



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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First Sunday of Lent

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Sunday, February 14, 2016

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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 2016 is **“Blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy from God.”** 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 --- 3:30 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.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 13th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass before Lent (VIGIL)	Terrell Wilson	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 14th	8:30am 11:00am	First Sunday of Lent First Sunday of Lent	That God's Love will dwell in our Families That God's Love will dwell in our Families	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 15th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Susie Tompkins++	Family
Tuesday 16th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Wednesday 17th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Devin Clay++ (BB)	Family
Thursday 18th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Ruth Bundy	Hilda McDougald
Friday 19th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Louise Washington (BB)	Doris Lucas

REFLECTIONS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

“The devil said to him... ‘All this will be yours, if you worship me.’” Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn’t full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to “every temptation” and when the forty days were over, “he was hungry.” In other words, he was human. Jesus’ divine nature didn’t cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do—both physical and spiritual—in his body and his soul.

As we see in today’s Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God’s word. To silence the devil during this fast, Jesus quoted Scripture. He rooted himself in these eternal truths, relying upon them in his moments of trial. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle. Finally, when all the devilish angles had been tried, “the devil departed from him for a time.” Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God’s word.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. We now embark upon a battle against our own pride, sloth, and greed as we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ultimately, we are working to put God first, instead of bowing down to our selfishness and our desire for comfort. The devil would like nothing more than to see us “worship” him in these ways. But, instead, let’s be equipped to proclaim—and to live—the words Jesus himself used: “You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

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PASTOR’S CORNER

LENT: A TIME FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved (Jer. 18:11, 25:5; Ez. 18:30, 33:11-15; Joel 2:12; Mt. 3:2; Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:38). Christ Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed (Lk. 5:35). The general law of penance, therefore, is part of the law of God for man.

The Church for her part has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfill the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics [Eastern Rite Catholics have their own penitential practices as specified by the Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches].

*Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

*Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Canon 1252 All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

*Canon 1253 It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

The Church, therefore, has two forms of official penitential practices - three if the Eucharistic fast of one hour before Communion is included.

This article is culled from <http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/abfast.php>

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
 Martha Barbour
 Barbara Barnes
 Barbara Batts
 Mary C. Bennett
 Ruth Bundy
 Beatrice Carroll
 Edna Coates
 Sophie Coleman
 Melinda Conrad Brown
 Edith Cornish
 Alvera Dance
 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
 Michael Mason
 Alice L. Montague
 Martyn Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Vincent Neal
 Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
 Lillian Pharms
 Alfred Price
 Irving Proctor
 Joseph Queen
 Doreene Redd
 Leroy Sandifer
 Anna E. Smith
 Betty Smith
 Ruth Stokes
 Anna Strother
 Kayla Tatum
 Gloria Thompson



James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Matthew Thompson
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Jerome J. Wallace
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Shiela Washington
 Wellington Waters
 Terrell Wilson
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.
 Harold Woodard, Sr.
 Beatrice Wright

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2016

Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15/Romans 10:8-13/Luke 4:1-13

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalms 19:8-10, 15/Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19/Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8/Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalms 130:1-8/Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Psalms 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Luke 9:28b-36

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful and a happy birthday to Steven Quarles, Bernadine Conrad, Denese Clay, Barbara Batts, Colette Matiki, Louise Washington, Mary Williams, Janice Williams and Chikelue Onianwah.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

2/20- 4:00pm Mass
 M. Holland

2/21- 8:30am Mass
 D. Savoy & M.G. Wright

2/21- 11:00 am Mass
 E. Williams & I. Quinones

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

2/20- 4:00pm Mass
 K. Ndouga, V

2/21- 8:30am Mass
 L. Washington, D. Lucas

2/21- 11:00 am Mass
 C. Young, E. Young & R.

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

ATTENDANCE:
 260

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."

1ST 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.

MY LENTEN COMMITMENT: In the rear of the church is a basket “My Lenten Commitment” please write your Lenten commitment on the paper that you find in the basket and place in the basket that is in front of the altar.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION will take place on Sunday, February 28, 2016. **VOLUNTEERS** are still needed. Please attend a meeting to be held on February 20, 2016 at 11:00am in the St. Martins de Porres Room. If you are interested in a table for display there are 10 tables available.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the church.

THE LIGHT IS ON—Confession and Adoration will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 5:00 to 6:00pm beginning from March 2nd 2016.

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke’s first Lenten Fish Fry will take place on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Church Hall. The sponsors will be CCD, Cameroon Faith Community and Congolese Faith Community.

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YEAR OF MERCY: Reflection for the 1st Sunday in Lent: For giving offences is a wonderful Spiritual Work of Mercy to practice during Lent. As Jesus Christ instructs us in the Sermon on the Mount, “If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions” (Matt. 6:14-15). These words immediately follow the “Our Father”, stressing how important forgiveness is in following the will of God. Today and in the week to come, how can you share God’s forgiveness and mercy with those around you, just as Christ instructs us? *Receive forgiveness yourself, that you may share it with others. Find more at mercy.adw.org.*

ONE DAY REVIVALS; Night to experience the Power and Presents of God through Music and Praise at Assumption Catholic Church, 3411 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. S.E., D.C. March 3, 2016; April 18, 2016; May 23, 2016; June 20, 2016; September 19, 2016; October 17, 2016; November 14, 2016; December 12, 2016. Revivals begin at 7:00pm, all are welcome.

CATHOLIC SINGLES OF GREATER WASHINGTON is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, enjoying each other’s company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Please find out more about us at <http://dcsinglecatholicpro.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

THE BISHOP MCNAMARA THEATRE PROGRAM proudly presents its spring play: *The Importance of Being Earnest*. *The Importance of Being Earnest* is the most famous Comedy of Manners, driven by mistaken identity and witty dialogue. Playwright Oscar Wilde aptly subtitled his play, “A Trivial Comedy for Serious People.” Performances will take place in the Bishop McNamara Fine Arts Theater on: March 18th & March 19th at 7:30 pm and March 20th at 3:00 pm. All tickets are \$10.00 each. To purchase tickets, please visit the www.bmhs.org website beginning February 26, 2016 or contact: Mrs. Mary Mitchell-Donahue at: mary.mitchelldonahue@bmhs.org or [301-735-8401 x101](tel:301-735-8401)

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: Incarnation Church members would like to invite the members of St. Luke’s to a Lenten Day of Reflection. The day of reflection will be on March 12, 2016, from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm, in the Candlelight room located at 880 Eastern Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019. Attendance at the 4:00 pm Mass is optional. The theme for the day of reflection is “**Rediscovering Jesus and your Catholic Identity**”. You can’t go wrong