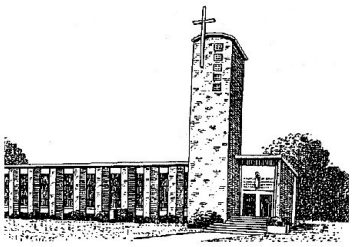

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **"HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY"** **Sunday, July 5, 2015**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **FRIDAY & WEEKENDS**: By Appointment
Fax (202) 584-3421 **Email** stluke.dc@adwparish.org **Website:** www.stlukechurchssj.org

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 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.	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
Fridays of Lent—7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

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.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 4th	4:00pm	Fourteenth Sunday O T (VIGIL)	Ingrid Manuela++	Beatrice Kouemou
Sunday 5th	8:30am 11:00am	Fourteenth Sunday of O T Fourteenth Sunday of O T	For all Fathers in the world For all Fathers in our Parish	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 6th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Teresa Dixon++	Geraldine Marshall
Tuesday 7th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Mama Octavie++ & Aunty Elizabeth++	Beatrice Kouemou
Wednesday 8th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Ingrid Manuela++	Beatrice Kouemou
Thursday 9th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Mama Octavie++ & Aunty Elizabeth++	Beatrice Kouemou
Friday 10th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Ingrid Manuela++	Beatrice Kouemou

Reflection For 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He was amazed at their lack of faith." The citizens in Jesus' hometown just couldn't bring themselves to believe in him. Even though they "were astonished" when they beheld his wisdom and learned about his mighty deeds, nonetheless, "they took offense at him." What right did one of their local boys have to run around claiming he was a prophet? Prophets come from other places. Prophets are sent by God. The son of the village carpenter would never fit that bill.

So in spite of clear evidence to the contrary, the established modes of thinking and the built-in prejudices of the townspeople led them to conclude that Jesus was not who he said he was. Because of this stubborn hardness of heart, Jesus' "own kin" missed out on the gifts that perfect strangers were receiving: *"He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."*

How often are we like these small-minded villagers? How often do we stay trapped in the regular routine of our daily existence and fail to have the faith to believe that *God is right here in our own hearts and our own homes?* As Christians, we may know about the wisdom and power of God, but we too often hesitate to acknowledge that this same power can be at work here in our very midst.

Just as in Nazareth, *our* failure to believe can prevent God from working the mighty deeds he would otherwise perform in *our* lives. If we don't give him the freedom of our faith, if we don't call upon his Spirit to move us and lead us, then we are closing ourselves off from the real miracle right in front of us. Instead, let us open our hearts and our minds to recognize the presence of God, not just in *other* places, but right here, right now.

PASTOR'S CORNER

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear Parish family, as we celebrate another independence day, we are reminded to lift up our voices and pray for this great country. We recognize that some of us are weighed down by the uncertainties lingering around our future. But we must not become so worried of what tomorrow holds that we fail to live today. God calls us to trust him; he is still in control because he's got America and the whole world in his hand.

This year's independence weekend presents us the opportunity to earnestly pray for the United States of American. We owe that much to our beloved nation. So please join me in reciting this beautiful prayer that was written by Susan Helene Kramer (a Meditation Editor for BellaOnline). Susan prays:

May the glory of Independence Day
Remain in mind in heart
May we cherish our hard-won freedom
That it never falls apart.

Because those who walked before us
Believed in freedom's cause so much
We can carry forth a torch
Of honor and 'In God We Trust'.

That first Independence Day
More than two centuries past
Must live forever in our thoughts
Never forgotten - never a lapse.

It is a precious land we hold
In safekeeping for our children
That they, as we, may enjoy
Lives bountiful, worth living.

May God's blessings ever
Ring out
Over all our land
A toast of praise we raise today
Americans - join hand in hand!

