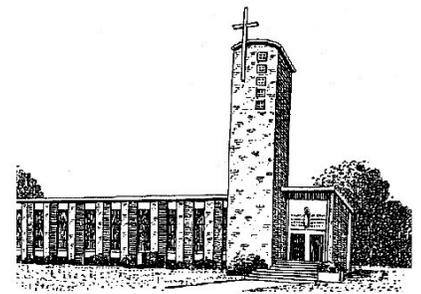


ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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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

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| 3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m. | Cameroon Community |
| 3rd Saturday - 3:00pm | Mass & Fellowship |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m. | Prayer Meeting |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena |
| Wednesday - 5:00pm | Seniors Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. | Novena to St. Joseph |
| Friday - ----8:00 a.m. | Adoration/Confession |
| 1st Friday - --6:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Fridays ---6:00pm | Prayer for Vocations |
| Saturday --- 3:30 pm | Holy Hour |
| 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30 | Stations of the Cross |
| | Rosary |
| | O/L of Guadalupe CWA |



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores 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 Godparents 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 29th	4:00pm	26th Sunday in O T (Vigil)	God's Protection & Wisdom on St Luke Parishioners in College	Parish Family
Sunday 30th	8:30am 11:00am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	God's Protection & Wisdom on St Luke Parishioners in College God's Protection & Wisdom on St Luke Parishioners in College	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 1st	10:00am	St. Therese of the Child Jesus OBL	Eternal Repose of the soul of Bishop Dieudonne Bogmis+++	Parish Family
Tuesday 2nd	8:00am	The Holy Guardian Angels OBL	God's Protection on all unborn children through out the world	Sisters
Wednesday 3rd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	In thanksgiving to God for Sister Florence Ehileme	Parish Family
Thursday 4th	10:00am	St. Francis of Assisi OBL	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Francis Young+++	Family
Friday 5th	8:00am	USA: Blessed Francis Xavier OPT	Eternal Repose for the Souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

REFLECTION FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we go about our days, we necessarily label, classify, and prioritize. What's "in" and what's "out" on our priority list? Because humans are social beings, we tend to do the same thing with people. We can only invite six people to the dinner party. Our young child wants to invite certain friends to her birthday, but we're keenly aware of who the parents are, and the prospect of spending several hours with them is enough to give us pause.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples face a classification problem. They've seen another person driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They recognize him, a non-Apostle, as clearly "out." And yet *"Jesus replied, 'Do not prevent him ... whoever is not against us is for us.'*" Jesus recognizes real faith in the would-be exorcist. In our own lives, Jesus invites us to recognize others' good intentions. They should not be cut off simply because they do not line up with all our personal preferences. What, then, is deserving of such a fate?

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off ... if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." When his listeners blame others, Jesus tends to pivot the conversation to their own lives. In this case, the message is clear. What we really need to cut out is that which keeps us from Jesus. If over-commitment causes us to lose patience with our family, doubt God's providence, and become consumed with self-reliance, cut something out. If certain friendships lead us time after time into gossip and slander, cut it out. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to live intentionally in our discipleship. Are we ready?

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

By The Very Reverend Barkley Thompson

"John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'"

This is the stumbling block so worrisome to Jesus, the thing that can cause his followers to lose their balance and their way, to trip up so violently that they fall headlong into the dirt, if not into hellfire. *Whoever is not against us is for us.* Could there be a phrase more counterintuitive or countercultural? *Whoever is not against us is for us.* In Jesus' world people were increasingly defined by their interest groups. Narrower and narrower became the things that defined who was with you and who was against you. Like William Barrett Travis' line in the sand at the Alamo, everybody had to stand on one side or the other.

The Herodians sneered at the Saducees. The Saducees would not truck with the Pharisees (except to conspire against Jesus, that is). The Romans disregarded everyone. None of these separations were casual. They were vicious. People wouldn't even break bread with one another. They spit venom and used dehumanizing rhetoric. There was no generous allowance for difference. If you disagreed, it meant you didn't love God, you didn't love country, you didn't love your fellow man. Each group believed—deeply—that if you weren't for them, you were against them. In other words, in this respect their world was a whole lot like ours.

As the followers of Jesus coalesce into a defined group all their own, the disciples fall into this same way of thinking. So when they hear of someone else going around invoking the name of Jesus—someone whose beliefs and social positions they have not vetted—they confront him and try to shut him up. I imagine the encounter was ugly and mean. They then return to Jesus with puffed up chests, expecting their teacher to applaud their purity and attempt to control the Gospel message, but Jesus surprises them. "Don't stop him," the Lord says, "Whoever is not against us is for us. For I tell you, whoever gives a cup of water to drink in my name will by no means lose the reward."

