



# 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*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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.

2nd Saturday— 3:00pm

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

Legion of Mary (French)

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 30th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	The Youths of our Archdiocese of Washington	Parish Family
Sunday 31st	8:30am 11:00am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	For Peace and Security in our Neighborhood For a Successful 2016 Vacation Bible Camp	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 1st	10:00am	St. Alphonsus Liguori OBL	Dieudonne Ndouga (Steve) (BB)++	Kathy Ndouga
Tuesday 2nd	8:00am	Sts. Vercelli & Eymard OPT	For all Expectant Mothers	Parish Family
Wednesday 3rd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Thomas Weems++	Parish Family
Thursday 4th	10:00am	St. John Vianney OBL	Chinelo Obi++	Fr. Cornelius
Friday 5th	8:00am	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major OPT	Frank++ & Susie++ McDougald	Hilda McDougald

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”* This isn’t a message that gets much advertising. On the contrary, just about every advertised message we hear comes from someone who wants to make money by selling us possessions.

The message we hear loud and clear on television or Internet ads or on highway billboards or the back cover of magazines is that we need this product or that service in order to be happy. Professional marketers are in the business of creating a supposed need and then promising to fill it with their product. In today’s culture, it’s hard to remember that life isn’t about possessions.

But in this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is more to life than having *“so many good things stored up for many years.”* All of this stuff—be it clothes, devices, equipment, decorations, entertainment centers, or anything else—does no lasting good if and when *“this night your life will be demanded of you.”* Unlike the fool who spends all of his time, energy, and money building larger barns, we should focus our resources on becoming “rich in what matters to God.”

This means cultivating virtue instead of vice. It means sharing our money with those *in need* instead of hoarding it out of selfish *greed*. The call is a challenging one, and countercultural too. But Jesus never said that the Christian way was the way of the world. As St. Paul instructs us in today’s epistle, *“Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly.”* Instead of falling for the marketers’ messages, may we have the wisdom to store up our treasure in heaven.

### PASTOR’S CORNER

**“Avoid Greed in all its forms. A person may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life.”**

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 12:15

There is nothing wrong in being rich or in possessing wealth; it is how you handle money that matters. Today’s Gospel reminds us that the important thing is to grow rich not for yourself, but “in the sight of God” (Luke 12/21). And how does one grow rich in the sight of God? Evidently by maintaining a balanced view of wealth. This Gospel message brings to mind an old story about a farmer who pinched and hoarded away every cent he ever made, until he had a whole silo full of them. He never spent a one, not a single one! Then, one day as he was admiringly looking up at his mountain of money, it all came tumbling down on him, crushing him to pieces. The poor fellow needed a better sense of balance in his life.

Jesus does not condemn the pursuit of material things, outright. He sees wealth as a gift from God and not as the possession of the ambitious or greedy. His message in today’s Gospel cautions that the pursuit of wealth can easily leave us too distracted to help usher in his kingdom. Advertising and the media, however, constantly urge people to invest in all kinds of alluring financial markets as a hedge against the future’s inevitabilities. Living in a recession, knowing that so many people are homeless and jobless, can make such advice seem all the more appealing. In hard times, it requires a delicate sense of balance to recognize the wisdom of being “intent on things above.” Yet, this is the challenge we all have to face. Plan for the future! Yes, indeed. Remember what hangs in the balance, however, and don’t forget that only one investment opportunity yields eternal dividends and that is to become “Rich in the sight of God.”

The Lord tells us to “avoid greed in all its forms.” To emphasize this point, he relates the parable of the rich fool in today’s Gospel. The rich fool was not content with enough; he felt compelled to amass more and more wealth so that he could “take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy” himself for “many years.” But “God said to him, you fool! This very night you will have to give up your life.” And, the Lord concluded, “this is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God’s sight.” The parable of the rich fool addresses the major problem in today’s society; that is, the problem of greed which has brought our economic system to its knees. Let us strive to be rich in God’s sight, not man’s.

