

# St. Luke

## Catholic Church

4925 East Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

### 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 2017 is **“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”** [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
3rd Saturday- 3:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Seniors 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---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

#### In the Martin De Porres Chapel

**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

6:00pm Every Friday during Lent

### 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 For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 8th	4:00pm	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Vigil)	Praying for God's Healing on Ms. Beatrice Templemon	Parish Family
Sunday 9th	8:30am 11:00am	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Praying for God's Protection on Syrian Refugees Praying for God's Protection on Syrian Refugees	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 10th	8:00am	Holy Week Weekday Mass	God's Blessings for Jansen Warier Gordon	Grandma
Tuesday 11th	8:00am	Holy Week Weekday Mass	Birthday Blessings for Mom+++	Wilson Family
Wednesday 12th	6:00 pm	Holy Week Weekday	Evening Prayer & Seder Meal Celebration	Parish Family
Thursday 13th	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday (Lords Supper)	In thanksgiving to God for all priests	Parish Family
Friday 14th	3:00 pm	Good Friday of the Lords Passion (FAST & ABSTINENCE)	For persecuted Christians all over the world	Parish Family

## REFLECTIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY

*“Peter said to him in reply, ‘Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.’”* Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter *“began to curse and to swear, ‘I do not know the man.’”*

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with “hosannas,” will soon be chanting, *“Let him be crucified!”* Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then *“went out and began to weep bitterly.”*

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for *each one of us*. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew *“it must come to pass in this way.”* Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring *us* salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

## LENT WEEK 5: GIVE UP, TAKE UP, LIFT UP! PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Blanche Bourm  
Barbara Batts  
Ruth Bundy  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Aniceto Charles  
Joyce Cristwell  
Alvera Dance  
Lamont Diggs, Sr.  
Irena Fields  
Florence M. Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
Joseph Grear  
Florence Hall  
Dawn Lattimer Handen  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Michael Holland  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Charles Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson  
David & Keisha Jones  
Lawrence Lee  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Monica Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Michael Mason  
Doris McCannon  
Hilda McDougald  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal

Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Lillian Pharms  
Alfred Price  
Joseph Queen  
James Ratiff  
Doreene Redd  
Leroy Sandifer  
Anna E. Smith  
Betty Smith  
Ruth Stokes  
Kayla Tatum  
Rolland Taylor  
Gloria Thompson  
James F. Thompson, Jr.



Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Jerome J. Wallace  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington  
Cecelia Williams  
Wellington Waters  
Terrell Wilson  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.

**Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017**

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54  
**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/ Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42  
**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to .Fr. Cornelius Ejiogu, William Watts, Chinua Enwezor, Florence Hall, & Donniebell Sweeney.

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

**YOUTH & CCD CORNER**

**DO YOU KNOW ?**

1. How long does Lent last? (40 days)
2. When does it begin? (Ash Wednesday)
3. What is "Fat Tuesday"? (A day to indulge before fasting)
4. What does Lent commemorate?  
(Christ's 40 days in the desert)
5. What is the purpose of Lent? (spiritual renewal)
6. What day of the week does not count in the 40 days of Lent? (Sundays)
6. When does Lent end?

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**04/15/2017- 4:00pm Mass**  
K. H. Ndouga & M. Holland

**04/16/2017-8:30am Mass**  
D. Lucas & D. Savoy

**04/16/2017- 11:00 am Mass**  
Y. Sherman & I. Quinones

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE**

**04/15/2017- 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Hamlin & R. Watson

**04/16/2017-8:30am Mass**  
C. Tolson & C. Holland

**04/16/2017- 11:00am Mass**  
B. Conrad & J. Williams

**Church Support**

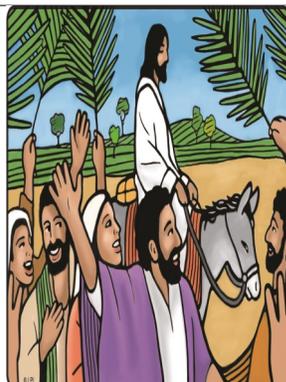
**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly \$5,28634

**ATTENDANCE:**

**304**



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."  
 And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 leaves 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.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

#### HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 12 — Evening Prayers and Sacrificial Meal 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 13 — Mass of the Lord's Last Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14 — Living Stations 2:00pm and Passion 3:00pm

#### EASTER

Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 16, — 8:30am & 11:00am

**ST. LUKE'S YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** are requested to meet on Saturday April 15th at noon to help fill more than 100 Easter Eggs with candy. Service hours will be given for this project.

**ST. LUKE'S YOUTH MINISTRY & CCD** will be having an Easter Egg hunt on April 16, 2017 after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. Who will find the ***GOLDEN EGG!!!***

**SPIRITUAL TRIP WITH THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** The Holy Name Society will travel to Baltimore, MD to visit the Oblate Sisters of Providence on Saturday April 29, 2017. They will leave from the St. Luke parking lot at 8:30am. There will be a tour of the facility from 10:30am to 11:00am followed by lunch and then at 1:00pm there will be a Re-commitment Ceremony. You must contact Mr. Byron Wilson at 571-221-4191 to make arrangements.

**CRS RICE BOWLS:** Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowls on next weekend, April 15 and 16, 2017. The rice bowls go to Catholic Relief Services to help those less fortunate. Please be sure to put your name on the rice bowl so that we may credit your account.

**ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION:** On April 14 there will be an Archdiocese special collection for the Holy Land. Thank you for your continued support.

### **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:**

- Holy Family School's 6th, 7th, & 8th will be leading us in their yearly presentation of "The Living Stations" during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00am. Holy Family Catholic Church is located at 2210 Callaway Street in Hillcrest Heights, Md. Phone (301) 894-2222. Pastor is Father Kevin Regan.
- Enrollment is now open for 2017 and 2018 School Year. Tuition is \$6,250 per child. Incentives and Financial Aid is offered. Call Mrs. Taylor in the school office at (301)894-2323 to schedule an appointment. The Office will be closed April 14-24.

## DC COMMUNITY NEWS

**CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION** is open to high school students. Members may choose whether to include 7th and 8th grade students in the art competition if schools located in their district house 7th through 12th grades on one campus. Art is due to Congresswoman Norton's office by May 2. You may obtain the rules and regulations, the Student Information and Release Form, and art submission checklist from St. Luke's rectory (202)584-8322.