



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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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 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.
3rd Saturday- 3:00pm
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.
Fridays---6:00pm
Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass
Prayer Meeting
Miraculous Medal Novena
Seniors Bible Study Group
Novena to St. Joseph
Bible Study
Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
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 1st	4:00pm	13th Sunday (Vigil) Mass O.T	God's Blessing for Fr. Joseph Begay	Milton Harris
Sunday 2nd	8:30am 11:00am	13th Sunday Mass O.T 13th Sunday Mass O.T	God's Blessings on our Nation & People God's Blessings on our Nation & People	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 3rd	10:00am	St. Thomas FEAST	The Patterson Family	Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson
Tuesday 4th	8:00am	Independence Day	In loving memory of Paul Yates+++	May Yates
Wednesday 5th	8:00 am	St. Anthony OPT	God's Blessing for Fr. Joseph Begay	Hilda McDougald
Thursday 6th	10:00 am	St. Maria OPT	God's Blessing for Carlita McDonald	Hilda McDougald
Friday 7th	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose for Susie and Frank McDougald+++	Family

REFLECTION FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. "White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

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The Catholic Moment: God Bless America

By Scott Mussari

These are the introductory lines penned by Irving Berlin to the song "God Bless America." His first draft was written in 1918 but was put aside and remained unfinished until 1938, when Kate Smith sang it on her radio show. Although this particular opening verse is rarely used and unfamiliar to most people today, the song became an instant hit and has remained a popular and pious prose since. It has proclaimed hope during periods of war and praise during times of peace. It has rallied our nation and nearly became our country's official national anthem.

God bless America. What does it truly mean to be blessed by God? In its purest sense, a blessing is the church's way of distinguishing the holy and spiritual in the normal and common occurrences of our lives. The term originated in formal liturgical celebrations such as the Mass and evolved into an informal term for the masses. It has shifted from the seldom spoken sacramental phrase of "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned" of the past, to the frequent habit of "Bless you" after a sneeze of the present. Unfortunately, as the usage of the word its derivatives broaden, it lessens its impact.

Land that I love. If we sincerely subscribe to the notion that God has blessed our nation, we must scrutinize how our actions reflect this belief. If we presume our Creator had and continues to have a presence in our land, then certainly the way we care for and about it would be evident. How readily do we treat the streets and the woods as our own personal dumping ground? How often do we trash and pollute our waters and air? How conscious are we of the vast resources of energy and food we consume that inevitably leave only a fraction to be divided and rationed among others?

Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with a light from above. God shines a divine light to lead us through any darkness. But we often decide to ignore God's direction and choose to follow through on our plans. The path illuminated for us is to nurture our country and its inhabitants, but when this seems too challenging we look away and lose our focus. We want to affix our eyes not on the people or things we need to help, but rather on the things that fill our needs.

From the mountains, to the prairies. To the oceans, white with foam. Everything is a blessing. Our world screams out with its scenic beauty, and every face and facet of life around us gives witness to what God has given us. From nature's landscape and panorama to our neighbor's companionship and friendship, the blessings are apparent. But many of us have a tendency to take them for granted and to forget to be grateful for them. We fail to appreciate all God has bestowed upon us and our nation.

God bless America. My home sweet home. It's ironic what people prefer to know about our homeland. Many of us can recite more names of celebrities' babies than we can our congressional leaders, or we understand more about a sports team's draft-day strategy than we do about basic public policies. Perhaps we ought to develop a more active and meaningful involvement within our society. Doing so would enable us to better collectively as a country and individually as a Catholic use the blessings to bring glory and honor to God.

God has clearly blessed the United States. Maybe it is time
America strives to bless God.

<http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/the-catholic-moment-god-bless-america/1559>

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 July 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Psalms 89:2-3, 16-19/Romans 6:3-4, 8-11/Matthew 10:37-42
 Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22/Psalms 117:1bc-2/John 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29/Psalms 26:2-3, 9-12/Matthew 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a/Psalms 34:7-8, 10-13/Matthew 8:28-34
 Thursday: Genesis 22:1b-19/Psalms 115:1-6, 8-9/Matthew 9:1-8
 Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/Psalms 135:1b-6/Matthew 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Romans 8:9, 11-13/Matthew 11:25-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Wardell Washington, Ethel Holt, Hazel J. Faxio, Tracy Tatum, Taylor Boatwright and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest and Sunday Glover-Cox.
May the Joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

07/08/2017- 4:00pm Mass
 K.H. Ndouga

07/09/2017-8:30am Mass
 P. Nixon & C.. Tolson

07/09/2017- 11:00 am Mass
 T.N. Hyde & Y. Sherman

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

07/08/2017- 4:00pm Mass
 K.H. Ndouga & P. Hamlin

07/09/2017-8:30am Mass
 L. Washington & Y. Tolson

07/09/2017- 11:00am Mass
 S. Williams & C. Young



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
 May God reward you abundantly
\$3,499.27

ATTENDANCE:
256

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” — Mt 10:42



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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP July 31 thru August 4: We would appreciate your donations of small bottle waters, juices, and snacks (Please, no peanut products) for VBC. Our kids appreciate your generosity!

DO YOU: Laugh, dance, pray, read, draw, love children, have patience, sing (out-of-tune)? If you do any or all, or maybe more; then you are ideal for VBC! Contact me, Shirley Williams, at 301/518-5596. Delighted to have you on the team!

60th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING All volunteers on the 60th Anniversary planning committee there will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30pm in the St. Martin de Porres room.

ANNUAL CRABFEAST: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, September 9 from 5pm to 9pm in the St. Luke Center. It is all you can eat and there will be other catered food. Tickets are \$50. The contacts are Keith Quarles 301-785-0315, Lenny Jones 202-907-3342 and Ray Crawford 202-438-7298.

60TH ANNIVERSARY "TEE SHIRTS" can now be pre-ordered for \$10 (\$12 for 2x and above). Please sign up at the back of the church or contact any member or the committee or parish office to place your order.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ST. MARGARET'S SPIRITUAL STEPPERS are sponsoring a Family Disco in the Omega Room. Come out on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm for an evening of music and dancing for all members of the family to enjoy. The cost is \$3 for each family member. Refreshments will be sold. For tickets or more information, please contact Lynne Harris at 301-806-8336 or Cynthia Thomas at 301-728-4829.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK: The theme for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week, July 23-29, is "It's time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love!" NFP Awareness Week is a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of NFP. These methods reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promoting openness to life and the gift of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. For more information about NFP visit, www.adw.org/nfp

ENJOY BASEBALL AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES! Come to Prince George's Stadium on Sunday, July 23 for Catholic Charities Day with the Bowie Baysox, supporting Catholic Charities' work in Prince George's County! Don't miss Catholic Charities President and CEO Father John Enzler throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Baysox take on the Altoona Curve at 2:05. A portion of each ticket purchased using the code CATHOLIC will directly benefit Catholic Charities. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit baysox.com/tickets.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MARRIED COUPLES: The archdiocesan Office of Family Life is hosting a Day of Reflection for Married Couples on Sunday, July 23 from 8:30am-3pm at St. Catherine Labouré in Wheaton, MD. The day will be led by Fr. Ángel Espinoza de Los Monteros from México. He will be talking about communication in marriage and growing deeper in your relationship with your spouse. Talks will be in Spanish but with simultaneous translation into English. Registration: adwdayofreflectionformarriedcouples.eventbrite.com.