

St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2014

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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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - --7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.	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.	Stations of the Cross- Friday: 7:00pm

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.

<u>WEEKENDS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FEAST OF THE DAY</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
SATURDAY	22nd	4:00 PM	LOUISE M. BROWN++	HILDA MCDUGALD
		8:30AM	PARISH FAMILY	FR. CORNELIUS
SUNDAY	23rd	11:00AM	GERTRUDE SHORT++	MARY WILLIAMS
MONDAY	24th	10:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	ANA STROTHER
TUESDAY	25th	8:00AM	FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION	MARY WILLIAMS
WEDNESDAY	26th	8:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	MARGUERITE SIMPSON
THURSDAY	27th	10:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	MARY WILLIAMS
FRIDAY	28th	8:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS	GERALDINE MARSHALL
			THANKSGIVING	
			VIRGINIA FLOYD++	
			NORA T. SIMPSON	
			JOHN & ELLEN LEWIS++	
			LAWRENCE CARTER++	

**REFLECTION FOR THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

“I am he, the one speaking with you.” Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking *with* the Messiah! How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation? Why does Jesus choose *her*?

For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The “woman at the well” did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the “living water” that would quench her deepest thirst.

This is what Jesus has done for us. As Saint Paul says, “God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the “spring of water welling up to eternal life.” We don’t earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, “others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Of course, we must be willing to “drink” by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who “left her water jar and went into the town” to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth. We pray and fast and give alms, not to *earn* the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

HELPING CHILDREN WITH LENT

For many of us, when we were growing up Lent meant giving up candy. That wasn't a bad way to introduce us to the notion of self-discipline, but simply giving up something for Lent without an explanation of spirituality can leave children dreading Lent more than looking forward to it.

The most important thing for children is that we as adults understand Lent and enter into it ourselves with real devotion and joy. If Lent makes its way into our home and into the conversations and practices that children see, they will naturally grow up in a culture that embraces Lent as a season of grace.


The most important lesson children can learn is to make Lent a time to practice being more loving. Children are naturally loving, but they can get into bad habits of fighting with their brothers and sisters, being disobedient, or even talking back. Lent is a great time to build in special family practices that can also renew parents and other adult family members.

Children will notice if part of our Lenten journey is to choose to fast from crabbiness or busyness and to spend more time with them. They will notice if we set the example by complimenting others in the family more, highlighting the good things we notice in them.

If our family Lenten practice is to focus on being nicer, kinder, and more generous in helping one another, the children will take part in it. And if we fail on a given day, we can quickly apologize and ask for forgiveness. That way we model the penitential and reconciliatory behavior that is central to Lent.

(Culled from <http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm?cId=402421>)

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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| Barbara Batts | Gwendolyn Fortune | James Hughes | Lillian Pharms |  | |
| Beatrice Carroll | Tina Garvin | Charles Jamison | Joseph Queen | | |
| Edna Coates | Oceacie Gray, Jr. | Fred Jones | Bernadette Redmond | | |
| Deacon Joe Conrad | Joseph Grear | Mary A. Lewis | Michael Smith | | Wayne A. Wallace |
| Edith Cornish | Florence Hall | Rose Luck | Anna E. Smith | | Mary P.G. Washington |
| Alvera Dance | Michael Harkins | Doreene Mahoney | Betty Smith | | Shiela Washington |
| Mary E. Davis | Mary Harris | Barbara Mallory | Ruth Stokes | | Wellington Waters |
| Bertha Dearing | Chris Hawkins | Clement Martin | Anna Strother | | Dolores Woodard, Jr. |
| Lucille Diggs | Charlene Haywood | Regina Neal | Kayla Tatum | | |
| Carlos Fields, Sr. | Brenda Henson | Vincent Neal | Gloria Thompson | | |
| Irena Fields | James Holley | Annibelle Nelson | Matthew Thompson | | |
| Theodosia Fitch | Rudolph Holley | Betty Payne | Jerome J. Wallace | | |

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2014

- Sunday:** Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/Jonah 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ephesians 5:8-14/Jonah 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

