



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2016

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MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment
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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
Last Sunday— 1:00pm	Congolese Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Fridays of Lent—6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday --- 3:00 pm	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 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 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 9th	4:00pm	The Baptism of the Lord (VIGIL)	Dr. Antonette Weaver ++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 10th	8:30am 11:00am	The Baptism of the Lord The Baptism of the Lord	St. Luke Baptism Candidates St. Luke Baptism Candidates	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 11th	10:00am	Weekday Mass (First Week in Ordinary Time)	Terrell Wilson	Jacqueline Wilson
Tuesday 12th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Nicole Daniels	Fr. Cornelius
Wednesday 13th	8:00am	St. Hilary (OPT)	Mrs. Debora Sohe++	Fr. Stephen Sohe
Thursday 14th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Mrs. Victoria Ajuruchi++	Fr. Gorge-Bede
Friday 15th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.” What a treat to be in that crowd! Just imagine the experience of witnessing this manifestation of divinity! To see the Holy Spirit “in bodily form like a dove” and to hear the voice that “came from heaven” announcing Jesus’ true identity. Don’t we all long for this kind of miraculous clarity? Wouldn’t it do wonders for our faith if we had such unmistakable certainty about who Jesus really is?

It’s easy to imagine that the first Christians had it easier than we do. They got to be with Jesus in person, and to witness the miracles that went along with his years on earth. Because of this, we can quickly forget the benefits we enjoy that they did not. We live on the other side of the Resurrection, for example.

The first followers of Christ believed in him *before* he rose from the dead. We, on the other hand, have the confidence of knowing that this man literally conquered death. We also have two millennia of Christian witness through the saints to pull upon. The first Christians had no idea what this new religion would produce, how many people would embrace it, or how it would change the world for the better. We know that Christianity has been fruitful beyond measure.

Today’s Gospel informs us that it was only after they were baptized that the people witnessed the opening of heaven. Even Jesus himself was baptized before he heard this earthly confirmation of his heavenly origin. We who have been baptized, following the example of Christ, also have “access” to the voice of God. In the silence of our hearts, and through God’s word in the Bible (another advantage we enjoy), heaven is “opened” for us as well.

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.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	
Barbara Barnes	Joseph Grear	Rose Luck	Joseph Queen	
Barbara Batts	Florence Hall	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	
Mary C. Bennett	Michael Harkins	Doreene Mahoney	Leroy Sandifer	
Beatrice Carroll	Chris Hawkins	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith	
Edna Coates	Charlene Haywood	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Sophie Coleman	Brenda Henson	Alice L. Montague	Ruth Stokes	
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Holland	Martyn Montague	Anna Strother	
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Veronica Murray	Kayla Tatum	
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Vincent Neal	Gloria Thompson	
Irena Fields	James Hughes	Marlene Patterson	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Gwendolyn Fortune	Charles Jamison	Silvia Perry	Matthew Thompson	
Tina Garvin	David & Keisha Jones	Alfred Price	Barbara B. Tyler	
			Jerome J. Wallace	
			Wayne A. Wallace	
			Shiela Washington	
			Wellington Waters	
			Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
			Harold Woodard, Sr.	
			St Luke military families.	

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Tiutus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/Psalms 116:12-19/Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mark 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Psalms 89:16-19/Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Psalms 21:2-7/Mark 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Corinthians 12:4-11/John 2:1-11

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish Penny Glover, Nikia Briant, Jaea O. Scott-Terrell and Westley Douglas II a wonderful and happy birthday.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

1/16- 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & K. Ndouga

1/17- 8:30am Mass
N. F-Douglas & P. Nixon

1/17- 11:00 am Mass
A. Young & S. Williams

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

1/17- 4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & R. Watson

1/18- 8:30am Mass
D. Savoy & V. Tinsley

1/18- 11:00 am Mass
R. Brooks, T. Hyde, Y. Sharman

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$6498.56

ATTENDANCE:

315

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus is the "face" of the Father's mercy. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, is the "face" of the Father's mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus' example when we open ourselves to the Father's mercy by looking "sincerely" into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those "who are denied their dignity."

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.

COMMUNITY YOUTH BASKETBALL AND DANCE for youth, boys and girls, on January 29, 2016 from 6:00pm—9:00pm at St. Luke Catholic Church Center. Admission is free to play basketball and to attend the dance. Concession will be served at both events. The dance will begin at 8:00pm. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Luke Church.

JUNIOR SODALITY ESSAY CONTEST: Sodality Union, Junior Sodality Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington presents a Second Essay and Drawing Contest. The junior sodality is again asking youth between the ages of 8 to 18 years to submit an essay or drawing in answer to the following question regarding climate control and Pope Francis' encyclical. — “WHAT CAN I OFFER IN SACRIFICE TO HELP THE POOR AND HELP SAVE THE EARTH?”. Please follow the guidelines at Sodality Union adw.org. You may also contact Joyce E. Thomas, St. Luke member at 202-399-0943. All entries are due by January 20, 2016.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

YEAR OF MERCY CORNER: Reflection for Baptism of the Lord: Karen, Patti, and Jimmy had a problem. They were coordinating the Catholic Charities Christmas Angel Tree program, where generous people “adopt” and provide Christmas presents for children in need. With a week to go, 300 children still needed “adopting”! With Msgr. Enzler’s help, Karen, Patti, and Jimmy reached out to the Archdiocesan community – would people Walk with Francis to support these kids? Yes! In six days, all children had been “adopted” and thousands of dollars donated. How beautiful to see so many people recognize that mercy is a loving response to the needs of others! *Find ways to share mercy with others in our community at mercy.adw.org.*

THE NEWLYWED PROGRAM: Feb 6 / 7:30-9:30 PM Calling all Newlyweds!! The Newlywed Program is a fun and informative monthly series designed for couples in the first three years of marriage and offers practical and spiritual tools to help them make their marriages GREAT! Join us on the first Saturday of each month, October-March to listen to entertaining and inspirational speakers. \$20 per couple per session/ 7:30-9:30 pm/ Meet us in the Stone House located behind the Retreat Center. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. Advance registration is appreciated: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

BENEFIT FOR ST. JOSEPH’S HOUSE & ISAIAH’S PROMISE: Make your reservations now for an evening of music and fun benefiting St. Joseph’s House, a non-profit daycare and respite home serving children with multiple disabilities, and Isaiah's Promise, which provides ongoing support to families presented with a poor prenatal diagnosis. This event will be held on Saturday, January 23 from 7-10pm at The Knights of Columbus Council located at 9707 Rosensteel Ave. in Silver Spring, MD. For reservations, contact Mary Brogan (thebrogans1@verizon.net; 301-351-5966) or Margie Cuff (margiecuff@gmail.com; 301-949-1715). Admission is \$50 for adults and \$25 for children, which includes appetizers and beverages. Warm up your cold winter's night with this work of grace!

JOB ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2016

January 25th, 2016 Location: St. Francis Xavier Parish Time is 8:45-10:30 am @ 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020 (Enter Lower Level – on “O” Street)

February 8th, 2016 Location: the Festival Center. Time is 8:45-10:30 am @ 1640 Columbia Rd., NW Washington, DC 20009

February 22nd, 2016 Location: St. Francis Xavier Parish Time is 8:45-10:30 am @ 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020 (Enter Lower Level – on “O” Street.)