By Fr. Hugh Duffy

## Pray for the Sick &amp; Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd
Barbara Barnes	Joseph Grear	Doreene Mahoney	Leroy Sandifer
Barbara Batts	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith
Ruth Bundy	Michael Harkins	Michael Mason	Betty Smith
Beatrice Carroll	Chris Hawkins	Doris McCann	Ruth Stokes
Edna Coates	Charlene Haywood	Alice L. Montague	Kayla Tatum
Sophie Coleman	Brenda Henson	Martyn Montague	Gloria Thompson
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Holland	Veronica Murray	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Edith Cornish	James Holley	Vincent Neal	Matthew Thompson
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Jerome J. Wallace
Irena Fields	Charles Jamison	Lillian Pharms	Wayne A. Wallace
Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Alfred Price	Shiela Washington
Gwendolyn Fortune	Lawrence Lee	Irving Proctor	Cecelia Williams
Tina Garvin	Rose Luck	Joseph Queen	Wellington Waters



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

## Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23/Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
<b>Monday:</b>	Jeremiah 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/Matthew 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Psalms 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/ Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jeremiah 31:1-7/Jeremiah 31:10-13/Matthew 15:21-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34/Psalms 51:12-15, 18-19/Matthew 16:13-23
<b>Friday:</b>	Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41/Matthew 16:24-28
<b>Saturday:</b>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Peter 1:16-19/Luke 9:28b-36
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wisdom 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jerome Wallace. We would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence & Kecia Proctor and Mr. & Mrs. Wardell and Gloria Washington.

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

**8/6/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
M. Holland

**8/7/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
P. Nixon & C. Tolson

**8/7/2016– 11:00 am Mass**  
S. Williams & C. Oniawah

## E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**8/6/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Hamlin, R. Watson & V. Watson

**8/7/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
D. Lucas, Y. Tolson & C. Holland

**8/7/2016– 11:00am Mass**  
J. Williams, E. Young & V. Tinsley

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

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**\$3528.75**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**241**

**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.

**“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”** — Lk 12:20-21



## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves 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 take place on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 7:00pm in the church.

**ANNUAL CRAB FEAST** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at St. Luke Center. Tickets cost \$50 per person. Contact Ray (202) 438-7298, Milton (202) 412-0465 or Lenny (202) 907-9942.

**THANK YOU** St. Luke family for your generous contributions of water, snacks and juices. You are a vital part of the success of St. Luke's Vacation Bible School 2016. May you be rewarded through Christ for your generosity.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON**

**THE SECRETARIAT OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH** in collaboration with the National Association of African Catholics in the United States (NAACUS) and the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States (ACCCRUS) are convening the third African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC). August 5-7, 2016 at the Catholic University of America, Conferences and Pryzbyla, 620 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20064. Onsite Registration Hours Thursday, August 4, 2016 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Friday, August 5, 2016 - 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday, August 6, 2016 - 7:00 am - 9:00 pm. Closing Mass is on Sunday August 7, 2016, by 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – Crypt Church

**YEAR OF MERCY: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time:** “The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope” (Pope Francis). Did you know that the Archdiocese of Washington is blessed with two Holy Doors? One is at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The other is at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A Holy Door is a special door designated in a cathedral or significant church that stands as a symbol of Jesus Christ who said, “I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved...” (John 10:9). Pilgrims pass through the Holy Door as a sign that they are leaving past sin behind and entering into a new Christian way of living. Have you entered through a Holy Door yet this year? *For more about the Holy Doors of Mercy, visit [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

## **FOLLOW ALONG AT WORLD YOUTH DAY WITH POPE FRANCIS AND ADW PILGRIMS ONLINE!**

People of all ages are invited to join the digital World Youth Day pilgrimage this week! This week millions of young people will gather with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Poland. Hundreds of young people from the Archdiocese of Washington will be present and more than a thousand young adults will gather for a one-day stateside celebration in DC, Krakow in the Capital. Find videos, pictures and updates by visiting [wydDC.org/LIVE](http://wydDC.org/LIVE) or searching #USA pilgrim on social media.