



St. Luke

Catholic Church

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Washington, DC 20019



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 2, 2017

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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 2017 is **“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”** [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Cameroon Mass

3rd Saturday— 3:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors 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— —6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Rosary

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Porres Chapel

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

6:00pm Every Friday during Lent

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 For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 1st	4:00pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Vigil	God's protection, Safety & return of our Missing Children	Parish Family
Sunday 2nd	8:30am 11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Fifth Sunday of Lent	God's protection, Safety & return of our Missing Children God's protection, Safety & return of our Missing Children	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 3rd	8:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	God's Blessings for Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 4th	8:00am	St. Isidore	God's Blessings for Robert Fendel	Family
Wednesday 5th	8:00am	St. Vincent	Eternal Repose of Bro. Marx Tyree, SSJ	Fr. Cornelius
Thursday 6th	10:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	In thanksgiving to God for Justice S. Denton-West	
Friday 7th	8:00am	St. John (ABSTINENCE)	Susie++ & Frank++ McDougald	Family

REFLECTIONS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, *"came out"* of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about *ours*. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we *all* can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: *"everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, *"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."*

LENT WEEK 5: GIVE UP, TAKE UP, LIFT UP!

Untie Him and Let Him Go Free

Rev. James M. McNamara

Whom have you raised from the dead?

Whom have you loved back to life?

When humanity had the privilege of the presence of Jesus Christ on earth, the people of the time witnessed many miracles: sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, mobility to the paralyzed, life from death. Jesus literally restored Lazarus to life even though he had been in the tomb for four days. But before this marvelous moment took place, Jesus tried to console Martha and Mary who were grieving the loss of their brother and regretting Jesus had not been there to prevent it. "But even now I know that whatever you ask of God He will give you" (John 11: 23).

The true source of this miracle comes in Jesus revealing that He is the resurrection and the life: "I am the resurrection" (John 11: 25). And the most poignant moment in the whole story is easily overlooked given the weight of the conversation and the startling return from the dead. The three most beautiful words of Scripture are found here: "And Jesus wept" (John: 11: 36). How generous and vulnerable Jesus is at the death of His friend.

Whom have you raised from the dead? Whom have you loved back to life? We often wish we had the ability to raise people from the dead or restore them to life. When someone we love is seriously ill, we pray for a miracle. We pray fervently and we pray hard. If our prayers are not answered, we tend to think that we did not pray hard enough or did not have enough faith. Neither is true. Nor is it true that God needed this person in heaven. He didn't!

Our prayer is not an exercise in persuasion to change God's perspective into ours. Our prayer is an exercise in faith and trust. In prayer we entrust our loved one to the Lord. The true miracle may take place in their spirit, not in their body.

But the question still remains: *Whom have you raised from the dead? Whom have you loved back to life?* This can be very challenging especially when we are trying to love someone who is caught in the vicious circle of addiction. It requires perseverance and wisdom that can only come from God. This can also be very simple when we do acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, when we call someone who is lonely and offer words of praise and prayer. *Whom will you raise from the dead? Whom will you love back to life?*

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
 Barbara Barnes
 Blanche Bourm
 Barbara Batts
 Ruth Bundy
 Beatrice Carroll
 Edna Coates
 Melinda Conrad Brown
 Edith Cornish
 Aniceto Charles
 Joyce Cristwell
 Alvera Dance
 Lamont Diggs, Sr.
 Irena Fields
 Florence M. Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Joseph Grear
 Florence Hall
 Dawn Lattimer Handen
 Michael Harkins
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 Michael Holland
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Charles Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Lawrence Lee
 Rose Luck
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Doreene Mahoney
 Monica Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Michael Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Hilda McDougald
 Alice L. Montague
 Martyn Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Vincent Neal

Marlene Patterson
 Silvia Perry
 Lillian Pharms
 Alfred Price
 Joseph Queen
 James Ratiff
 Doreene Redd
 Leroy Sandifer
 Anna E. Smith
 Betty Smith
 Ruth Stokes
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 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.

