



St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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

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| 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.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6PM

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

| Weekday | Time | Feast of the Day | Mass Intention | Requested By |
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| Saturday 23rd | 4:00pm | SS. George, Adalbert OPT SR | Jephthe Ngamo (BB) | Beatrice Kouemou |
| Sunday 24th | 8:30am 11:00am | Fifth Sunday of Easter Fifth Sunday of Easter | For all expectant mothers For all expectant mothers | Parish Family Parish Family |
| Monday 25th | 10:00am | St. Mark FEAST FMO | Jephthe Ngamo (BB) | Beatrice Kouemou |
| Tuesday 26th | 8:00am | Easter Weekday Mass | | |
| Wednesday 27th | 8:00am | Easter Weekday Mass | Jephthe Ngamo (BB) | Beatrice Kouemou |
| Thursday 28th | 10:00am | SS. Peter, Louis OPT SR | Jephthe Ngamo (BB) | Beatrice Kouemou |
| Friday 29th | 8:00am | St. Catherine | Karis Felton | Family |

PASTOR'S CORNER**REFLECTIONS FOR THE
FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus? As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today’s Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, *“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”* Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission.

So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered “unlovable” in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate.

The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, it’s easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to loving one another in all circumstances—like Jesus does for us—that takes it to another level.

Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn’t expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
 Martha Barbour
 Barbara Barnes
 Barbara Batts
 Ruth Bundy
 Beatrice Carroll
 Edna Coates
 Sophie Coleman
 Melinda Conrad Brown
 Edith Cornish
 Alvera Dance
 Lamont Diggs, Sr.
 Irena Fields
 Florence M. 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
 Doris McCann
 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
 St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Psalms 145:8-13/Revelation 21:1-5a/Jonah 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14/Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Psalms 145:10-13, 21/Jonah 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Psalms 122:1-5/Jonah 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Psalms 96:1-3, 10/Jonah 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Psalms 57:8-10, 12/Jonah 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Psalms 100:1-3, 5/Jonah 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/Jonah 14:23-29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful and a happy birthday to Philip Faxio, Bernard Robinson, Nayia Faxio-Douglas and Jephthe Ngamo.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

4/30/2016– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

5/1/2016– 8:30am Mass

5/1/2016– 11:00 am Mass

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

4/30/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga

5/1/2016– 8:30am Mass

5/1/2016– 11:00am Mass

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

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ATTENDANCE:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
 God of Mercy and Compassion,
 Look with pity upon me,
 Father, let me call Thee Father,
 'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
 Jesus, Lord, I ask for Mercy;
 Let me not implore in vain;
 All my sins, I now detest them,
 Never will I sin again.

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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.

HARRINGTON CASINO: Join the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Committee for a day of fun at Harrington Raceway and Casino, Thursday, May 12, 2016. Cost: \$35 per person. Price includes round trip motor coach transportation, snacks enroute plus \$15 rebate and \$7.50 toward an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. Proceeds will help support scholarships for students. Bus departs rear parking lot at 10:00AM, promptly. For reservations, contact Marguerite Simpson, 202-582-3293.

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YEAR OF MERCY: Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Easter : Emily shares that one of the greatest encounters of mercy she's experienced came through Confession: "For many years my confessions had been just going through the motions. I'd been holding onto a sin for a long time, not bringing it to the Lord out of fear and shame. But I reached a point where I knew I needed to confess it. I cried in the confessional line because I was so scared, but when I shared it with the priest, he didn't condemn me like I thought he would. He was super gentle and merciful. After absolution, I left feeling so free from the burden of that sin! I needed mercy and healing, not condemnation, and that's what God gave me. God is always there, waiting to extend his mercy. I just wish I hadn't waited for so long!" *Find ways to receive God's mercy at mercy.adw.org.*

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY GARDEN GUILD OPEN HOUSE: Interested in gardening at one of the most beautiful and prayerful sites in the region? The all-volunteer Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is holding an open house on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-noon, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017 (meet at the greenhouse behind the gift shop). Learn about our herb, vegetable and flower gardening, beekeeping, garden tours, and more. Visit www.fmgg.org or email gardenguild@gmail.com.

THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. (following noon Mass) Join the Franciscan friars in the cloister garden for the Annual Spring Luncheon. Space is limited so register now! Individual ticket(s) \$45. For more information please call 202-526-6800.

CATHOLIC-BASED, COMMUTER DEBATE CAMP, at Catholic Univ, July 25-29 Washington,DC. All high school students and recent graduates are invited. Not just winning trophies. How to influence real-world events. Critical thinking on public issues. Uncommon leadership skills. Plenty of practice and debate. Major time with unmatched Senior Instructor. Early bird discount through May 31. More information, www.statesmandebate.com, 443.822.5473.

FREE EVENT PERFECT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY: On April 30 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Washington Performing Arts and THEARC present the spring arts fair and Birthday Bash. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of THEARC, this event presents electrifying performances; interactive workshops, a moon bounce, free food and much more. Become immersed in D.C.'s rich artistic community through this fun-filled celebration. A complimentary shuttle to THEARC will be available from the Southern Ave. metro. Ample Free Parking All ages invited. For complete event please see www.washingtonperformingarts.org.

THREE TO GET MARRIED MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: Upcoming weekends: May 26-29, Jun 9-12, Jun 23-26 The marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCUS Inventory included! \$285 per couple. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org 301-365-0612.

SMALL BUSINESS FAIR: On June 6, 2016 Congressman will host an all-day Small Business Fair from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Washington Convention Center (801 Mt Vernon Place, N.W. for residents and small businesses in the District of Columbia The Fair takes up matters D.C. businesses raise with...sufficient capital and the problems associated with procurement opportunities and access to technology, among many others. To RSVP please call Hillary Allen at 202-408-9041.