



# 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*

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 3, 2016**

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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.

3rd 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

Prayer Meeting

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors 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.

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|--|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Weekday                                | Time              | Feast of the Day                                   | Mass Intention   | Requested By                        |  |
| Saturday 1st                           | 4:00pm            | Sunday Mass Vigil                                  | Julius++ & Pauline++ Batiste   | Dee                                 |  |
| Sunday 2nd                             | 8:30am<br>11:00am | 26th Sunday Mass in O T<br>26th Sunday Mass in O T | God's Healing and Racial Justice in America<br>God's Healing and Racial Justice in America | Parish Family<br>Parish Family      |  |
| Monday 3rd                             | 10:00pm           | Weekday Mass                                       | Ambrose++ & Inez++ Batiste   | Dee                                 |  |
| Tuesday 4th                            | 8:00am            | St. Francis of Assisi OBL                          | Michele Peters   | Kurt January                        |  |
| Wednesday 5th                          | 8:00am            | Weekday Mass                                       | In memory of Mary Williams++   | The Parish Family                   |  |
| Thursday 6th                           | 10:00am           | St. Bruno  | Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Peggy Wines  | In Thanksgiving<br>The Rosary Group |  |
| Friday 7th                             | 8:00am            | Our Lady of the Rosary OBL                         | Frank++ & Susie++ McDougald  | The Family                          |  |

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."*

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free *not* to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we *ought* to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free *to do more*. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I *have* to do, we would do well to ask, what *else* can I do?

What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly *profitable* servants.

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### WHAT IS FAITH?

#### WHERE DOES IT COME FROM? HOW DOES IT GROW WITHIN US?

Faith is first and foremost a gift of God. We cannot acquire it on our own, through our own efforts or through any human power. "Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 153). Faith is also a human act, in that it requires a response on our part. "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (CCC, no. 155). The apostles, who had already been given the gift of faith, recognized its limit within themselves and asked the Lord for the grace to respond more generously to His invitation to believe.

We must take care to distinguish faith as a supernatural virtue from religious feelings or sentiment arising from devotion. Faith is not the equivalent of religious ardor, although it may contribute to it. Faith is a virtue, a habit of the soul, which disposes the person to surrender their mind and heart to God. St. Paul calls this free submission of intellect and will "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; see CCC, no. 143). Although self-surrender may go against our instincts, it is the path to true freedom and the source of liberation for our mind and will. God is the source of all truth, goodness and beauty. To be rooted in him through the obedience of faith opens the mind to what is true, the will to what is good, and the whole person to what is delightful.

There will be times when our faith seems weak. We may experience a loss in confidence in God due to suffering or difficult circumstances. The moral and social decline that surrounds us can cause dismay and incomprehension. We may sometimes ask, "Where is God?" when confronted with tragedy, injustice or interior aridity. To experience these things does not mean that we lack faith. It may mean, however, that we have come up to the limits of our faith, to its frontier in our hearts.

We can't see beyond the present horizon because our faith doesn't extend too far beyond the present moment. On those occasions, we ought to imitate the apostles, saying to the Lord, "increase our faith," and have confidence that he will, even if we don't perceive that intensification right away. We cannot help but to recall the faith of the Mother of God. "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45). We also believe, and beg the Lord to expand the boundaries of our faith, after the pattern of His holy Mother.

Excerpt from Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds <http://www.catholic.org/homily/yearoffaith/story.php?id=48461>



## 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 be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00pm in the church.

**2016 EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL begins on** October 3 through 6, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church. Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ will be this year's Revivalist. St. Luke will co-host the Monday night revival., October 3rd. Please fill out the Prayer Petitions found in the basket in the rear of the church and write your Prayer Petition and place in the basket on the Altar to be taken to the East of the River Revival for the week of October 3 through 6.

**PRAY FOR THE CURE:** The Eighth Annual October "Pray for the Cure Mass" will hold on October 9, 2016 at the 11:00am Mass in St. Luke Church. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Most Reverend John Ricard, S.S.J., Bishop Emeritus Pensacola, Tallahassee.

**MOTHER OF AFRICA CHAPEL:** The Holy Name Society is hosting a Mass in the Mother of Africa Chapel on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 10:00am. The chapel is located at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. If you are interested in attending please contact Byron Wilson at 571-221-4191. Space is limited.

**PLAY TITLED "MISUNDERSTOOD"** written and produced by St. Luke's own Penny Glover will be held at St. Luke Center on November 20, 2016 at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and they will be available from the back of the church after each Mass.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

**YEAR OF MERCY: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "The most important thing in the life of every man and every woman is not that they should never fall along the way. The important thing is to get back up, not to stay on the ground licking your wounds. The Lord of mercy always forgives me; he always offers me the possibility of starting over. He loves me for what I am, he wants to raise me up, and he extends his hand to me. This is one of the tasks of the Church: to help people perceive that there are no situations that they cannot get out of. For as long as we are alive it is always possible to start over, all we have to do is let Jesus embrace us and forgive us." (Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*) *Celebrate God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

## FOR CALENDAR

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Sunday, October 2, 2016

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

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

Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
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  
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.  
Beatrice Wright  
St Luke military families.

## Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

Sunday: Heb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8,  
13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/  
Lk 17:11-19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Joyce E. Thomas, Shannon Harris, Jekwon Jones, Michael Crawford, Doretha Allen, Dana West, Sylvester Mode and Johnny Lattimore.

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

**10/8/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
K. H. Ndouga

**10/9/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
P. Nixon & C. Tolson

**10/9/2016– 11:00 am Mass**  
S. Williams & B. Sweeney

## E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**10/8/2016– 4:00pm Mass**

**10/9/2016– 8:30am Mass**

**10/9/2016– 11:00am Mass**  
E. Young & V. Tinsley

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

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**ATTENDANCE:**

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).  
— Homily on March 17, 2013

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." — Lk 17:5-6