



St. Luke

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Washington, DC 20019

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Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, 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 2016 is **“Blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy from God.”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Last Sunday— 1:00pm

Monday - —10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Friday - —8:00 a.m.

1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.

Fridays of Lent—6:00pm

Saturday — 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass

Congolese Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Senior Bible Study Group

Novena to St. Joseph

Bible Study

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour

Stations of the Cross

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.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6PM

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 27th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass (VIGIL)	Fred Lewis	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 28th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Lent Third Sunday of Lent	Successful Black History Month Celebration Successful Black History Month Celebration	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 29th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 1st	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Ernest Young++	Elsie Young
Wednesday 2nd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Cleo, Albert & James Williams	Patterson Family
Thursday 3rd	10:00am	St. Katherine Drexel SR	Maurico W. Rivers++	Hilda McDougald
Friday 4th	8:00am	St. Casimir SR ABSTINENCE	Susie++ & Frank++ McDougald	Family

REFLECTIONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Who wants to repent? Who wants to change habits, make sacrifices, or chart a more challenging course? Repentance isn't the easy road. Few of us are naturally drawn towards it. Perhaps that's why Jesus had to speak with such boldness in today's Gospel. Repent, or perish. Change, or suffer and die. Not what we like to hear. Not what we like to do. But we would be foolish not to listen.

The entire Gospel message is certainly one of mercy and compassion. Jesus was the first to show forgiveness to sinners, and he always called others to do the same. He suffered and died so that *we* wouldn't have to suffer eternal death. But the fact remains that we can still *choose* to "perish." We can choose to stay rooted in our favorite sins and to cling tightly to the comfortable vices that stifle a virtuous life.

When we won't let go of them, then we don't truly repent. But Jesus urges us to change so that we can enjoy the eternal benefits of his mercy. He doesn't want us to perish! As we hear in today's psalm, *"He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion."* Repenting—turning back to God—puts us in the right position for this spiritual coronation.

Lent is a time especially built for repentance. It is a season that calls us not only to recognize where we need to change, but to actually set those changes into motion. Lent isn't just a pious liturgical ritual. These forty days are a response to Christ's stern warning that we need to repent in order to save our souls. Let's not pretend to be exempt from the message. Lent is meant for *all* of us.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERIES WHO WAS MAYA ANGELOU?

Maya Angelou was an African-American author, playwright, poet, dancer, actress, and singer. Her illustrious 50-year career included publishing 36 books, including volumes of poetry and three books of essays. Angelou is credited also for producing and acting in several plays, musicals, movies, and TV shows. She is best known, however, for her first autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969). The book depicts the tragedies of Angelou's traumatic childhood, detailing a brutal rape at 7 1/2, and an early adulthood encumbered by teenage pregnancy.

Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Anne Johnson on April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Bailey Johnson Sr., a porter and navy dietitian, and Vivian "Bibbie" Baxter, a nurse. Angelou's only sibling, one-year-older brother Bailey Jr. was unable as a child to pronounce Angelou's first name, "Marguerite," and thus nicknamed his sister "Maya," derived from "My Sister."

The name-change proved useful later in Maya's life. After her parents separated in 1931, Bailey Sr. sent three-year-old Maya and Bailey Jr. to live with his mother, Annie Henderson, in segregated Stamps, Arkansas. Momma, as Maya and Bailey called her, was the only black female storeowner in rural Stamps and was highly respected.

Despite the fact that severe poverty abounded, Momma prospered during the Great Depression and World War II by supplying basic staples. In addition to running the store, Momma took care of her paralyzed son, whom the children called "Uncle Willie." Although smart, Maya was extremely insecure as a child, viewing herself as awkward, unwanted, and ugly because she was black.

At times, Maya sought to hide her legs, greased them with Vaseline, and dusted them with red clay -- deeming *any* color was better than black. Bailey on the other hand was charming, free-spirited, and extremely protective of his sister.

Excerpt culled from <http://history1900s.about.com/od/people/fl/Maya-Angelou.htm>

3rd Sunday of Lent**Sunday, February 28, 2016****Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

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



James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Matthew Thompson
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Jerome J. Wallace
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Shiela Washington
 Wellington Waters
 Terrell Wilson
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.
 Harold Woodard, Sr.
 Beatrice Wright

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016

*Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/Psalms 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 *Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Luke 4:24-30
 *Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25:4-9/Matthew 18:21-35
 ^Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
 Matt 5:17-19
 *Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9/Luke 11:14-23
 *Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mark 12:28-34
 *Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21/Luke 18:9-14
 *Next Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12/Psalms 34:2-7/2 Corinthians 5:17-21/
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

**We would like to wish a wonderful and a happy birthday to
 Jean Banks!**

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

3/5/2016– 4:00pm Mass
 M. Holland

3/6/2015– 8:30am Mass
 D. Lucas & C. Tolson

3/6/2015– 11:00 am Mass
 CCD Students

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

3/5/2016– 4:00pm Mass
 F. Cooper & K. Ndouga

3/6/2015– 8:30am Mass
 L. Washington & Y. Tolson

3/6– 11:00 am Mass
 E. Young & V. Tinsley

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.
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ATTENDANCE:

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
 God of Mercy and Compassion,
 Look with pity upon me,
 Father, let me call Thee Father,
 'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
 Jesus, Lord, I ask for Mercy;
 Let me not implore in vain;
 All my sins, I now detest them,
 Never will I sin again.



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.

CCD/YOUTH MINISTRY: There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the St. Martin de Porres room for the 24-Hour Food Fast that will be held on March 11 and 12, 2016.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: “Rediscovering the Mercy of Our Lord” (Luke 15:11-32) The celebrant and speaker will be Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, S.S.J. This event is being hosted by St. Luke’s Holy Name Society on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 9:30am at St. Luke Catholic Church. Contacts: Phil Smith (301)675-6208 or Byron A. Wilson (571)221-4191. FREE lunch will be served.

CRS RICE BOWL: Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services: The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we’re reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more. The Rice Bowls are at each exit of the Church

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke’s next Lenten Fish Fry will take place on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Church Hall. The sponsors will be the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbia St. Martin de Porres. You may call the St. Luke rectory to place an order. (202)584-8322.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the **Lenten Food Drive**. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 5, 2016. Instructions are on the bags. When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation at the back of the Church. Our collection will be donated to St. Luke’s St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Thank you for your donation!

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YEAR OF MERCY: Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Lent: Brenda was “mad, angry, and upset!” Coming from a homeless situation and desperate for change, she was struggling to find a job. She kept feeling like a failure because she didn’t know how to interview. Though skeptical, she reached out to the Catholic Charities JOBS program for help. Finding a place of safety, support, and mercy, she quickly grew in skill and confidence. The JOBS team listened to her story and taught her about interviews and the job application process. Everything came together when Brenda landed a full-time job! She is grateful for how she was supported with mercy and dignity in her tough situation. *Share mercy with those in need through your parish or with Catholic Charities. Find more at mercy.adw.org.*

FOR THE CALENDAR