

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 17, 2016

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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 16th	4:00pm	2nd Sunday Mass (VIGIL)	Deacon Joseph Conrad ++ (BB)	Family
Sunday 17th	8:30am 11:00am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	God's Protection on the Unborn God's Protection on the Unborn	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 18th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Frank McDougald++	Family
Tuesday 19th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Fred Lewis	Parish Family
Wednesday 20th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Julia R. Young++	Elsie Young
Thursday 21st	10:00am	St. Agnes (OBL)	Janice Williams	Bible Study Group
Friday 22nd	8:00am	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Nicole Daniels	Fr. Cornelius

REFLECTIONS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus told them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ So they filled them to the brim.” And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became “the good wine.” Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives.

Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today’s Gospel should restore our confidence; we don’t need to work the miracle. We just need to “do whatever he tells” us.

In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn’t make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up “to the brim.”

In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don’t hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don’t seem to help).

We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don’t love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.

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PASTOR’S CORNER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:


*My country 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!
And if America is to be a great nation,
this must become true.
And so let freedom ring from the prodigious
hilltops of New Hampshire.
Let freedom ring from the
mighty mountains of New York.
Let freedom ring from the heightening
Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.
Let freedom ring from the snow-capped
Rockies of Colorado.
Let freedom ring from the curvaceous
slopes of California.
But not only that:
Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.
Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.
Let freedom ring from every hill
and molehill of Mississippi.
From every mountainside, let freedom ring.*

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when *all* of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Free at last! Free at last!
Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

Excerpt from <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlk/ihaveadream.htm>

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	
Barbara Barnes	Joseph Grear	Rose Luck	Joseph Queen	
Barbara Batts	Florence Hall	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	
Mary C. Bennett	Michael Harkins	Doreene Mahoney	Leroy Sandifer	
Beatrice Carroll	Chris Hawkins	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith	
Edna Coates	Charlene Haywood	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Sophie Coleman	Brenda Henson	Alice L. Montague	Ruth Stokes	
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Holland	Martyn Montague	Anna Strother	
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Veronica Murray	Kayla Tatum	
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Vincent Neal	Gloria Thompson	
Irena Fields	James Hughes	Marlene Patterson	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Gwendolyn Fortune	Charles Jamison	Silvia Perry	Matthew Thompson	
Tina Garvin	David & Keisha Jones	Alfred Price	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 January 17, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Corinthians 12:4-11/
Jonah 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/Psalms 89:20-22, 27-28/Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel; 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10/Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Psalms 56:2-3, 9-13/Mark 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/Psalms 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mark 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7/Mark 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Psalms 19:8-10, 15/1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**

**We would like to wish
Otis Mahoney, Sr., Charles R. Ma-
son, Edna Erikpara Barbara Mal-
lory and Amber/Olivier a wonder-
ful and happy birthday.**

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

**1/23- 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland & K. Ndouga**

**1/24- 8:30am Mass
A. Miles & S. Mode**

**1/24- 11:00 am Mass
J. Thomas & V. Tinsley**

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**1/23- 4:00pm Mass
V. Watson & R. Watson**

**1/24- 8:30am Mass
L. Washington & J. Travers**

**1/24- 11:00 am Mass
D. Baker & E. Young**

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

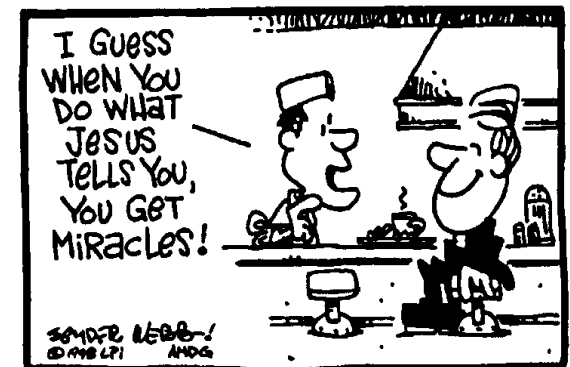
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ATTENDANCE:

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."

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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.

COMMUNITY YOUTH BASKETBALL AND DANCE for youth, boys and girls, on January 29, 2016 from 6:00pm—9:00pm at St. Luke Catholic Church Center. Admission is free to play basketball and to attend the dance. Concession will be served at both events. The dance will begin at 8:00pm. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Luke Church.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING will take place Saturday, January 23 at 10:00am in the St. Martin de Porres room. All members are encouraged to attend. We are looking for new members. All are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 22nd, 2016 at the Stadium Armory. All teens ages 14 to 18 are requested to attend. Please meet at St. Luke church Hall on the 22nd at 7:00am for departure. Tickets are required.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who donated to the blanket drive. The blankets were delivered on Saturday, January 9 by the youth to the mens homeless shelter in Prince Georges county.

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YEAR OF MERCY CORNER: Reflection for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Michael shares: “My most powerful encounter with Jesus was during Confession. I shared my sins and struggles with the priest, and as he prayed over me, I saw myself at the foot of the cross. Christ looked down at me, spoke to me personally with love and forgiveness, offered his healing and asked me to repent and accept it. He invited me to live in love with him. That encounter changed my life. To know God, to experience his mercy so deeply that I still feel it – there’s nothing else like it.” *Share your Mercy Story at mercy.adw.org.*

FUEL UP YOUR MARRIAGE! THREE TO STAY MARRIED MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Upcoming Weekends: March 18-19, 2016; July 15-16, 2016. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROGRAM. The format will include a mixture of talks, questionnaires and time for personal reflection ~ individually and with your spouse. Concludes on Saturday evening with a Vigil Mass, Renewal of Vows and dinner. Cost: Early-Birds: \$190 per couple if registered by Oct 1; after Early-Bird deadline the price is \$230 per couple. To register or get more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612. Space is limited and weekends fill up, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY : Pope Francis invites Catholics from around the world to come to Rome for a special time of prayer, reflection, and pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which opens on December 8 and recalls the words of the Gospel: "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful." Parishioners are invited to rally behind their priests and deacons and travel with them to Italy from May 25 - June 2, 2016, sharing in a customized program that includes visits to Rome, Assisi, and Florence. For more information, contact Fr. Jerry Gamrot at Holy Face Parish in Great Mills, MD (301-994-0525 or jgamrot@verizon.net).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL for seniors. To register for the service call the mayor’s office number — 311. Listen for the options to select and then press 4, a representative will answer and you can tell them why you are calling