This prayer is culled from http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art21373.asp

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Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Mary C. Bennett
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearring
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
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Alfred Price
Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Bernadette Redmond
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
Lois Williams
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2015

Sunday: Ez ekiel 2:2-5/2 Corinthians12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6a
Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a/Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33/Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Matthew10:7-15
Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Matthew 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Amos 7:12-15/Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mark 6:7-13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Delores Woodard, Christine Tolson, Wardell Washington, Paul Mahoney, Tracy Tatum & Peggy Wines.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

7/11– 4:00pm Mass
C. Edelin & M. Holland

7/12– 8:30am Mass
J. Faxio & C. Tolson

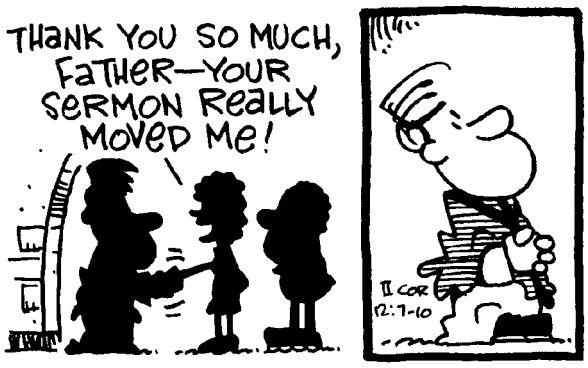
7/12– 11:00 am Mass
M. Green & S. Williams

E.M.E. SCHEDULE

7/11– 4:00pm Mass
D. Baker & J. Williams

7/12– 8:30am Mass
J. Travers & L. Washington

7/12– 11:00 am Mass
D. Savoy & V. Tinsley



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

$3,798.40

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund : ***$315***

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 38 leaves still available for memorializing decease 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 PRESENTS BREAKFAST on Sunday, July 12, 2015 in the church hall after the 8:30am Mass and the 11:00am Mass. Donation is $7.00 per person. The menu includes eggs, bacon, turkey sausage, Italian sausage potatoes, biscuits, coffee, tea, organ juice and water. For tickets or further information contact: Easnest Payton (301)627-0978, Phillip Smith (301)675-6208, Thomas Weems (202)398-4950 or Ronald Scott (202)581-9115.

ST. LUKE BULLETIN DATED JULY 12, 2015: Anyone who would like to have an announcement put in the bulletin dated July 12, 2015 must have their request in no later than Tuesday, July 7 at 2:30pm

VBS REGISTRATION FORMS for St. Luke's Vacation Bible School Camp are available in the rear of the church. The deadline for returning the forms is Sunday July 26th so that we can have an estimate on the number of children to expect.

ST. LUKES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP: We have started accepting donations of water (small bottles) juices (no huggies) and snacks for Vacation Bible School. Teens wishing to earn Community Service Hours for school are invited to assist with VBS. Must be at least 14-years old! Volunteers to work with VBS please sign-up at the rear of the Church. The Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 3, 2015 to Friday, August 7, 2015. Time: 8:30am to 3:00pm

CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: Anyone who was recently confirmed, baptized or had their first holy communion may pick up their certificate from the rectory during office hours 8:30am-4:00pm.

THE SODALITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION thanks the ladies who submitted membership applications during May, "The Month of Mary". Applications will continue to be accepted until August 16, 2015.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

"INCARNATION CHURCH SCREEN ON THE GREEN" IS BACK! ! Please join them on Saturday July 11, 2015 from 5:30pm to 11:00pm for fun, food, games and fellowship. A family friendly movie will also be shown at dusk. This community event will be held on the church parking lot and is free. We are located at 880 Eastern Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20019. All are welcome so bring your family and friends. For more information contact Dee Dee Jenkins at 202-823-9518. "

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY A day of entertainment and fun for all age groups is promised at the second annual Holy Land Festival on Saturday, July 25. Come to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy Street, NE) anytime from 11am to 5pm for entertainment, inspiration, food, and presentations on life, culture, and peace-building in the Holy Land. Tours of the monastery and gardens will also be available, with a closing Vigil Mass at 5pm For more information, call 202-526-6800 or visit www.myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival

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