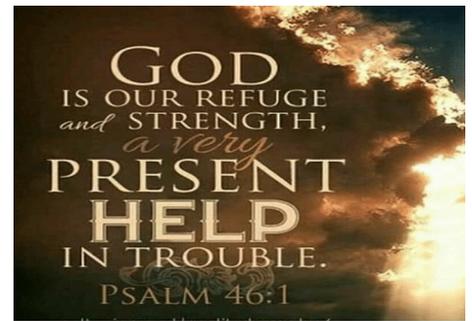


# ST. LUKE

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 1, 2019

## PASTORAL STAFF

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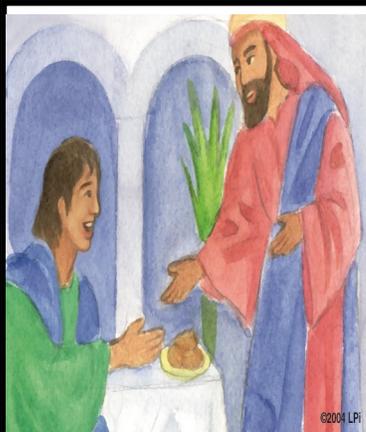
**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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

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
Saturday --- 3:30 pm	Holy Hour
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 31st	4:00pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (v)	God's blessings and protection for Jansen Gorden	Grandma
Sunday 1st	8:30am 11:00am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	God's Blessings and Protection on all students, teachers and school staff.	Parish Family
Monday 2nd	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Reginald Z. Lucas, Sr. +++ (BB)	Mom
Tuesday 3rd	8:00am	St. Gregory OBL	God's blessings and protection for Joshua Faison	Family
Wednesday 4th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Isaac Saxone Akhaine+++	Parish Family
Thursday 5th	10:00am	St. Teresa OPT	Eternal Repose of the soul of James W. Cephas+++	Parish Family
Friday 6th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

### REFLECTION FOR 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### SUMMARY OF THE PARABLE OF THE LOWEST SEAT AT THE BANQUET

Jesus proposes a situation: what if you sit at the place of honor, but then discover that the host has invited a more "important" person. The host may then request that you take a lower seat, or even the lowest seat, and you would be embarrassed and disgraced in front of everyone.

For this reason, Jesus tells them that they should instead assume they are the least-important person at the banquet and take the lowest seat. Then, if the host decides they are more important, they will be honored in front of everyone when he tells them to take a higher seat. As with most of his parables, Jesus is not speaking of worldly banquets, but the kingdom of God. The Heavenly Father is the host, and Jesus is speaking of humility in God's kingdom, which he clarifies by saying, "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

Jesus then speaks directly to the person who invited him, telling the Pharisee that he should give a banquet for the poor, crippled, lame, and blind, instead of his friends, family, and rich neighbors.

The reason is because his friends, family, and rich neighbors can repay him, but the poor, crippled, lame, and blind cannot repay. Jesus finishes with his point, "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:14)

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes	Joyce Diggs	Melvin Jamison	Marlene Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Mary Ann Johnson	Silvia Perry	Barbara B. Tyler
Barbara Batts	Irena Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Lillian Pharms	Wayne A. Wallace
Tanisha Bennett	Florence M. Fields	Dawn Lattimer	Alfred Price	Shiela Washington
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Lawrence Lee	Kecia Proctor	Cecelia Williams
Ruth Bundy	Elizabeth Gillem	Fred Lewis	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Beatrice Carroll	Florence Hall	Maria A. Logan	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Steve Halle	Bernadette Mahoney	Dashau Robinson	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Doreene Mahoney	Xavier Roots	St Luke military
Aniceto Charles	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	families. All the Home-
Patricia Chase	Brenda Henson	Doris McCannon	Betty Smith	less men and women in
Valene Chemoo	Norma Henson	Alice L. Montague	Kayla Tatum	our community. Please
Joyce Cristwell	James Holley	Veronica Murray	Rolland Taylor	pray for all those who
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	David Neal	Gloria Thompson	are sick but have no
Iyana Davage	James Hughes	Florence Patterson	James F. Thompson, Jr.	one to pray for them

Readings for the Week of September 1, 2019

**Sunday:** Sirach3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Psalms 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Psalms96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/  
Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Luke 4:31-  
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**Wednesday:** Colossians 1:1-8/Psalms52:10, 11 [10]/Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Colossians 1:9-14/Psalms 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Luke 5:1-11

**Friday:** Colossians 1:15-20/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Colossians 1:21-23/Psalms 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Luke 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Wisdom9:13-18b/Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Philemon 9-  
10, 12-17/Luke 14:25-33

