

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 6, 2015

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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

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 2015 is **“Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

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
Fridays of Lent —7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 5th	4:00pm	Twenty-Third Sunday (VIGIL)	Wardell++ and Margret++ Sullivan	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 6th	8:30am 11:00am	Twenty-Third Sunday of O T Twenty-Third Sunday of O T	For the less privileged in our society For Journey Mercy for all Travelers	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 7th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Jerod K. Darlington++ (BB)	Janice Williams
Tuesday 8th	8:00am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Karris Felton	Parish/ Family
Wednesday 9th	8:00am	St. Peter Claver OBL	Matilda Coleman++	Louise Washington
Thursday 10th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Jenell Stewart++	Parish Family
Friday 11th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Joyce C. Young	Elsie E. Young

REFLECTION FOR

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“He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue.” Jesus could have healed this deaf man another way. He could have spoken a powerful word or, for that matter, just silently willed that the man’s health be restored. It wasn’t uncommon for Jesus to cure people simply by a quick touch. But instead, Jesus chose to heal him in this unique way.

He made it a private event, one that involved an unusual kind of physical ritual. Clearly, this was not for Jesus’ sake. And since it was away from the crowd, it wasn’t for their sake either. This particular healing was for this particular man. For whatever reason, Jesus knew that this man needed these signs—touching his ears and putting saliva on his tongue—in order to be freed of his inability to hear and speak well. Jesus knows what we need.

His care for each and every one of us is not some standardized package of generic charity. He loves us all as unique individuals and understands us. He sees our weaknesses and knows our strengths. He offers himself to us as an intimate friend, not an unfamiliar acquaintance. When we come to him with our hopes, our fears, our desires and needs, he hears and answers us ... in the way he knows is best. It might seem odd.

It might be unexpected or different from what we have seen him do for others. But we need to trust, even when we are desperate for “healing,” that Jesus does care, that he does listen, and that he does act on our behalf. Let us have confidence in today’s Old Testament proclamation from Isaiah: *“Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... he comes to save you.”*

PASTOR’S CORNER

A Renewed Personal Encounter with Jesus


In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis appeals to all of us to give ourselves to a "renewed personal encounter" with Jesus: I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord” [Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete in Domino*] The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. [3]There are four elements to this invitation: 1) it is a renewal, 2) which is personal, 3) which is an encounter, 4) and it with with Jesus.

How is my relationship with Jesus now? For many of us, it is not easy to describe our relationship with Jesus. We might find it easier to describe our relationship with God, in general. We might even acknowledge, that though we celebrate Mass each weekend (or perhaps, daily), receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in an intimate communion with him, we don't feel or experience a day to day conversational, personal relationship with him.

Asking for the grace of a renewed personal encounter with Jesus: The first grace is a desire - something stirring within us - which is open to this deeper encounter. As Pope Francis says that it can start with an "openness" to letting Jesus encounter me. "Waiting for us with open arms" is a quite comforting image. We can't let our having been away or distant or pre-occupied, or even having been selfish or deeply sinful get in the way of this renewal. The first part of the joy we can long for is the experience - perhaps for the first time in our lives - of being loved mercifully, with compassion and with open arms.

Excerpt culled from:
<http://onlineministriescreighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/OrdinaryTime/Encounter-with-Jesus.html>

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen	Irena Fields	James Hughes	Alfred Price	 Wayne A. Wallace Shiela Washington Wellington Waters Lois Williams Dolores Woodard, Jr. Harold Woodard, Sr. St Luke military families. Sister Vartimea Sister Lavrajoy
Barbara Barnes	Gwendolyn Fortune	Charles Jamison	Lillian Pharms	
Barbara Batts	Tina Garvin	David & Keisha Jones	Joseph Queen	
Mary C. Bennett	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Rose Luck	Doreene Redd	
Beatrice Carroll	Joseph Grear	Bernadette Mahoney	Anna E. Smith	
Edna Coates	Florence Hall	Doreene Mahoney	Betty Smith	
Sophie Coleman	Michael Harkins	Barbara Mallory	Ruth Stokes	
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Anna Strother	
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Martyn Montague	Kayla Tatum	
Alvera Dance	Brenda Henson	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson	
Mary E. Davis	Michael Holland	Vincent Neal	Matthew Thompson	
Bertha Dearing	James Holley	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler	
Rosemary Feaster	Rudolph Holley	Silvia Perry	Jerome J. Wallace	

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37
 Monday: Colossians 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11/Luke 6:20-26
 Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17/Luke 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14/Luke 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17/Luke 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Isaiah 50:5-9a/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Marguerite Simpson, Kayla Tatum, and Charles Fantroy

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

E.M.E. SCHEDULE

9/12- 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga & J. Rookard Sr.

9/12- 4:00pm Mass
R. Watson & V. Watson

9/13- 8:30am Mass
M. Green & D. Savoy

9/13- 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & L. Washington

9/13- 11:00 am Mass
J. Thomas & J. Williams

9/13- 11:00 am Mass
S. Williams & E. Young

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

\$3,317.60

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund :

\$20.00

ATTENDANCE:

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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 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.

CCD REGISTRATION: Registration forms for CCD are now available from the back of the church. CCD begins on September 20 at 9:30am in the Center. CCD is inclusive of grades pre-k through grade 12 Anyone who has not completed any Sacraments should enroll in CCD. There will be no Confirmation in 2016. It is a two year program beginning this year. You must enroll this year to receive Confirmation in 2017.

GIRL SCOUTS AT ST. LUKE'S: Registration for Girl Scouts at St. Luke's will begin Saturday, September 12 at St. Luke Center from 10:00am until 11:30am. For information see Pat Everett at 202-306-8577.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA is having RIB and CHICKEN dinners for sale after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday, September 13, 2015 in the church hall.

SODALITY ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE The Sodality Annual Street Festival will be held on September 19 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

PRAY FOR THE CURE PINK AND BLACK CANDLE LIGHT BRUNCH at 1:00pm in the church hall after the Pray for the Cure Mass on October 11, 2015. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets are now available for purchase in the back of church after each Mass. This brunch is a fundraiser for the parish and a portion of the proceeds will be given to Children Hospital in Washington, D.C. for children with cancer and life threatening diseases.

JAZZ/DINNER DANCE A St. Luke fundraiser on Saturday, November 7 in the St. Luke Center. Cost will be \$35.00. More information will follow later.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all parishioners for their love and support during our time of bereavement for our daughter, Jenell Stewart, with the many phone calls, cards, hugs, and those who helped with the funeral services. It was truly a blessing. The Stewart Family

SICK AND SHUT IN MASS: Annual sick and shut in Mass will be held on.....

MILLICENT GREEN AND DAREN WRIGHT WEDDING:

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

WALK WITH FRANCIS PARISH PLEDGE WEEKEND is this weekend. Celebrate the coming visit of the Holy Father! At Mass this weekend, you will have the opportunity to sign a card to pledge to *Walk with Francis* and pray, serve, or act in a new way to advance his mission and ministry in the world. We encourage you to pray regularly for the Holy Father and learn about the message of the joy of the Gospel, the mercy of God and the love of Christ. Serve by reaching out and caring for those in need and supporting charitable efforts in our community and beyond. Act to promote human life and dignity, justice and peace, family life and religious freedom, care for creation and the common good. Once you have taken the pledge, challenge family, friends, and co-workers to do the same! Find more information or take the pledge online at WalkwithFrancis.org. Share your pledge on social media and challenge others using #WalkwithFrancis. In today's First Reading we heard Joshua's pledge, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD". How will you serve the Lord this week? The best way to welcome Pope Francis is to #WalkwithFrancis!