



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 26, 2016

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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 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 - —7:00 p.m.

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

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 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 25th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass (Vigil)	Helen Edwards++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 26th	8:30am 11:00am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	God's Blessings on All Fathers God's Blessings on All Fathers	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 27th	10:00am	St. Cyril of Alexandria OPT		
Tuesday 28th	8:00am	St. Irenaeus OBL	Onyekachukwu Gertrude Enyi	In Thanksgiving for God's Protec- tion & Kindness
Wednesday 29th	8:00am	Ss. Peter & Paul SOL	JJames D. Simpson++ (BB)	Marquerite Simpson
Thursday 30th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	James S. Kittrell++	Elsie Young
Friday 1st	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Susie++ and Frank++ McDougald	Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." What have we left behind? What have we traded in to become faithful followers of Christ?

The answer is different for all of us. Some of us can tell the tale of a dramatic conversion story, leaving behind a life of blatantly selfish indulgence or obviously sinful behavior in order to embrace the call of Jesus. Others of us have been Christians since the day of our baptism as infants and have always walked the path of belief, but perhaps can trace certain moments when we embraced a deeper commitment and resolved to abandon particular behaviors, relationships, or worldly priorities that were in conflict with our faith. Whatever the case, Jesus instructs us today not to look to *"what was left behind."* Instead, we are called to keep our focus on what lies ahead, namely, life in Christ and the ultimate hope of union with him in heaven.

Keeping this focus can be quite a challenge. So often, it's tempting to think that the grass is greener somewhere else. As Christians, we can fall into the trap of imagining that it might feel better to be ... something else. Perhaps, seeing others around us whose lives are not shaped by their faith, we might think they have it easier than we do. Or perhaps we get lost in reminiscence about the way things were in the good old days, and thus get distracted from the mission that stands in front of us today. But thoughts like these are not fit for our new life as disciples of Christ. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, *"For freedom Christ set us free."* May we embrace the gift of this true freedom and follow Christ without looking back.

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A CHRISTOPHER PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,

Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;
for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals.
Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.
Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all.
Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness,
instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served
as father figures in our lives
when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.
May the love and selflessness they showed us
be returned to them in all their relationships,
and help them to know that their influence
has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need
to raise happy and holy children,
grounded in a love for God and other people -
and remind these fathers that treating their wives
with dignity, compassion and respect is
one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life
have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,
and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph,
whom you entrusted with Your Son,
we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.
Amen.

- Tony Rossi

<http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/Fathers-Day-Prayers.cf>

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. 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
Doris McCann
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Irving Proctor
Joseph Queen

Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters



Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of June 26, 2016

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Galatians 5:1, 13-18/
Luke 9:51-62

Monday: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16/Psalms 50:16-23/Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Psalms 5:4-8/Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Galatians 1:11-20/Jonah 2:1-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Psalms 34:2-9/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday: Amos 7:10-17/Psalms 19:8-11/Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12/Psalms 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Amos 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-14/Matthew 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Isaiah 66:10-14c/Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20/Galatians 6:14-18/
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Christine Tolson, Wardell Washington, Ethel Holt, Hazel J. Faxio, Tracy Tatum and Taylor Boatwright.

We would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest & Sunday Glover-Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Amos & Doris L. Dunkins

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

7/2/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K.H.Ndoug

7/3/2016– 8:30am Mass
S.Mode & C.Tolson

7/3/2016– 11:00 am Mass
J.Williams & Y.Sherman

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

7/2/2016– 4:00pm Mass
P.Glover, K.H.Ndoug & S.G.Cox

7/3/2016– 8:30am Mass
D.Lucas, L.Washington & M.Harris

7/3/2016– 11:00am Mass
D.Baker, B.Conrad & R.Brooks

**Church Support****Sunday Collection:**

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

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." — Lk 9:61-62



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.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who supported the Josephite Share in the Mission campaign on the weekend of June 12, 2016. The Josephites are grateful for all of the contributions that you make in the spirit of Christ. The amount collected was over \$1,100.00.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring a trip to Foxwood at Mohegan Sun on September 19, 20 & 21st (3 days and two nights). The cost is \$275 which include 4 meals: 2 breakfast and 2 dinners, boarding is double occupancy and the price also includes motor coach transportation. There are a limited number of seats left. If interested please contact Byron Wilson 571-221-4191 or Milton Harris at 202-412-0465.

ST. LUKE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 1st through 5th. **Registration Blanks for Vacation Bible School are available at the exit doors of the church. Please complete them and place them in the designated basket at the rear of the church.** Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Vacation Bible School please sign up on the list in the back of the church. **Talent** is not a requirement! Leave name, number and email address. Also we are looking for donations of water, juice, cookies, potato chips and snacks. **Please no Peanuts or peanut butter products.**

DRESSES FOR LITTLE GIRLS IN AFRICA: The Sodality is collecting new pillow cases of all sizes to be used for making dresses for little girls in Africa. There is a box in the back of the church to put your new pillowcases.

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YEAR OF MERCY: 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time: “All family life is a ‘shepherding’ in mer-cy. Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others; with Paul, we can say: ‘You are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts... not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God’ (2 Cor 3:2-3). Each of us is a ‘fisher of men’ (Lk 5:10) who in Jesus’ name ‘casts the nets’ (cf. Lk 5:5) to others, or a farmer who tills the fresh soil of those whom he or she loves, seeking to bring out the best in them. ... This is itself a way to worship God, who has sown so much good in others in the hope that we will help make it grow.” (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 322) *Reflect on ways to share God’s mercy with and through your family. Find more at mercy.adw.org*

DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY: CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: The Saint John Paul II National Shrine invites families, engaged couples, and young adults to attend a *Domestic Church Day* on Saturday, July 9, from 12:30-5:30pm, focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy following the theme of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The half-day retreat includes talks for different age groups, including a talk for couples, “How the Corporal Works of Mercy Strengthen Marriage” by Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Director of Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the USCCB. Following the talks, everyone will have opportunities for confession, praise and worship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The day will conclude with a picnic (please bring your own food) on the beautiful lawn and a fun corporal work of mercy for everyone. The cost per family is \$15, engaged couples \$10, and young adults \$5, which covers all of the costs of the day, including items for the corporal work of mercy and drinks for the picnic. Please visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com to register. If you have any questions, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

FUEL UP YOUR MARRIAGE! THREE TO STAY MARRIED MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Upcoming Weekend: July 15-16 2016 Whether you’ve been married 6 months or 60 years, it’s a good idea to check the gauges and make sure you are both still headed in the same direction! Three to STAY Married is a two-day program that offers married couples concrete tools to help them deepen their understanding of themselves and their relationship, and gives them the time to have those vital conversations that keep a marriage in tiptop shape. 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. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROGRAM. Cost: \$230 per couple. To register or find 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!