

St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers
and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, March 2, 2014

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

FRIDAY & OTHER DAYS: By Appointment

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Website: www.stlukechurchssj.org

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 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 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.



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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Cameroon Mass

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Senior Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Friday - ----8:00 a.m.

Prayer for Vocations

1st Friday - --7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour

Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

<u>WEEKENDS</u>		<u>TIME</u>	<u>FEAST OF THE DAY</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
SATURDAY	1st	4:00 PM	VIGIL MASS	TAVIN PATTERSON (bb)	MERCER PATTERSON
SUNDAY	2nd	8:30AM 11:00AM	SUNDAY MASS SUNDAY MASS	MARIE UPSHAW ANNIEBELLE & JAMES	HILDA MCDUGALD PARISH FAMILY
MONDAY	3rd	10:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	KARIS FELTON	BY FAMILY
TUESDAY	4th	8:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	CHIDI EJIJOGU	FR. CORNELIUS
WEDNESDAY	5th	7:00AM & 10:00AM, 4:00PM & 6:00PM	ASH WEDNESDAY	SICK & SHUT-IN	PARISH FAMILY
THURSDAY	6th	10:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	MATHEW LUCAS+	BY HILDA MCDUGALD
FRIDAY	7th	8:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	SUSIE & FRANK MCDUGALD+	BY FAMILY

REFLECTION FOR THE

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” The anti-anxiety message Jesus gives us today is not just ancient pop psychology. The point of this passage isn’t to give us a “strategy” for coping with our fears. Jesus is proposing something much more profound. He is teaching us how to eliminate our fears altogether.

To put it simply, he tells us to get our priorities straight. This whole reflection on worrying culminates in the instruction to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” That’s where our freedom lies. When we concern ourselves with being in right relationship with God, our other concerns melt away.

Deep down, we know that this life isn’t about bodily health or comfort. Those things don’t last anyway. But freedom from fretting is more than simply thinking about how it’ll all work out—eventually—in heaven. No. Jesus offers us more. He insists that our heavenly Father will provide for us, here and now. We only need to take him at his word. That means sticking to our part of the bargain by putting God first.

What does this look like, this seeking God and not worrying about the rest? It looks like Mother Teresa giving up every material possession, living amongst the poor without any dependable income, and watching truckloads of food appear at her doorstep unannounced. It looks like a check showing up in the mailbox of two struggling parents to cover the medical bills for their sick baby.

It looks like the couple that tithes to its parish month after month, and still finds it has plenty to cover its expenses. In a word, it looks like trust. Trust in the divine providence of a Father who loves his children.

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a movable observance, six and one-half weeks before Easter. It was set as the first day of Lent by Pope St. Gregory the Great (590-604) with the extension of an earlier and shorter penitential season to a total period including 40 weekdays of fasting before Easter. It is a day of fast and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them of their obligation to do penance of sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and by bearing with patience and for God’s purposes the trials and difficulties of everyday life.


The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return,” or: “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Such practices in Lent are intended to dispose the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Abstinence refers specifically to the prohibition against eating meat, not including eggs, milk, milk products, and sauces made from animal fats. Fish is permitted, as are all cold-blooded animals...

The season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery. This twofold character is to be brought into greater prominence both in the liturgy and by liturgical catechesis. Hence: a) More use is to be made of the baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy; some of them, which used to flourish in bygone days, are to be restored as may seem good. b) The same is to apply to the penitential elements.

As regards instruction it is important to impress on the minds of the faithful not only a social consequences of sin but also that essence of the virtue of penance which leads to the detestation of sin as an offence against God; the role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the people must be exhorted to pray for sinners. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual, but also external and social. The practice of penance should be fostered in ways that are possible in our own times and in different regions, and according to the circumstances of the faithful.

