

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, November 20, 2016

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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 2016 is "**Blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy from God.**" 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 - ---7:00 p.m.

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

Rosary

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

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.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By	
Saturday 19th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil			
Sunday 20th	8:30am 11:00am	26th Sunday Mass in O T 26th Sunday Mass in O T	God's Healing and Racial Justice in America God's Healing and Racial Justice in America	Parish Family Parish Family	
Monday 21st	10:00pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary OBL			
Tuesday 22nd	8:00am	St. Cecilia OBL			
Wednesday 23rd	8:00am	SS Clement I & Columban OPT	In memory of Melvin R. Parks++ (BB)	Joyce Thomas	
Thursday 24th	10:00am	St. Andrew OBL			
Friday 25th	8:00am	St. Catherine OPT	In memory of Donald Lewis++ (BB)	OLinda & children	

PASTOR'S CORNER

REFLECTIONS FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The two thieves that were crucified next to Jesus show two very different ways of understanding who Jesus was. The first thief insulted Jesus, prodded him, mocked him. He didn't believe that Jesus had any power whatsoever. Like the sneering crowds, he thought that it was a joke to label Jesus as the "King of the Jews."

But the second thief, known in tradition as "the good thief," had a different perception. He understood that Jesus did in fact have power because, as Jesus had told Pilate only hours earlier, his kingdom "is not of this world." The good thief understood that the kingdom of God awaits those who believe in the Lord. And when this man made that final act of faith on his own cross, Jesus promised him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Today as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are challenged to have as much faith as the good thief. We are challenged to believe that Jesus is in fact the "King of the Universe," even when it may not appear that way to those who stand by sneering. Jesus did not choose to hop down off the cross and make everything cheery. Instead he fulfilled his mission for an end result that was infinitely better than simply saving himself and those two thieves; by dying on the cross, he saved us all!

So we too need to trust that just because Jesus doesn't always answer our prayers exactly how we want or expect, and just because we find ourselves carrying a cross from time to time, it does not mean he isn't in charge! On the contrary, we need to trust, as the good thief did, that Jesus' mission is to bring all of us to join him in his heavenly kingdom.

WHAT IS FAITH?

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM? HOW DOES IT GROW WITHIN US?

Faith is first and foremost a gift of God. We cannot acquire it on our own, through our own efforts or through any human power. "Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 153). Faith is also a human act, in that it requires a response on our part. "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (CCC, no. 155). The apostles, who had already been given the gift of faith, recognized its limit within themselves and asked the Lord for the grace to respond more generously to His invitation to believe.

We must take care to distinguish faith as a supernatural virtue from religious feelings or sentiment arising from devotion. Faith is not the equivalent of religious ardor, although it may contribute to it. Faith is a virtue, a habit of the soul, which disposes the person to surrender their mind and heart to God. St. Paul calls this free submission of intellect and will "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; see CCC, no. 143). Although self-surrender may go against our instincts, it is the path to true freedom and the source of liberation for our mind and will. God is the source of all truth, goodness and beauty. To be rooted in him through the obedience of faith opens the mind to what is true, the will to what is good, and the whole person to what is delightful.

There will be times when our faith seems weak. We may experience a loss in confidence in God due to suffering or difficult circumstances. The moral and social decline that surrounds us can cause dismay and incomprehension. We may sometimes ask, "Where is God?" when confronted with tragedy, injustice or interior aridity. To experience these things does not mean that we lack faith. It may mean, however, that we have come up to the limits of our faith, to its frontier in our hearts.

We can't see beyond the present horizon because our faith doesn't extend too far beyond the present moment. On those occasions, we ought to imitate the apostles, saying to the Lord, "increase our faith," and have confidence that he will, even if we don't perceive that intensification right away. We cannot help but to recall the faith of the Mother of God. "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45). We also believe, and beg the Lord to expand the boundaries of our faith, after the pattern of His holy Mother.



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 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.

REMINDER: THANKSGIVING DINNER sponsored by the NE/SE Ecumenical Outreach Ministry in St. Luke parish hall on Monday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All are invited.

THANKSGIVING MASS will be held at 10:00am in St. Luke Church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual St. Luke Christmas Concert is scheduled for the 4th of December 2016. Venue will be at St. Luke Center. Time is 3pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

YEAR OF MERCY: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 20th This Sunday marks the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a year spent celebrating the wondrous mercy of God and the many ways we share his mercy with those around us. At the beginning of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis wrote: “Mercy is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ... This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.” Though this Jubilee year is ending, the need for mercy in our world is not. Carry these words and the graces of this past year forward through the Christian witness of your life. Be merciful to each other. *Continue to celebrate God’s mercy with us at mercy.adw.org and catholiccharitiesdc.org.*

ADVENT AT THE ST. JOHN PAUL NATIONAL SHRINE: Advent concert and carols on Gaudete Sunday, December 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The concert will be based on Sacred Scripture St. John Paul II’s writings on Advent. In addition on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm the Shrine will have a Penance Service with Adoration, Confession and Benediction. On Sunday, December 18, Blessing of the Bambenelli will take place at the 2:00pm Mass. For more information visit www.jp2shrine.org or email events@jpshrine.org.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Michael Holland
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison

David & Keisha Jones
Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCann
Hilda McDougald
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry

Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Irving Proctor
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Patricia Scott
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
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.
Beatrice Wright

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jamallon Owens, Lois Williams and Khiya Martin.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

11/26/2016– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

11/27/2016– 8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & D. Savoy

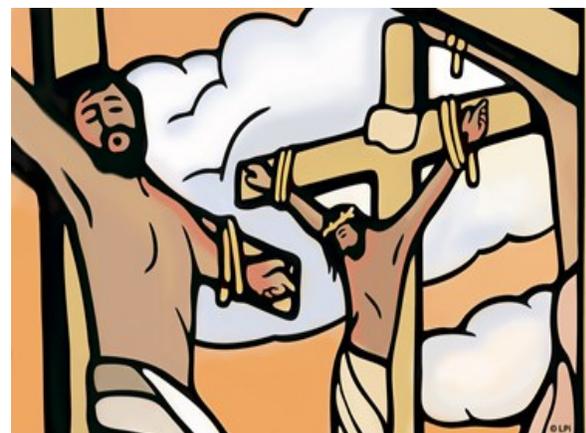
11/27/2016– 11:00 am Mass
E. Williams & I. Quinones

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

11/27/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga

11/27/2016– 8:30am Mass
L. Washington & M. Harris

11/27/2016– 11:00am Mass
D. Baker & E.. Young

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

ATTENDANCE:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).
— Homily on March 17, 2013

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — Lk 23:42-43