



# St. Luke

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



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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 21, 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.

### 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 20th	4:00pm	Saturday Sixth Sunday of Easter ( Sunday Vigil)	Eternal Repose of Dieudonne Ndouga+++	Family
Sunday 21st	8:30am 11:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Sixth Sunday of Easter	God's Wisdom and Guidance on our First Communion Candidates, their Parents and Teachers	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 22nd	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of Michael Young Sr. +++	B. Batiste
Tuesday 23rd	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of Mary Williams +++	Family
Wednesday 24th	8:00 am	Easter Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of Paul Okwaraoha +++	Family
Thursday 25th	10:00 am	The Ascension of the Lord	Eternal rest on all our deceased parishioners, family & friends+++	Parish Family
Friday 23rd	8:00 am	St. Philip OBL	In Thanksgiving For Philip Smith	Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### A HIGHER LEVEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### REFLECTIONS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"If you love me you will keep my commandments."*

It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts—or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them—are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's Gospel, *"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."*

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Mt 22:37-39).

These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.

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But from the beginning, God desired more from human beings. He is more interested in what comes out of the heart and whether what is in the heart is enthusiastically demonstrated by one's actions. It is in the heart and mind that He wants to write *the full intent and meaning* of His laws. Jesus Christ addressed this in a parable about a servant who does *only* what his master demands (Luke 17:7-8). Jesus posed this question to His disciples: "Does he [the master] thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things *which you are commanded*, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:9-10).

Jesus pointed out that there is a *higher* level of righteousness that goes beyond the limited written demands of the Ten Commandments—a *spirit* or *spiritual intent* of the law that goes beyond the mere *letter* of the law (2 Corinthians 3:5-6). Jesus summarized that standard: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). Those two great commandments summarize the ultimate righteousness that God is creating in His children.

That level of love for God and our fellow human beings exceeds what any person is capable of having and expressing fully without the divine help that God makes available to us through the power of His Holy Spirit. It is a level of love that is in direct opposition to the selfish tendencies of our fleshly nature ( James 1:13-15; James 4:1-3). To receive the Holy Spirit, each of us must first *repent* of transgressing the Ten Commandments of God, which we should have been striving to obey already.

This excerpt is culled from <https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/the-new-covenant-does-it-abolish-gods-law/how-can-we-obey-gods>

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

Lester Allen	Florence M. Fields	James Hughes	Veronica Murray	
Barbara Barnes	Gwendolyn Fortune	Charles Jamison	Marlene Patterson	
Blanche Bourm	Tina Garvin	Mary Ann Johnson	Silvia Perry	
Barbara Batts	Elizabeth Gillem	David & Keisha Jones	Lillian Pharms	
Tammy Berry	Joseph Grear	Lawrence Lee	Alfred Price	
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Rose Luck	Joseph Queen	
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Bernadette Mahoney	James Ratiff	
Edna Coates	Dawn Lattimer Handen	Doreene Mahoney	Doreene Redd	
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Harkins	Monica Mahoney	Leroy Sandifer	
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith	
Aniceto Charles	Charlene Haywood	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Joyce Cristwell	Brenda Henson	Doris McCannon	Ruth Stokes	
Alvera Dance	Michael Holland	Hilda McDougald	Kayla Tatum	
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	James Holley	Alice L. Montague	Rolland Taylor	
Irena Fields	Rudolph Holley	Martyn Montague	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 May 21, 2017**

- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21 or Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66/1 Peter 4:13-16/John 17:1-11a
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Psalms 149:1b-6a, 9b/John 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Psalms 138:1-3, 7c-8/John 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Psalms 148:1-2, 11-14/John 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Psalms 98:1-4/John 16:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Psalms 47:2-7/John 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Psalms 47:2-3, 8-10/John 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9/Ephesians 1:17-23/ Matthew 28:16-20

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Judy Travers.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**05/27/2017- 4:00pm Mass**  
M. Holland

**05/28/2017-8:30am Mass**  
C. Tolson & N. Douglas

**05/28/2017- 11:00 am Mass**  
CCD Students

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

**05/27/2017- 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Hamlin & R. Watson

**05/28/2017-8:30am Mass**  
D. Savoy & M. Harris

**05/28/2017- 11:00am Mass**  
S. Williams & G. Abate



***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

**\$3,816.66**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**292**

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” — Jn 14:15-17**



## 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.

**ST. LUKE 60TH ANNIVERSARY:** There will be a committee meeting on May 25th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the St. Martin de Porres Room for St. Luke's 60th Anniversary.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, MD on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The group will spend time at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lunch will be "all you can eat" buffet. Total cost, including lunch is \$40.00. Please make checks payable to St. Luke's Catholic Church with memo Pilgrimage. Bus will leave from St. Luke's promptly at 8:00am and return to St. Luke's at 5:00pm. Please call the parish office 202-584-8322 to reserve your place. Payment is due by June 4, 2017. For further questions contact Sister Anne Marie, DC at 205-919-0010.

**FOXWOOD RESORT & CASINO:** The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Foxwood Resort & Casino on September 26, 27, and 28, 2017. Double occupancy is \$275 per person, triple and single occupancy is available. There will be motor coach transportation, 50/50 raffle; 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, visit to Mohegan Sun Casino and \$20 slot play and shopping. For more information contact Phil Smith at (301) 675-6208 or Milton Harris (202)412-0465 and Byron Wilson (571) 221-4191.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT-ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON** invites you to join in the celebration of JUNETEENTH on Saturday, June 17 at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Seat Pleasant, MD. The event is from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. The guest presenter is Thelma Lucas, Chaplain Consultant at St. Elizabeth Hospital. This is an event for the entire family. Come and ring children of all ages. In addition to Chaplain Lucas' presentation there will be entertainment, food, and games. It will be a fund day. The cost is \$5.00 for adult and \$3.00 for children under 13. Deadline to register is June 9, 2017. For tickets and more information please contact Gail Carter (202-391-5646)

**CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE**—June 23 & 24, 2017: *The IHM National Homeschool Conference* will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, in Fredericksburg, VA, on Friday, June 23rd (9:00am to 9:00pm) and on Saturday, June 24th (9:00am to 4:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS FOR TEENS:** Intense and enjoyable Religious Education available to our teens for 17 days overnight (Sat., June 17 through July 4). The team consist of : Sis/Dr. Orlisa Martin, Msgr. Raymond East, Ms. Patricia Waddell, RN, and a host of others. Workshops include: Leadership Training, Virtual Reality, Teen Spirituality, Triduum (each High Holy Day), Pro-Life—Anti Abortion, African Genesis: /Who Am I,, Talitha Kum, Death & Dying, HIV/AIDS, Substance Abuse—Brain Dead, Money Matters, A Purpose Driven Life, College Life, and more. Teens return to the ORACLE National Summer Institute for Youth 3 and 4 times! For an emailed brochure call Sr. Oralisa: (202) 528-8633 or email: [drmartin@oraclereligious.org](mailto:drmartin@oraclereligious.org).

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY & SAM-HSA:** Come join OLPH in Anacostia Park (Skate Pavillion) Bring your bike & helmet or your walking shoes on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Registration time is at 8:am. Starting time is at 8:30am. For more information, please call: Charles Williams at 301.651.5971.