4,216.35

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

ATTENDANCE:

250

Lectors Schedule for Next Week

- 3/29—4:00pm Mass— Kathy Ndouga & Michael Holland
- 3/30--8:30am Mass— Natoshka Douglas & Christine Tolson
- 3/30—11:00am Mass— Bernard Robinson & Brenyce Sweeney

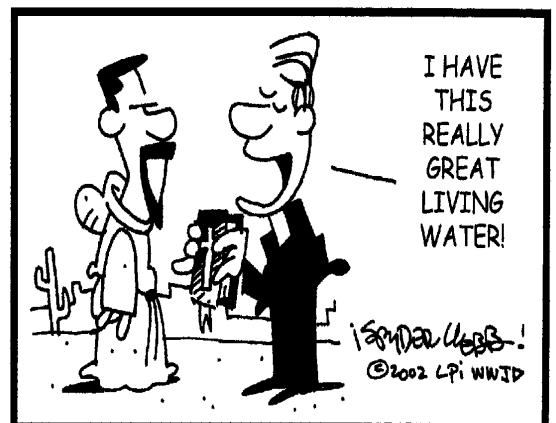
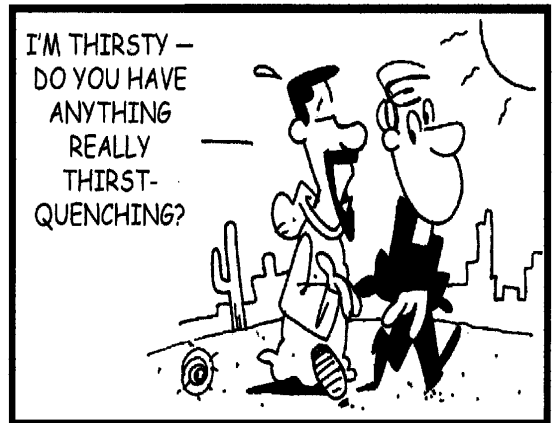
PARISHIONERS CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

We would like to wish Gwendolyn Fortune, Terry Sweeney and Kamaria Harmon a very wonderful birthday celebration. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT





PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners,

Our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves for our Tree located in the northwest corner of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 46 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The season of Lent is a great time to reflect on our Lord's Suffering, Passion and Death. He showed his love for us as he endured a great deal of anguish while carrying his cross along Calvary's way. This Friday, March 28th (**at exactly 7:00pm**), we will have the opportunity to walk that long and treacherous journey with him as we pray the Stations of the Cross. All Parishioners are invited to be part of this Spirit filled expression of our Lenten observance.

THE LIGHT IS ON: Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist and Confessions will be held during the Season of Lent every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm beginning in the Church. Please stop by for some moment of silent prayer, reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ANNUAL ST LUKE FISH FRYS The Daughters of Isabella will be hosting the fish fry on Friday March 28 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Forms are at all three exits of the church or please call the Rectory to place your orders beginning Tuesdays of each week between 9:00 and 4:00pm.

THE 2014 CONFIRMATION YOUTH CLASS would like to thank: Father Cornelius, the CCD teachers, and the St. Luke parishioners for all their support. We had a great time Sunday. Thanks

St. Luke's 2014 Confirmation Class

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FEAST DAY is Tuesday, March 25th. There will be 10:00 am Mass held in the Church.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place next weekend, March 29th and 30th. Bags for your donation were provided for you today. When you come to Mass next weekend, please leave your donation in the back of Church. Our collection will be donated to St. Luke's Food Bank. Please be generous with your contribution.

CRS RICE BOWL REFLECTION: PHILIPPINES: This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the face of Christ in the poor among us.

OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS: St. Peter Claver Catholic church in St. Inigoes, Maryland is celebrating their Lenten season with a Lenten Parish Revival featuring Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers from March 24th — March 25th. The program starts at 6:00pm with a light dinner in McKenna Hall and 7:00pm Daily Revival Service. All are welcome. The location is 16922 St. Peters Claver Rd. See www.stpeterclvr.org.