



# St. Luke

**Catholic Church**  
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Washington, DC 20019

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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 - ---6:00 p.m.

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass

Prayer Meeting

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors Bible Study Group

Novena to St. Joseph

Bible Study (in the Chapel)

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 Morning 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.

**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 22nd	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Jennifer Hunter (God's Peace & Blessings)	Family
Sunday 23rd	8:30am 11:00am	30th Sunday Mass in O T 30th Sunday Mass in O T	Healing for Victims of Domestic Violence Healing for Victims of Domestic Violence	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 24th	10:00pm	Weekday Mass	Haydee Patterson, Sr.++ (BB)	Patterson Family
Tuesday 25th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Mercer & Elizabeth Patterson	Family
Wednesday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Priscilla Baldwin++	Patterson Family
Thursday 27th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Friday 28th	8:00am	Sts. Simon & Jude (Apostles)	James D. Simpson++	Marguerite Simpson

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* The Pharisee and the tax collector—polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who *"went home justified."*

Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee.

When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be *"justified"* like the tax collector who cried out, *"Be merciful to me a sinner!"*

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### 6 WAYS TO CULTIVATE THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist, there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance. —St. Augustine. But while it's simple enough to know that we should be humble, it's not always so easy in practice. Accordingly, I want to discuss six methods to cultivate the virtue of humility.

**1. PRAY FOR IT:** It is safe to say that no virtue is ever formed in our souls except by frequent prayer. If you truly desire to be humble, pray every day for this grace, asking God to help you overcome your self-love. "We should daily ask God with our whole hearts for humility," teaches St. John Vianney, "for the grace to know that we are nothing of ourselves, and that our corporal as well as our spiritual welfare proceeds from him alone." To this end, I highly recommend the beautiful prayer known as the [Litany of Humility](#).

**2. ACCEPT HUMILIATIONS:** Perhaps the most painful, but also the most effective, way to learn humility is by accepting humiliating and embarrassing circumstances. As long as we only desire this virtue of humility, but are not willing to accept the means thereto, not even are we on the true road to acquiring it. Even if in certain situations we succeed in acting humbly, this may well be the result of a superficial and apparent humility rather than of a humility that is real and profound. Humility is truth; therefore, let us tell ourselves that since we possess nothing of ourselves but sin, it is but just that we receive only humiliation and scorn.

**3. OBEY LEGITIMATE SUPERIORS:** One of the clearest manifestations of pride is disobedience (ironically, disobedience and rebellion are hailed as virtues in modern Western society). Satan fell through his proud, *Non serviam*, "I will not serve." On the other hand, humility is always manifested by obedience to legitimate authority, whether it be your boss or the government. As St. Benedict says, "The first degree of humility is prompt obedience."

**4. DISTRUST YOURSELF:** The saints tell us that every sin we commit is due to our pride and self-reliance. If we completely distrusted ourselves and relied only upon God, they say, we would never sin. [Dom Lorenzo Scupoli](#) went so far as to say that, "Distrust of self is so absolutely requisite in the spiritual combat that without this virtue we cannot expect to defeat our weakest passions, much less gain a complete victory."

**5. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR NOTHINGNESS:** Another highly effective way of cultivating humility is to meditate on the grandeur and greatness of God, while simultaneously acknowledging your own nothingness in relation to him. St. John Vianney puts it this way: Who can contemplate the immensity of a God without humbling himself into the dust at the thought that God created heaven out of nothing, and that with one word he could turn heaven and earth into nothing again? A God who is so great, and whose power is boundless; a God filled with every perfection; a God with his never-ending eternity, his great justice, his providence, who rules everything so wisely, and looks after everything with such care, and we a mere nothing!

**6. THINK BETTER OF OTHERS THAN OF YOURSELF:** When we are proud, we inevitably think we are better than others. We pray like the Pharisee, "Lord, I thank you that I am not like other men." This self-righteousness is incredibly harmful to our souls, and it is detestable to God. Scripture and the saints both affirm that the only safe path is considering everyone as better than ourselves. "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves," says St. Paul (Phil. 2:3).