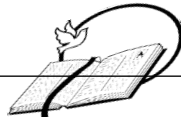
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Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Batts | Theodosia Fitch | Rudolph Holley | Annibelle Nelson |  | |
| Beatrice Carroll | Gwendolyn Fortune | James Hughes | Betty Payne | | |
| Edna Coates | Tina Garvin | Charles Jamison | Lillian Pharms | | |
| Deacon Joe Conrad | Oceacie Gray, Jr. | Fred Jones | Joseph Queen | | Matthew Thompson |
| Edith Cornish | Joseph Grear | Mary A. Lewis | Bernadette Redmond | | Jerome J. Wallace |
| Alvera Dance | Florence Hall | Rose Luck | Anna E. Smith | | Wayne A. Wallace |
| Mary E. Davis | Michael Harkins | Doreene Mahoney | Betty Smith | | Mary P.G. Washington |
| Bertha Dearing | Mary Harris | Barbara Mallory | Ruth Stokes | | Shiela Washington |
| Lucille Diggs | Chris Hawkins | Clement Martin | Anna Strother | | Wellington Waters |
| Carlos Fields, Sr. | Charlene Haywood | Regina Neal | Kayla Tatum | | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| Irena Fields | Brenda Henson | Vincent Neal | Gloria Thompson | | |

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2014

- Sunday:** Isaiah 49:14-15/ 1Corinthians 4:1-5/Matthew 6:24-34
- Monday:** 1 Peter 1:3-9/Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Peter 1:10-16/Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18/ 2Cor 5:20—6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25
- Friday:** Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Isaiah 58:9b-14/Luke 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Matthew 4:1-11



Lectors Schedule for Next Week

- 3/8—4:00pm Mass— Audrey Colvon & John Rookard, Sr.**
- 3/9--8:30am Mass— John Faxio & Doris Lucas**
- 3/9—11:00am Mass— Bernard Robinson & Terrenthia Sweeney**

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY 65th ANNIVERSARY to Anniebelle and James Nelson as of February 26, 2014. They were married at Church of Incarnation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

We would like to wish Aaron Hyde a very wonderful birthday celebration. May the joy of the Lord be your strength. Wishing you many more grace filled years ahead.

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

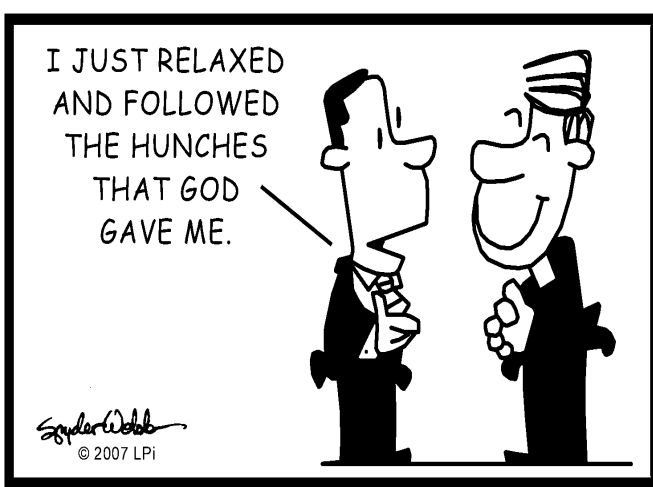
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Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

ATTENDANCE:

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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 59 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.

A NEW WEBSITE FOR ST. LUKE: Our Parish now has a new website that we can truly call our own—www.stlukechurchssj.org. To help us keep our site attractive/effective, we encourage all parishioners to submit pictures of Eucharistic celebrations or other social events, happenings in and around our parish. Leaders of the various ministries in the parish should take advantage of this site to post information as well as advertise up-coming events. Please “Friend us” and “like our postings” in the parish Facebook account— <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc?fref=ts>. For more information please call parish office.

TELL US YOUR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS: Please notify us about your wedding anniversaries and birthdays so we can say a prayer for you. Please call parish office for further information.

BANS OF MARRIAGE: Meranda Octavia Mills, daughter of Elsie Marshall of St. Luke Church desires to be married to Joseph Reginald Coles, Son of “Thomesena Coles and Joseph Coles of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church on March 15th 2014 at St. Luke.

THANK YOU to all parishioners of St. Luke Church for all your prayers and cards for my son Mathew and me. I love you all.

Sincerely,
Doris C. Lucas

HOLY HOUR will be held Friday, February 7th, at 7:00pm in the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass will be held at 10:00am. There will be a 4:00pm service and a 6:00pm Mass.

THE LIGHT IS ON: Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist and confessions will be held during lent on every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm beginning March 12th in the Church.

FISH FRYS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday during Lent beginning this Friday March 7th. From 11:00am to 3:00pm. The Holy Name Society will be hosting the Fish Fry. Forms are at the back of church or please call the Rectory to place your orders beginning Tuesdays of each week.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL! Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bown, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the Church. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor. For Lent for life, visit www.crsricebowl.org.