.** invites families and engaged couples to attend a day retreat entitled “Domestic Church Day” on Saturday, October 10 from 12:30-5pm, with the topic of “Love is Our Mission,” following the theme of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. It’s a full day of events for families, married couples and kids. Cost per couple/family is only \$10. Please register by October 7 at [www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com](http://www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com). If you have any questions, please email Daniel Meola at [Daniel.Meola@jp2shrine.org](mailto:Daniel.Meola@jp2shrine.org)

**MUSIC AT THE MONASTERY:** On Sunday, October 11 at 4pm, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE) will host a recital by Russell Joseph Weismann, Dean of the District of Columbia Chapter of