

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23, 2015

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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

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 22nd	4:00pm	Twenty-First Sunday (VIGIL)	Mary E. Davis	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 23rd	8:30am 11:00am	Twenty-First Sunday of O T Twenty-First Sunday of O T	For an end to violence in South East For an end to violence in South East	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 24th	10:00am	St. Bartholomew FEAST	Leo and Anne Schreiner	Sister Anne Marie Schreiner
Tuesday 25th	8:00am	SS. Louis, & Joseph OPT	The Jenkins Family	Parish Family
Wednesday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Happy Married life to Abu and Collette	Parish Family
Thursday 27th	10:00am	St. Monica OBL	Daughter of Isabella	Fr. Cornelius
Friday 28th	8:00am	St. Augustine OBL	Those incarcerated in DC & MD	Parish Family

Reflection For 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” These departing disciples followed Jesus to a point, but when they encountered a teaching they didn’t like, they decided to leave. That was their free choice. And Jesus respected their freedom by letting them go. Then, he turned to the Twelve Apostles and asked, *“Do you also want to leave?”* Thankfully for us and the entire history of Christianity, Peter replied, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

We have the same choice to make. Will we follow Jesus no matter what, or will we abandon our faith in him if his ways become too uncomfortable? Our decision, too, makes an impact on history. What we choose—how we live our lives, how we witness to the world around us, how we minister to our friends and neighbors, and how we raise our children—all makes a difference. If our faith only goes as far as our comfort zone, then our witness will be a weak one. But if we stand firm, aligning ourselves with Christ even when being Christian means being unpopular or countercultural, then we will make a difference. We won’t just be swept along in a stream of indifferent, lukewarm people who are more interested in maintaining the status quo than in living a life that bears witness to the truth.

In today’s Old Testament reading, Joshua speaks about choices to the Jewish people. He urges them, and us, *“Decide today whom you will serve.”* And then, he courageously declares, *“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”* May we have the courage of Joshua to make the right decision and stay faithful to the Lord.

PASTOR’S CORNER

SAD...SAD EXPERIENCE


My dear parish family, may the peace of Christ be with you all. On Tuesday tragedy struck at the door steps of our Church. The life of a young man was snatched away from him between the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our Easter Cross. This sad experience is one that will remain in our hearts for a long time. It mirrors the sad reality of our local community and beyond.

We cannot for certain say who, what, when, why and how this happened in God’s house. We leave that to be determined by the Metropolitan Police. We are cooperating with the investigators (and will continue to do so) as they strive to bring justice and closure to the family and to us. I ask that we keep the deceased in our prayers; **May GOD BE MERCIFUL AND GRANT HIM ETERNAL REPOSE.** We pray also for consolation and strength for his immediate family; that our loving God will give them the grace to bear this loss.

At a time like this, when we cannot make sense of this senselessness, let us recall Reinhold Niebuhr’s Serenity prayer which says: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to his will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

AMEN!!!

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Irena Fields	James Hughes	Alfred Price	
Barbara Barnes	Gwendolyn Fortune	Charles Jamison	Lillian Pharms	
Barbara Batts	Tina Garvin	David & Keisha Jones	Joseph Queen	
Mary C. Bennett	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Rose Luck	Doreene Redd	
Beatrice Carroll	Joseph Grear	Bernadette Mahoney	Anna E. Smith	
Edna Coates	Florence Hall	Doreene Mahoney	Betty Smith	
Sophie Coleman	Michael Harkins	Barbara Mallory	Ruth Stokes	
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Anna Strother	
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Martyn Montague	Kayla Tatum	
Alvera Dance	Brenda Henson	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson	
Mary E. Davis	Michael Holland	Vincent Neal	Matthew Thompson	
Bertha Dearing	James Holley	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler	
Rosemary Feaster	Rudolph Holley	Silvia Perry	Jerome J. Wallace	
			Wayne A. Wallace	
			Shiela Washington	
			Wellington Waters	
			Jennet Watson	
			Lois Williams	
			Dolores Woodard, Jr.	
			Harold Woodard, Sr.	
			St Luke military families.	
			Sister Vartimea	
			Sister Lavrajoy	

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2015

Sunday: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/
John 6:60-69
Monday: Revelation 21:9b-14/John 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Matthew 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Mark 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Barbara Easterling, Kinard J. Brisbon, Keith P. Quarles, Marvin Manassa, Ka^oMysha Davis, and N^oKaih T. Scott-Terrell &
A wonderful happy wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Frank E., Sr. & Janice M. Williams and also Mr. & Mrs. Bobby & Essie Willis.

