



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 31, 2019

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FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

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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 2019 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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| 2nd Sunday- 1:15 p.m | Igbo Mass |
| 3rd Sunday - 1:1:5 p.m. | Cameroon Community Mass & Fellowship |
| 3rd Saturday- 3:00pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. | Seniors Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. | Novena to St. Joseph |
| Friday - ----8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 1st Friday - --6:00 p.m. | Prayer for Vocations |
| Fridays---6:00pm | Holy Hour |
| Saturday --- 3:30 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30 | 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.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 p.m.
The Light is on-Confession & Adoration: Wednesdays 5pm-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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 30th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Lent (V)	God peace and forgiveness on all Incarcerated brothers & sisters	Parish Family
Sunday 31st	8:30am 11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Fourth Sunday of Lent	God's peace & forgiveness on all Incarcerated brothers & sisters God's peace & forgiveness on all Incarcerated brothers & sisters	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 1st	10:00am	Lenten Weekday	God's birthday blessings & protection on Hilda McDougald	Parish Family
Tuesday 2nd	8:00am	St. Francis of Paola SR	God's birthday blessings & protection on Shirley Williams	Parish Family
Wednesday 3rd	8:00am	Lenten Weekday	Eternal Repose of the Souls of Andre M. Millings+++	Hilda McDougald
Thursday 4th	10:00am	St. Isidore SR	God's birthday blessings & protection on Ashley Gale	Family
Friday 5th	8:00am	Lenten Weekday	Eternal Repose of the Souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing. We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Forgiving Father

Jesus' famous story has been traditionally called "The Prodigal Son", but it would be better named "The Forgiving Father." "...But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15:20 In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus tells a story about a loving, forgiving father who is an image of our Heavenly Father. God sees us when we stray away from Him. He even knows our greatest failures, yet He loves us and waits for us to come home to Him.

The Father is More Fair than We Think: Both sons in the story believed a lie about their father. The younger son believed the father was holding him back and keeping him from a fun and exciting life. (Luke 15:12-13). Do you reject God because you think you'll have to give up fun?

The older son believed his father was a judge. (Luke 15:29) He thought he had to earn his father's love and was unable to enjoy the love he already had. Are you working hard to be good enough for God to love you?

The Father is Full of Compassion (Psalm 145:8): Jesus describes the compassion and love the father has for his son in Luke 15:20. He didn't wait for his son with a judgmental glare or refuse to receive his son because he made mistakes. The son offered to return as a lowly servant but the father did not allow it. "He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:22-24) He restored his son completely and celebrated his return. Nothing the son did was too big for the father to forgive.

This is what God does for you when you sin or stray away. God waits for you to come home and forgives you completely. Do we deserve this? No. He forgives us because of His love and compassion. Nothing is too big for God to forgive. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

The Father Desires a Relationship: When the prodigal son returns home, the loving father goes out to meet him and says: "This son of mine... is found!" (Luke 15:24). Do you ever forget that you are God's child? Do you try to earn God's love but end up feeling like a failure? "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!..." (1 John 3:1) God loves you already and wants to be your Father.

Culled from <https://www.godlife.com/en/devotional/the-forgiving-father>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Valene Chemoo
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Joyce Diggs

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
James Ratiff
Joyce Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler

Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.
All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12/Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Corinthians 5:17-21/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezra 47:1-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/John 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21/Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Shirley Williams, Hilda McDougald, Victoria Watson, Ashley Gale, Ray Crawford, Christian Mitchell, Helen Williams and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Alfred and Gloria Price.
May the Joy of the Lord be your strength!!!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

4/06/2019- 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & G.T. Price

4/07/2019-8:30am Mass
P. Nixon & F. A. Cooper

4/07/2019- 11:00am Mass
I. Quinones & C. Okala

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

4/06/2019- 4:00pm Mass
P. Hamlin & R. Watson

4/07/2019/2019-8:30am Mass
D. Savoy & C. Holland

3/23/2019-11:00am Mass
S. Williams & C. Young

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“They caused the first wound, but you are causing the rest; this is what not forgiving does. They got it started, but you keep it going. Forgive and let it go, or it will eat you alive. You think they made you feel this way, but when you won’t forgive, you are the one inflicting the pain on yourself.”
-Bryant McGill

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$4,229.85

ATTENDANCE:

408

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” - Lk 15:31-32



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will take place every Friday during the Season of Lent @ 6pm in the Church. All are invited to actively participate by walking with our Lord Jesus on his road to Calvary.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!: The 2019 applications for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship Fund are now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. You may find the applications in the back of the church.

ST. LUKE'S FOURTH LENTEN FISH FRY: will be held on Friday, April , 2019 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. in the St. Luke Hall. This fish fry is being sponsored by Cameroon & Igbo Faith Community. Please come and support this annual fund raiser.

SENIOR'S LUNCHEON: There will be a special luncheon to celebrate all St. Luke seniors who have reached 80 years of age and above. This will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The Mass of thanksgiving will begin at 11:00 am and the luncheon will follow immediately after Mass in the St. Luke Center. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. All seniors are invited to come and celebrate with our honorees.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANNSETON IN EMMITSBURG., MD. on June 5, 2019. The bus will leave from St. Luke's parking lot at 8:00a.m and return at 5:00p.m.. Contact: Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, DC @ 205-919-0010 if you are interested in going for the pilgrimage.

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.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH presents ESSENCE of the ORIENT on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:00pm (Doors Open at 2:00pm. Tickets: \$10 (adults), \$5 (children, Free (three and under) 4925 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20019. Refreshments will be served: chicken combo \$5.00, hotdog combo \$3.00 , fries \$1.00, and Soda \$.50

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2019

	1 APPLICATION FOR 2019 FCCSF OPENS	2	3	4	5 Lenten Fish Fry Holy Hour/ Stations @ 6pm	6
7 Essence of the Ori- ent 3:00pm (Hall) Sodality Meeting 9:30am	8	9 Belly Dance 6:00pm	10 The Light is on: Confession/ Adoration 5-6pm	11 80s & Above Senior Party @ 11am	12 Lenten Fish Fry Stations of the Cross @ 6pm	13
14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord HOLY WEEK BEGINS	15 Holy Monday Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mattherw @7pm	16	17 Holy Wed. Sacrificial Meal and Evening Prayer 6:00pm (No 8:00am Mass)	18 Holy Thurs. Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet 7:00pm	19 Good Friday Lord's Passion 3:00pm	20 Easter Vigil 7:30pm SHARE DAY
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22	23 Belly Dance 6:00pm	24	25 Food Bank	26	27
28 Knights of Colum- bus Meeting 9:30	29	30				