Excerpt culled from <https://rectorspage.wordpress.com/2015/09/27/whoever-is-not-against-us-is-for-us/>

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	Melvin Jamison	Regina Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Blanche Bourm	Irena Fields	Mary Ann Johnson	Florence Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Barbara Batts	Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Tanisha Bennett	Tina Garvin	Dawn Lattimer	Silvia Perry	Wayne A. Wallace
Tammy Berry	Elizabeth Gillem	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	Shiela Washington
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Alfred Price	Cecelia Williams
Valene Chemoo	Steve Halle	Maria A. Logan	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Beatrice Carroll	Michael Harkins	Rose Luck	Joyce Ratiff	Terrell Wilson
Edna Coates	Chris Hawkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Charlene Haywood	Doreene Mahoney	Xavier Roots	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Edith Cornish	Brenda Henson	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	St Luke military families.
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Joyce Cristwell	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Kayla Tatum	
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Alice L. Montague	Rolland Taylor	
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	James Hughes	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson	

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29/Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Job 1:6-22/Psalms 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Psalms 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Psalms 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Job 19:21-27/Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Psalms 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab [24b]/Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/L uke 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Hebrew 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Michael Holland, Yvonne Cooper Tolson, Charmaine Onianwah & Bryce C. Wilson, Joyce E. Thomas, Jekwon Jones, Dorethea Alan Mahoney, Sylvester Mode, Johnny Lattimore, Marvin Claude, Derrick Colbert and Kendra Akudike.

We would also like to wish a wonderful happy wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Beverly Stewart.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

10/6/2018– 4:00pm Mass
K. H. Ndouga & M. Holland

10/7/2018-8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & F.A. Cooper

10/7/2018– 11:00am Mass
B. Robinson & Christian M.

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

10/6/2018– 4:00pm Mass
S.G. Cox & R. Watson

10/7/2018-8:30am Mass
L. Washington & D. Lucas

10/7/2018-11:00am Mass
R. Brooks & E. Young

Quote of the Week

Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success.

-Henry Ford

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$2,884.63

ATTENDANCE:

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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." — Mk 9:38-39



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

THE JOSEPHITES 125TH ANNIVERSARY: Please join the Josephite Society in celebrating 125 years of serving the African American Community and the entire church. Date for the celebration is November 17th 2018. Mass of thanksgiving will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore. Time is 5:30pm The Anniversary Banquet will take place immediately after Mass at the Baltimore Convention Center, beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$125. Please call parish office for more details.

THANK YOU The Sodality would like to thank all of you who helped to make the Flee Market a success.

PRAY FOR THE CURE UMBRELLAS: are still on sale. To place an order, please sign the clip board in the rear of the church or call Mrs. Conrad.

PRAY FOR THE CURE BRUNCH will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 immediately following the Pray for the Cure Mass. Tickets are \$20 and are available after each Mass in the back of the church.

THE EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL will be held from October 1-3, 2018. The Revival will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church 2210 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748. The Revival begins at 7:00pm Nightly. The Revivalist is Rev. Sidney Speaks. St. Luke will host on Monday, October 1, 2018.

THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6– 10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 to 5:30pm at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 5205 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781. Check in will be at 8:30am and the festivities will start at 9:00am and the day will end around 5:30pm at the conclusion of Mass. All 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for a day of fellowship, faith, music and worship! The cost is \$20 per person with a discounted rate of \$15 per person for parish groups of 15 or more. Adult price is \$5per person to cover lunch.

DO YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN? If so, please contact the parish office and provide your email address. Bulletin will be sent to your email every weekend.

Parish Activities for October 2018

First Friday — 5th Holy Hour 6:00pm	Second Sunday — 14th Pray for the Cure Mass & Brunch 11:00am Mass	Fourth Thursday — 25th Food Bank
First Sunday — 7th Respect Life Sunday Vocation Awareness Sunday Sodality Meeting Holly Name Society Meeting	Third Saturday — 20th SHARE WYD Prayer Weekend	Fourth Saturday — 27th St. Luke Anniversary Weekend KOC Meeting
Second Saturday — 13th KOC Tootsie Roll Drive	Third Sunday — 21st DOI Meeting Cameroon Faith Community Meeting	Fourth Sunday — 28th Parish Anniversary Unity Mass YM/Halloween Trunk Treat