May the joy of the Lord be

LECTORS SCHEDULE

8/29- 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga & J. Rookard, Sr.

8/30- 8:30am Mass
J. Faxio & D. Savoy

8/30- 11:00 am Mass
T. Sweeney & S. Williams

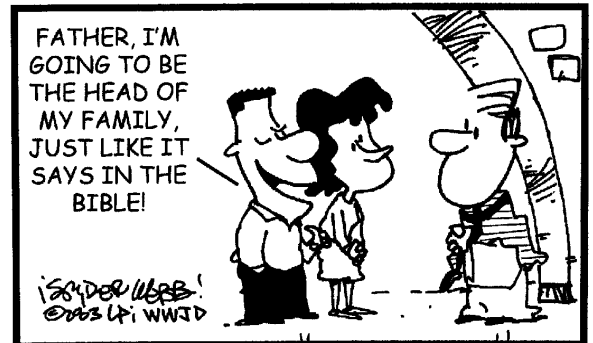
E.M.E. SCHEDULE

8/29- 4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & S. Glover-Cox

8/30- 8:30am Mass
C. Tolson & J. Travers

8/30- 11:00 am Mass
B. Conrad & V. Tinsley

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Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund :

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ATTENDANCE:



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.

THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES #9386 ANNUAL CRAB FEAST will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Crabs will be served from 5:00pm until 8:00pm at St. Luke's Center. There will be lots of other foods on the menu. The cost is \$50.00 per person and \$25.00 per child (11 and under). This weekend is the last weekend to purchase tickets.

SODALITY ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE The Sodality Annual Street Festival will be held on September 19 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Persons interested in renting a table may contact Joyce Thomas at 202-399-0943. Cost to rent a table is \$15.00.

PRAY FOR THE CURE PINK AND BLACK CANDLE LIGHT BRUNCH at 1:00pm in the church hall after the Pray for the Cure Mass on October 11, 2015. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets are now available for purchase in the back of church after each Mass.

2016 TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES April 15, 2016 with the Daughters of Isabella St. Monica Circle #1433. Cost is \$160.00. See Janice 202-584-1130, Debbie Baker 202-263-9098, Joyce Thomas 202-399-0943, or Gloria Washington, 301-505-2850.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO TAKE THE WALK WITH FRANCIS PLEDGE: Welcome Pope Francis to Washington by committing to follow his example of faith and service. Pledge to Walk with Francis and transform our community through one or more of these commitments:

- **PRAY** regularly for the Holy Father and learn about his message on the Joy of the Gospel, the mercy of God and the love of Christ.
- **SERVE** by reaching out and caring for those in need and supporting charitable efforts in our communities and beyond.
- **ACT** to promote human life and dignity, justice and peace, family life and religious freedom, care for creation and the common good.

Take the pledge at **WalkwithFrancis.org** or in your parish during Parish Pledge Weekend September 5-6. Our goal is to generate 100,000 pledges to present as a gift to the Holy Father!

Find more information, resources, and connections to service and advocacy opportunities at

WalkwithFrancis.org.

Share your pledge and challenge others on social media using

#WalkwithFrancis.org

An authentic faith, which is never comfortable or completely personal, always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. —Pope Francis

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH is sponsoring Sisters in the Spirit in the Archdiocese of Washington invites you to attend "**Women of God – Blessed and Highly Favored**", a celebration of The Triumph of the Cross on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2200 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. The event is from 10:00 am until 3: 00 pm; registration at 9:00 am. The keynote speaker is the dynamic