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14/Psalms 130:1-8/Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 3b-45
Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Psalms 23:1-6/John 8:1-11
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9/Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21/John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Daniel 3:52-56/John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/Psalms 105:4-9/John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalms 18:2-7/John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28/Jeremiah 31:10-12abcd, 13/John 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ashley Gale, Ray Crawford and Helen Williams.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

04/08/2017- 4:00pm Mass
 M. Holland

04/09/2017-8:30am Mass
 N. Douglas, S. Mode, A. Miles & M. G-Wright

04/09/2017- 11:00 am Mass
 L. Miles, B. Robinson, B. Sweeney & TN-Hyde

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

04/08/2017- 4:00pm Mass
 K.H. Ndouga & S.G. Cox

04/09/2017-8:30am Mass
 D. Lucas & Y. Tolson

04/09/2017- 11:00am Mass
 J. Thomas & E. Young

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

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ATTENDANCE:

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

CCD BLACK HISTORY POETRY CONTEST

Dear Racism

By Jessy-Manuella Tiencheu

Dear Racist,

Do you want to see me hurt

Do you want to see me bleed?

Does the color of my skin anger you?

I am human

The color of my skin does not define me
 The color of my skin makes me work harder

You may be privileged but I am blessed
 Your cold bitter heart will forever stay frozen

While my spirit is forever woke

Dear racist,

I am a descendant of the people you had in slave

You see, I am not in chains but your

brain is in still chain

You are the slave

You are trapped inside your own brain

This powerful deadly spirit
 is invading your brain

The same spirit that my people use as fuel

Fuel to continue to go, to rise, to shine

And never backing down

Dear racist,

We live in a world where things are changing

As the world is rotating you're staying the same

You are weak

You prey on others because you are the real
 predator

Dear racist,

You are afraid because I am black.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 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.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

PALM SUNDAY

4:00pm Saturday and Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am Sunday.

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 12 — Evening Prayers and Sacrificial Meal 6pm

Holy Thursday, April 13 — Mass of the Lord's Last Supper 7pm

Good Friday, April 14 — Living Stations 2pm and Passion 3pm

EASTER

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 16, — 8:30am & 11:00am

ST. LUKE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY: There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for anyone interested in being on the planning committee.

ST. LUKE'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School will be held July 31st-August 4th 2017. A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the rear of the church. We want to begin clearances in a timely manner for all who will be working with our kids. Volunteers should be at least 16 years old and up. Those still in school and needing Community Service Hours, this is a great opportunity!!

ST. LUKE LENTEN FISH FRY: The final Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 7 from 11 to 3pm in St. Luke Hall. It will be hosted by CCD, Cameroon Faith Community and Debbie Baker and Friends. You may call the rectory to place your orders for just walk in.

PRAISE, WORSHIP & HEALING PRAYER!: From 1 -3pm on Saturday, April 8th in the St. Martins de Porres Room. Sister Anne Marie Schreiner DC will lead Praise and Worship followed by individual prayer for healing for those who wish.

ST. LUKE'S YOUTH MINISTRY AND CCD CONFIRMATION CLASS would like to say "Thank You So Much" to the Holy Name men for sponsoring 14 youth from St. Luke to attend Mission in Motion "Faith Turnt Up" Lock - In at Incarnation church on March 31- through April 1.

ARCHDIOCESES OF WASHINGTON

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE WIZARD OF OZ: The Parish Pastoral Council of Mt. Calvary Catholic Church invites you to a *Lenten Season Women's Retreat* on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Mt. Calvary Catholic School. The guest speaker will be Sister Lynn Marie Ralph. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at each Mass or calling the church office at 301-735-5532.

DC COMMUNITY NEWS

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION is open to high school students. Members may choose whether to include 7th and 8th grade students in the art competition if schools located in their district house 7th through 12th grades on one campus. Art is due to Congresswoman Norton's office by May 2. You may obtain the rules and regulations, the Student Information and Release Form, and art submission checklist from St. Luke's rectory (202)584-8322.