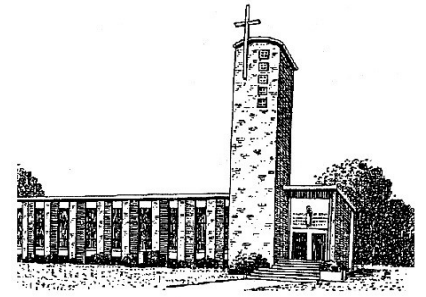


ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 9, 2018

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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 Community
3rd Saturday - 3:00pm	Mass & Fellowship
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
Wednesday - 5:00pm	Seniors Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Adoration/Confession
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Fridays ---6:00pm	Prayer for Vocations
Saturday --- 3:30 pm	Holy Hour
1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30	Stations of the Cross
	Rosary
	O/L of Guadalupe CWA



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores 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.

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 Godparents 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 8th	4:00pm	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil)	God's Healing Mercy and Peace for all Victims of Abuse	Parish Family
Sunday 9th	8:30am 11:00am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	God's Healing Mercy and Peace of all Victims of Abuse Good Healing Mercy and Peace of all Victims of Abuse	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 10th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Haydee Patterson Sr. +++	Patterson Family
Tuesday 11th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	God's protection for Mulfide Mary R & Family	Parish Family
Wednesday 12th	8:00am	The Most Holy Name of Mary opt	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Joseph Begay+++	Parish Family
Thursday 13th	10:00am	St. John Chrysostom OBL	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Charles Moffatt+++	Parish Family
Friday 14th	8:00am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	God's blessing and protection for Karis Felton	Family

REFLECTION FOR 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus ... went by way of Sidon ... into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. *"He has done all things well."*

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. *"Be opened! Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."* The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, *"He has done all things well."*

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PASTOR'S CORNER

JESUS SAYS, "EPHPHATHA: BE OPENED!"

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus says: "Ephphatha: Be opened!" to our spiritual deafness which stubbornly refuses to hear. By nature when we were born we were spiritually deaf. We stubbornly rejected God. All people because of original sin, the sin present in the world since Adam, don't naturally listen to God. People by nature are spiritually deaf. Jesus demonstrates that in this miracle. When Jesus left the coast of northern Palestine he purposely avoided the territory ruled by Herod Antipas. Herod heard about this miracle man Jesus and would have killed him. Knowing that, Jesus journeyed to the region of the Decapolis, a league of ten Greek cities established by the followers of Alexander the Great and later rebuilt by Roman governors. The region had its own coinage and army and was located southeast of the Sea of Galilee on the east side of the Jordan River. There Jesus had previously fed the 5000 and now Matthew tells us he performed many miracles.

The crowd around Jesus had compassion on a man who was both deaf and speechless. They pleaded with Jesus to put their hands on him. Jesus showed he cared about Gentiles beyond Palestine's border. This deaf and mute man typifies the Gentile world. Without the Savior these people could not hear God's Word and the good news of Jesus' rescue. Just as an unbeliever does not listen to anything about God, this deaf man could not hear a word. He also could not speak clearly. The man could articulate or utter intelligible sounds, but not distinct words. The deplorable nature of this man's condition demonstrates the terrible effects of sin and the devil's evil. You and I are like this deaf and speechless man. Oh, we can physically hear and talk, but not spiritually. This spiritual deafness is more serious than physical hearing loss - it results in eternal death. How often don't you fail to hear, that is really understand, what God's Word has to say. If you do hear, do you listen and understand?

The Lord's words seem to go in one ear and out the other. Or if we do listen, it seems we forget what we heard. Often we don't speak about Jesus or confess his name. We have trouble articulating spiritual truths as a corrupt sinner. By ourselves without the Holy Spirit we would remain spiritually deaf and speechless. "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them" (1 Cor 2:14). Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be completely deaf and speechless?

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Valene Chemoo
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.

Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes

Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray

Regina Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
James Ratiff
Joyce Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson

James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of September 9th 2018

Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a/Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Psalms 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]/Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13/Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Luke 6:27-38
Friday: Numbers 21:4b-9/Psalms 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Philippians 2:6-11/John 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Next Sunday: Isaiah 50:5-9a/Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jason 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Renee Bowser, Charles Fantroy, Dianne P. Taylor, Mavula Kinata Rose, and Gabriello K. Deuppi.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

9/15/2018– 4:00pm Mass
P. Wines & R. Watson

9/16/2018-8:30am Mass
N.Douglas & F. A. Cooper

9/16/2018– 11:00am Mass
J. Thomas & T.N. Hyde

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

9/15/2018– 4:00pm Mass
S.G. Cox & R. Watson

9/16/2018-8:30am Mass
L. Washington & D. Lucas

9/16/2018-11:00am Mass
C. Young & G. Abate

Quote of the Week

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more...
Romans 5:20

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

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our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

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ATTENDANCE:

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And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" — Mk 7:32-34



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 inside 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.

PLEASE HELP PREVENT SUICIDE: Do you know anyone contemplating suicide? Are you going through a crisis that seems unresolvable? Please contact National Suicide Helpline @ 1800-273-8255 or Text CONNECT to 741741 from any where in the USA, anytime, about any type of crisis. Or you can also call Parish office 202-584-8322 for immediate help. God loves you & so do I.

FLEE MARKET/STREET FESTIVAL: St. Luke Sodality Annual Flee Market/Street Festival's rain date will be Saturday, September 15, 2018,

PRAY FOR THE CURE UMBRELLAS are all sold out. If you like to order one please sign the clip board in the rear of the church or call Mrs. Conrad.

PRAY FOR THE CURE MASS: PINK CANDLE PROCESSION We need 19 people to carry a pink candle. If you are a cancer survivors or survivor of any life threatening diseases, you are welcome to carry a candle at the Pray for the Cure Mass on 10/14/2018. Please sign the clip board in the rear of the church. (19 people only)

THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6– 10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

DO YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN? If so, please contact the parish office and provide your email address. Bulletin will be sent to your email every weekend.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

TEA TIME with the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Will take place on October 20, 2018 from 11:30am to 3:00pm. Tickets are \$35 and \$245 for a table of seven. They Hope and Pray that you will be able to join them.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS: You are all welcome to the annual white Mass held October 28 celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the deaf community. The Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. It is customary to wear white to the Mass to symbolize the dignity shared by all who have been baptized into Christ's body. Cardinal Donald Wuerl , Archbishop of Washington will be the principal celebrant. Monsignor Charles Pope , pastor of Holy Comforter St. Cyprian will be the homilist. For more information contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-853-4560.

JUSTICE-MAKING THROUGH A FRANCISCAN LENS: The Women's Retreat League of the Archdiocese of Washington invites you to a day of prayer focused on social justice. Sr. Marie Lucey, OSF will direct this day long retreat. Sister Marie serves as Associate Director for the Franciscan Action Network and advocates in Washington, D.C. on issues such as immigration and refugees, human trafficking and peace making, prevention of gun violence and inter-faith relationships. The event will be held at the Washington Retreat Office in Washington DC (400 Harewood Road N.E.) on Thursday September 20 from 9am to 3pm. Suggested donations : \$35 includes coffee break, Mass and lunch. Advance registration requested. Call Cindy Perry at 301-220-3291.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE-EPHESIANS St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals the amazing identity that the baptized have been given by God as His adopted sons and daughters. A bible study course on this epistle has been offered in the school auditorium of The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, D.C. (3630 Quesada Street N.W.) The course will run for 8 Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm from October 3rd to December 12. Register online at ascensenpress.com