

St. Luke

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

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and Brothers



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 27, 2015

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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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 26th	4:00pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday (VIGIL)	Jacqueline Wilson (BB)	Family
Sunday 27th	8:30am 11:00am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of O T Twenty-Sixth Sunday of O T	God's Blessings on all Families God's Blessings on All Families	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 28th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eleamor Juanita Smith++	Hilda McDougald
Tuesday 29th	8:00am	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Feast)	Ywakeena Williams	Williams Family
Wednesday 30th	8:00am	St. Jerome, (OBL)	Karis Felten	Family
Thursday 1st	10:00am	St. Therese of the Child Jesus (OBL)	Happiness Ejiogu	Fr Cornelius
Friday 2nd	8:00am	The Holy Guardian Angels (OBL)	Susie & Frank McDougald++	Family

REFLECTION FOR

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna." Jesus' listeners would have recognized this reference. Gehenna was in fact a deep ravine located outside of Jerusalem that had a sordid past. It had been the site of pagan rituals in which children were forced to walk through fire. Thus the spot had become known as a symbol for the fires of hell.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is making a dramatic contrast between "life" (heaven) and Gehenna (hell). He emphasizes that no sacrifice is too great to keep oneself out of the miseries of hell. His images are shocking. Cutting off hands and feet? Plucking out eyes? Ouch! Is hell really so bad that we'd rather go to heaven maimed than go to hell in one piece? Apparently so. Some interpreters suggest that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. Perhaps. But whether it was literal or figurative, the point remains clear: we need to do whatever it takes to avoid sin and ultimately to avoid hell. The catechism defines this state of eternal misery as "definitive self-exclusion from communion with God" (§1033). Yes, *self* exclusion. God doesn't "send" anyone to hell. Rather, someone chooses hell when he or she freely chooses something over God and won't repent.

The choice is ours: cut out the source of the sin—painful though it may be—or stubbornly march with our beloved sins straight into Gehenna. Realistically, what we choose "over" God are not so much our physical body parts as things like a high-paying job that isn't ethical, a favorite pastime that isn't morally upright, or a relationship that isn't chaste. Jesus tells us clearly today, whatever it is that *"causes you to sin, cut it off."* Period.

BUILDING YOUR OWN SIGNATURE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

On Earth, kingdom living begins with building a relationship with Him, hearing His voice, being fed and taught by Him in the Spirit as we seek Him in Spirit and in Truth. It's a unique relationship we build with the King that is an individual and personal relationship that just you have with Him. Each person in His Kingdom has this own unique and individual relationship with Him. He knows how to relate to you because you are His child. We are children of the King. So when you build that relationship with Him, it's unique, because how He relates to you, is not going to be the same as how He relates to someone else.

Your relationship with Him becomes your own unique signature with Him. Your hand written signature is your own. It's unique to you; it identifies who you are; it's your name; it's your signature. Every person has their own hand writing. No two people write exactly the same. This is how it is with God. Your relationship becomes your own unique signature with Him.

Since you've entered His Kingdom, have you built a relationship with God? Do you seek Him daily for His voice, guidance and direction? How often do you spend quiet time just waiting to hear His voice? Do you talk to Him and then Listen for Him to talk to you? God speaks to our hearts. It's a two-way building and two-way communication relationship between you and Yahweh.

That is the way that you will be able to walk in love and the fruit of the Spirit. He wants to talk to you. He has a lot to say, and He loves just being a part of your daily life. When you take time to get to know Him, you will learn who He is and what He cares about. You do not always have to be in a silent mode of prayer to talk to the Lord. I often talk to Him when I am driving, or I will go outside and stare up at the sky, or talk to Him while I am doing dishes, practically anytime.

When you pray or talk to Him, stop talking and start listening. Listen for His voice speak to your heart and spirit. Jesus does not speak to our heads. He speaks to our hearts. He cannot speak if we are always talking, and we cannot hear Him if we are not listening. Talk and Listen, the basic components of relationship building with anyone, especially the Lord who matters most.

Excerpt culled from <http://www.sherryshiner.com/kingdom-of-God.htm>

Pray for the Sick & 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
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearing
Rosemary Feaster

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
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Alfred Price
Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
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.
Sister Vartimea
Sister Lavrajoy

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2015

Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8/Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab/John 1:47-51
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8/Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/Luke 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24/Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jacqueline Wilson, Chikodili Onianwah, Charmine Williams, Michael Holland, Jekwon Jones, Dorethea Allan, Joyce Thomas and Geraldine Jackson.Ebengde
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We would also like to wish a wonderful happy anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Beverly Stewart.
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May the joy of the Lord be your

LECTORS SCHEDULE

10/3- 4:00pm Mass
C. Edelin & M. Holland

10/4- 8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & D. Savoy

10/4- 11:00 am Mass
B. Sweeney & V. Tinsley

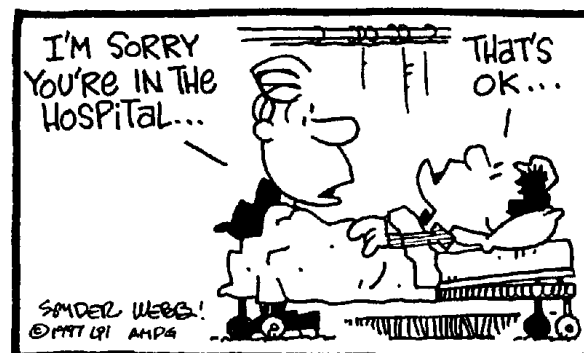
E.M.E. SCHEDULE

10/3- 4:00pm Mass
J. Travers & P. Glover

10/4- 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & L. Washington

10/4- 11:00 am Mass
B. Conrad & E. Young

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

\$3,666.76

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

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund :

\$5.00

ATTENDANCE:

MARK 9:38-43,
45, 47-48



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, October 2, 2015 at 7:00pm in the church.

ST. LUKE 58th ANNIVERSARY MASS and luncheon be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 beginning at 11:00am.

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. This brunch is a fundraiser for the parish and a portion of the proceeds will be given to Children Hospital in Washington, D.C. for children with cancer and life threatening diseases.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER & DANCE A St. Luke fundraiser on Saturday, November 7 in the St. Luke Center. From 6:00pm until 10:00pm. Donation: \$35.00. There will be live music. Volunteers needed, please contact Gloria Washington at 301-505-2850.

26 ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL: The Revival will be held on **Monday through Thursday, October 5-8, 2015** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway Street; Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our revivalist or key speaker for the Revival is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, from Portland, Oregon. He will speak on the overall theme for this year, *“The Joy of the Gospel.”*

SCHEDULE

Date:

Monday, October 5
Tuesday, October 6
Wednesday, October 7
Thursday, October 8

Focus:

Opening Night
Youth Night
Reconciliation Night
Closing Mass with Bishop John Ricard, SSJ

For more information, contact Mrs. Carolyn Alston, Chairperson, East of the River Revival Committee at 202-581-2835.

HOLY NAME MASS AT THE BASILICA: The Holy Name Society of St. Luke has scheduled a Mass on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the Basilica in the *African Chapel*, beginning promptly at 10:00am. There will be no morning Mass at St. Luke. All are invited to attend. Car pooling is strongly suggested. If you can provide transportation or need transportation, please meet at 8:30am in the St. Luke parking lot.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY CELEBRATE the feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. Have your pet blessed by the friars at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land on Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m., 1400 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC 20017 (front gardens). All pets are welcome and each receives a commemorative pet tag and scroll. For more information, visit myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800.