Excerpt fhhttp://www.catholicgentleman.net/2014/07/6-ways-to-cultivate-the-virtue-of-humility/



## **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.

**ST LUKE 59TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 30TH:** Dear brothers and sisters, this October marks 59 years of our parish existence. In gratitude to God for the life and wellbeing of our parish family, we will be celebrating our anniversary on the 30th of October 2016. Mass and Celebration of the Sacrament begins 10:30am. Please note that we will have only one Mass on the 30th of October. **THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8:30 AM MASS.**

**TAPING OF THE TV MASS FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS:** The Holy Name Society welcomes all parishioners for the taping of the TV Mass for the sick and shut ins on Thursday, October 27th 2016 at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine. Time is 6:30pm. If interested please contact Mr. Byron Wilson (202-221-4191).

**PLAY TITLED “MISUNDERSTOOD”** written and produced by St. Luke’s own Penny Glover will be held at St. Luke Center on November 6th, 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**

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>:** “A merciful heart is motivated to move beyond its comfort zone. A merciful heart can go out and meet others; it is ready to embrace everyone. A merciful heart is able to be a place of refuge for those who are without a home or have lost their home; it is able to build a home and a family for those forced to emigrate; it knows the meaning of tenderness and compassion. A merciful heart can share its bread with the hungry and welcome refugees and migrants. To say the word “mercy” along with you is to speak of opportunity, future, commitment, trust, openness, hospitality, compassion and dreams. But are you able to dream? When the heart is open and able to dream, there is room for mercy, there is room to caress those who suffer, there is room to draw close to those who have no peace of heart or who do not have the bare necessities to live, or who do not have the most beautiful thing of all: the faith.” (Pope Francis at World Youth Day) *Celebrate God’s mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5: WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK:** Pornography is on the rise, not only because it is easier to access, but because of the lack of awareness about the negative and harmful effects associated with this addictive material. Is your family protected against the devastating effects of pornography? The archdiocesan Office for Family Life provides anti-pornography resources on its website [www.visibleesign.org](http://www.visibleesign.org). Monthly Reflections Series for Women & Men: All Things New... Jesus Changes Everything! Evening of Reflection for Women: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:00-9:30 pm Morning of Reflection for Women: Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:45 am - 12 Noon. Evening reflection For Men: Wednesday, Nov 2, 7:00-9:30 pm

**ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN FIRST SATURDAY REPARATION DEVOTION:** On Saturday, November 5 from 10-11:30am, the archdiocesan division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will host the Annual Archdiocesan First Saturday Reparation Devotion and light luncheon at St. Catherine Labouré Church in Wheaton (11801 Claridge Rd.). Confession, Mass, Rosary, Benediction, and meditation will be followed by light luncheon fare. Fr. Thomas Morrow presides. For more information, contact Mary Ann Hanson or Muriel Hanson at 301-595-1770.

**Evangelization Conference: Training Parish Teams for Missionary Discipleship:** Please mark your calendars for an archdiocesan Evangelization Conference on Saturday, November 5 at St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring. Focusing on the topic of “Training Parish Teams for Missionary Discipleship,” all parish leaders are invited, including staffs, pastoral councils, and ministry leaders. Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, will be the keynote speaker for this training day, which will also feature presentations and workshops from the archdiocesan Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns. For more information please visit [www.adw.org/evangelization](http://www.adw.org/evangelization) or contact Mike Owens at [owensm@adw.org](mailto:owensm@adw.org).

### Pray for the Sick & 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.  
Marita Edelin  
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

### Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016

**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14  
**Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16  
**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful  
happy birthday to  
Dennis Williams, Ikia Nelson, Jamir  
E. Nelson, Dana Joseph Dudley,  
Nelly Casseus  
**May the joy of the Lord  
be your strength!!!**

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

**10/29/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
Michael Holland

**10/30/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
**No Mass**

**10/30/2016– 10:30 am Mass**  
Blossom Piawi & Christal Mitchell

### E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**10/29/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
K. Ndouga

**10/30/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
**No Mass**

**10/30/2016– 10:30am Mass**  
B. Conrad & R. Brooks



### Church Support

#### **Sunday Collection:**

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**ATTENDANCE:**  
**305**

### 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

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." — Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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