

# St. Luke

**Catholic Church**  
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Washington, DC 20019

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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 2015 is **“Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

## Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.  
Last Sunday— 1:00pm  
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 of Lent—6:00pm  
Saturday —3:00 pm

Cameroon Mass  
Congolese Mass  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
Senior 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

**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	Requested By
Saturday 2nd	4:00pm	SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (VIGIL)	Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson	Patterson Family
Sunday 3rd	8:30am 11:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord The Epiphany of the Lord	Praying for a fruitful New Year Praying for a fruitful New Year	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 4th	10:00am	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (OBL)	Charles Bias++	Parish Family
Tuesday 5th	8:00am	St. John Neumann (OBL)	Terrell Wilson	Jacqueline Wilson
Wednesday 6th	8:00am	St. Andre Bessette (OPT)	Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 7th	10:00pm	Thursday after the Epiphany of the Lord	Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson	Patterson Family
Friday 8th	8:00am	Friday after the Epiphany of the Lord	Mary Davis++	Parish Family

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.* These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival.

And when they found him, *“they were overjoyed.”* Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when *“they saw the child with Mary his mother.”* For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it’s important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense.

The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as *“they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts.”* Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder.

Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone’s life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to “find” Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us.

No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

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## PASTOR’S CORNER

### DRENCHED IN HOLINESS: PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

Dear God,

On this day I ask You to grant this request?

May I know who I am and what I am,

Every moment of every day.

May I be a catalyst for light and love,

And bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.

May I have the strength to stand tall  
in the face of conflict,

And the courage to speak my voice,  
even when I'm scared.

May I have the humility to follow my heart,

And the passion to live my soul's desires.

May I seek to know the highest truth

And dismiss the gravitational pull  
of my lower self.

May I embrace and love the totality of myself?

My darkness as well as my light.

May I be brave enough to hear my heart?

To let it soften so that I may gracefully

Choose faith over fear.

Today is my day to surrender anything that stands

Between the sacredness of my humanity  
and my divinity.

May I be drenched in my Holiness

And engulfed by Your love.

May all else melt away.

And so it is.

**By: Debbie Ford**

## Pray for the Sick &amp; Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin

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  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
Leroy Sandifer  
Anna E. Smith  
Betty Smith  
Ruth Stokes  
Anna Strother  
Kayla Tatum  
Gloria Thompson  
Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Jerome J. Wallace



Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.

## Readings for the Week of January 3, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6/Psalms 2:7-8, 10-12/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8/Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4/Psalms 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20/Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/Psalms 149:1-6, 9/John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalms 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Timothy 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Luke 3:15-16,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/  
ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish  
**Doris Lucas, Evelyn Mode and  
Christopher McKnight**  
a wonderful and happy birthday.

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

**1/7- 4:00pm Mass**  
**K. Ndouga & M. Holland**

**1/8- 8:30am Mass**  
**D. Lucas & M. Wright**

**1/8- 11:00 am Mass**  
**B. Robinson & B. Piawi**

## E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**1/7- 4:00pm Mass**  
**V. Watson & S Glover-Cox**

**1/8- 8:30am Mass**  
**L Washington & C Holland**

**1/8- 11:00 am Mass**  
**B. Conrad & E. Young**

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**Christmas—330**

**Weekend—244**

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

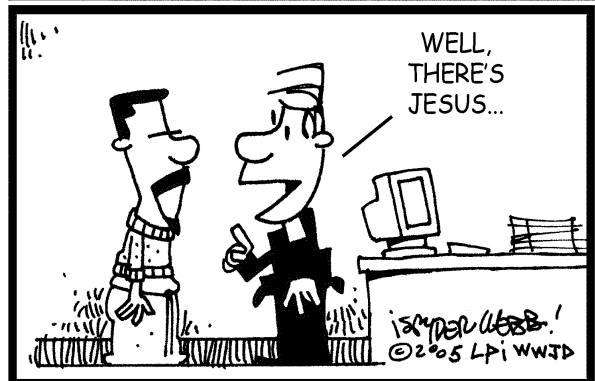
Jesus is the “face” of the Father’s mercy. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, is the “face” of the Father’s mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus’ example when we open ourselves to the Father’s mercy by looking “sincerely” into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those “who are denied their dignity.”

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LOOK AT  
THIS STUPID  
SWEATER MY  
COUSIN SENT  
ME: THERE'S  
NO SUCH  
THING AS  
ONE SIZE  
FITS ALL.



WELL,  
THERE'S  
JESUS...





## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves for our Tree located in 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.

**HOLY HOUR** will be held Friday, January 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** is delivering blankets to the homeless on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Teens are to meet in the Church Hall at 10:00am. Volunteer drivers are also needed to help deliver the blankets. All volunteers can also meet in the Church Hall at 10:00 am.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON**

**YEAR OF MERCY CORNER: Reflection for Epiphany** “The watchword for this week is ‘belonging.’ There’s something in our picture of the feast that really brings home the idea of including everybody. We see the three wise men, coming to Bethlehem, and to us, as wayfarers from outside the Jewish people. With Christ’s birth, everybody is invited to come in. In church this Sunday, think about all the people all over the world who are in church with you. They may be in the Philippines, or in Kenya, or in Mexico, but really we are all sharing in the same meal. They’re here with us, even if we can’t see them.” *Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**MONTHLY REFLECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN: The Christian Difference:** For Men: Feb 3, Mar 2

For Women: Jan 27, Feb 24 — Take time out of your busy schedule and find something different. Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations related to the theme for the year, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required to attend. Suggested donations: \$10 per person.

Reflections for Men are offered on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00-9:30pm. Reflections for Women are offered twice on the fourth Wednesday: Morning session: 9:45 am -12:30 pm/Evening session: 7:00 -9:45pm (some months are not the 4th Wednesday, please see our website for more information.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information please visit their website ([www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)) or call 301-365-0612.

**THREE TO GET MARRIED MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND:** Upcoming weekends: Feb 11-14, Mar 31-Apr 3, Apr 28-May 1 Are You Ready?! You’re not just planning a wedding, you’re preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included! \$285 per couple. Registration required. [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) 301-365-0612. Weekends sell out, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD.

**FOURTH ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE:** Registration is now open for the Fourth Archdiocesan Women’s Conference, “Divine Mercy in Prayer and Action,” to be held at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD from 8am-4pm on Saturday, February 27. The day will also include one workshop, afternoon keynotes, Mass, Confessions, lunch, and many faith-based exhibitors. The day will end with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. To register go to [2016adwwomensconference.eventbrite.com](http://2016adwwomensconference.eventbrite.com). For further information about speakers and the schedule, please visit [www.adw.org/womensconference](http://www.adw.org/womensconference). If you have questions, contact Maria Suarez Hamm in the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or [mhamm@adw.org](mailto:mhamm@adw.org).

**GIVEN: The Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum:** Sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR), and in collaboration with the Hilton Foundation, GIVEN will bring together 300 rising women leaders, selected by application, with religious and lay leaders from various disciplines for a full-scholarship, week-long immersion in faith formation, practical training, and networking from June 7-12 at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. GIVEN welcomes the application of any young woman in the United States, between the ages of 20-30, who is vibrantly living her Catholic faith. The application deadline is February 2, and please visit [www.givenforum.org](http://www.givenforum.org) to apply and to learn more. For questions or to participate in sponsoring the event, contact