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Louis A. Ratiff, & Marguerite Simpson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Victoria Watson and Mr. and Mrs. John and Gertrude Quarles.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

**9/7/2019-4:00pm Mass**  
K.H.Ndougga & R. Watson

**9/8/2019-830am Mass**  
C. Tolson & M. Greene

**9/8/2019- 11:00am Mass**  
I. Quinones & A. Ninat

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**9/7/2019- 4:00pm Mass**  
S.G. Cox & R. Watson

**9/8/2019-8:30am Mass**  
M. Harris & C. Holland

**9/8/2019-11:00am Mass**  
V. Tinsley & T. N-Hyde

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.  
- Saint Augustine

*Church Support*

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly  
\$ 3,130.32

**ATTENDANCE:**

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"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9



## 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.

**ST. LUKE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** is sponsoring a trip to Foxwood Resort and Casino on September 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2019. Cost is \$390.00 person (based on double occupancy, \$320.00 per person (triple occupancy) and \$590.00 per person (single Occupancy) . Motor coach transportation, 50/50 raffle on the bus trip going, 3 nights lodging (Great Cedar Casino) 6 meals: 3 buffet breakfast and 3 buffet dinners, visit to Mohegan Sun Casino, \$20.00 slot lay, shopping. Ticket sales contact: Milton Harris 202-412-0465, Byron Wilson 202-945-3836, Ronald Scott 202-581-9115 and Phil Smith 301-675-6208.

**ST. LUKE'S PIANO PALOOZA RAFFLE:** Thank you to all parishioners and friends who are assisting in the capital campaign to raise \$30,000 to pay for our new grand piano. To enable us attain this goal, we will be selling off some raffle tickets beginning Saturday, August 17., 2019. Each ticket will cost \$10.00. The first prize is \$1,500.00, 2nd prize is \$1,000.00 and third prize is \$500.00. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church after each Mass. Please help us sing joyfully to the Lord our God by purchasing and selling these 3,000 tickets. Remain blessed!

**MASS OF CHRISTIANS BURIAL FOR MR. JAMES W. CEPHAS:** will take place on Thursday September 5th 2019. Viewing begins at 10am and Mass will be celebrated at 11am. Please pray for God's consolation on the family.

**THE ANNUAL SODALITY STREET FESTIVAL** will be held on September 21, 2019. Table rentals are available at \$15.00. You may contact Joyce Thomas at 202-399-0943 or 240-372-8179 or you may contact any other member of the Sodality.

**PRAY FOR THE CURE PINK CANDLE PROCESSION:** Dear St. Luke family we need 19 people to sign up for the Pray for the Cure Pink Candle Procession. The list will be in the back of the church. There can only be one person per family.

**BENEFIT CABARET** sponsored by St. Luke Center Angels on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 9:00pm to 1:00am at the St. Luke Center. Donation is \$15.00 and there will be free set ups. Music will be by DJ Melvin & Adrienne. Dress attire. No jeans. Please come out and show your support.

**ST. LUKE 3rd ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2020:** Dear ladies of St. Luke, we are requesting volunteers to serve on the planning committee for the upcoming 3rd Annual Women's Conference to be held in March 2020. A sign-up sheet will be located in the rear of the Church after each mass.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**THE TASTE PROGRAM:** Looking for ways to grow close to Jesus and learn more about your Faith? The Taste Program is a Catholic Women's program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus and the Church He founded. Register Now for the first weekly session on Thursday, September 19, 2019. For further information and registration please visit [www.TasteProgram.com](http://www.TasteProgram.com).

**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA-ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DIVISION:** invites you to participate in Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the children, Friday, September 13 at 1:00pm.

**FREE ADULT DENTAL CLINIC:** by the Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy presented by Cigna on September 13-14, 2019 at the University of Maryland Xfinity Center on 2001 Paint Branch Drive in College Park Md 20720. This is first come first served and doors open at 7:00am. It is a free event with state-of-the-art dental care at NO COST! You must be over the age of 18. All dental services are provided by licensed dentists and hygienists. The services include cleanings, x-rays, restorative fillings and extractions. For more information visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/mom](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/mom) or [www.sph.umd.edu/center/che](http://www.sph.umd.edu/center/che).

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**ANNUAL PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT** presented by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center at 801 Mount Vernon Place N.W. At the summit, parents from across the District will learn and share information about services, resources, best practices, and strategies to support learning at home and school. Registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/2019ParentSummit>. For more information you may contact Valrie Brown at (202)299-2093 or [Valrie.Brown@dc.gov](mailto:Valrie.Brown@dc.gov)