

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Happy Feast of The Holy Family Day

Sunday, December 27, 2015

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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
Last Sunday— 1:00pm	Congolese Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Fridays of Lent—6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday --- 3:00 pm	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 26th	4:00pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (VIGIL)	Terrell Wilson BB	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 27th	8:30am 11:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	God's blessing on our families God's blessing on our families	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 28th	10:00am	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (FEAST)	Paul Yates ++	Mary Yates
Tuesday 29th	8:00am	The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas	Happiness Ejiogu BB	Fr. Cornelius
Wednesday 30th	8:00am	The Six Day in the Octave of Christmas	Joseph Chesley ++	Louise Washington
Thursday 31st	10:00pm	The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas	Nina Patterson BB	Patterson Family
Friday 1st	8:00am	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (SOL)	Susie & Frank McDougald++	Hilda McDougald

REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.” We might be tempted to think that Jesus more or less raised himself. As the Son of God, it might appear on first glance that earthly parents would be a mere formality for this particular child. But it wasn't so. Mary and Joseph had real influence, and real authority, over their son.

Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God (“Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. And because of this obedience, clearly Mary and Joseph must have been deeply influential in his life. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus “advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

We should be advancing in these ways too! And those of us who are parents are likewise called to direct and guide our children to develop as Jesus did, not only forming our sons and daughters to succeed in the eyes of men, but also leading them on the path of “favor before God.” The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father.

But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

PASTOR'S CORNER

DIVINE FAMILY

BY KUMARMANI MAHAKUL

Family is a familiar word, everybody does know,

It is a set of relation, can you say no?

The set is just combination of children and parent,
There members of households and relatives are inherent.

It means to group of person closely related by blood,
It includes parents, children, uncle and aunts in one clod.
Family also means to group of things those are alike,
It is too all the descendants of one lineage like.

There are many types of families in human society,
Some are Nuclear family, Single parent family of humanity.
Childless and Step family are there with Extended family,
Family members dwell with love in a family happily.

In a family there is love affection and sacrifice,
Many members are tagged in one mess or in rice.
There is a member, who is head of family and mentor,
The other members obey him or her as a centre.

He or she is merciful, helpful and is meritorious,
Health and education he or she maintains continuous.
All family members engross their effort here,
All are benevolent, affectionate near and dear.

Almost families have worship room in dwelling place,
Prayer to God or meditation goes on in calm pace.
It is divine family where peace and purity are always,
Here truth, nonviolence and bliss rule over hallways.

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
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

Michele Peters
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 December 27, 2015

Sunday: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Monday: 1 Jonah 1:5—2:2/Psalms 124:2-5, 7-8/Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jonah 2:3-11/Psalms 96:1-3, 5-6/Luke 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jonah 2:12-17/Psalms 96:7-10/Luke 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jonah 2:18-21/Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13/John 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98:1-4/John 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish Lensor Jones, Vicky Bordeaux and Russia Tatum a wonderful and happy birthday.

We would like to also wish Mary Ann & Wayn E. Johnson a wonderful and Happy Anniversary.

May the joy of the Lord

LECTORS SCHEDULE

1/2- 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & K. Ndouga

1/3- 8:30am Mass
S. Mode & N. Douglas

1/3- 11:00 am Mass
J. Williams & V. Tinsley

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

1/2- 4:00pm Mass
S. G- Cox & P. Glover

1/3- 8:30am Mass
L. Washington & C Holland

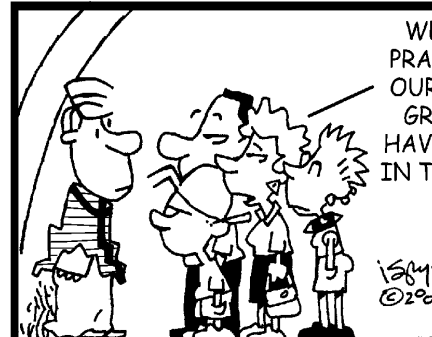
1/3- 11:00 am Mass
J. Thomas & B. Conrad

HOLY FAMILY

FAMILIES USED
TO DREAM
THAT ONE OF
THEIR CHILDREN
WOULD ENTER
RELIGIOUS LIFE...



WE'RE JUST
PRAYING THAT
OUR CHILDREN
GROW UP TO
HAVE RELIGION
IN THEIR LIVES.



1/27/15 Del Wood!
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Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$3,682.27

ATTENDANCE:

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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."



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.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DANCE will be held in the Center on Thursday, December 31, 2015. Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m while the Gala will start after Mass until 1:00 a.m. New Year's Day. Tickets are \$30.00 each and will be sold in the back of the church after each Mass.

DEAR ST. LUKE FAMILY, the prayers, cards, phone calls and gifts that you bestowed upon me during my hip replacement surgery and during my recovery at home has touched my heart. I can't thank you enough. I am a strong believer that prayer works and because of prayer I have been able to have a speedy and so far successful recovery. Peace and Blessings to all of you. **Michele Peters, Parish Secretary**

New Year's Eve Mass 12/31/15
Mass—4:00pm and 8:00 p.m. Mass
New Year's Day Mass 01/01/16
Mass— 10:00am

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. It will begin with an aspirancy program in late Fall of 2016. The initial selection process for this class will begin with a series of "Come and See" events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in January- March 2016. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish, and recommended by their pastors. Interested persons may contact Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or by email at vikord@adw.org. Additional information is available at <http://site.adw.org/permanentdeacons>.