



# 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*

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 25, 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 - ---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.

| Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time |                   |                                                    | Sunday, September 25, 2016                                                                           |                                |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Weekday                              | Time              | Feast of the Day                                   | Mass Intention                                                                                       | Requested By                   |
| Saturday 24th                        | 4:00pm            | Sunday Mass Vigil                                  | In Memory of Lorraine T. Aikens++                                                                    | The Aikens Family              |
| Sunday 25th                          | 8:30am<br>11:00am | 26th Sunday Mass in O T<br>26th Sunday Mass in O T | God's Intervention and Racial Justice in America<br>God's Intervention and Racial Justice in America | Parish Family<br>Parish Family |
| Monday 26th                          | 10:00pm           | SS. Cosmas & Damian<br>OPT                         | Benjamin Taylor                                                                                      | The Patterson Family           |
| Tuesday 27th                         | 8:00am            | St. Vincent de Paul OBL                            | In Memory of Gloria G. Wilson++                                                                      | The Morning Group              |
| Wednesday 28th                       | 8:00am            | SS. Wenceslaus, & Lawrence<br>OPT                  | Renee Bowser (BB)                                                                                    | Doris Bowser                   |
| Thursday 29th                        | 10:00am           | SS. Michael, Gabriel &<br>Raphael FEAST            | Karis Felton                                                                                         | The Family                     |
| Friday 30th                          | 8:00am            | St. Jerome                                         | Mr. & Mrs. Donald and Peggy Wines                                                                    | The Parish Family              |

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth—whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### LAZARUS, THE RICH MAN, AND THE SIN OF PRIDE

Between last week's reading of the parable of the dishonest steward (Lk. 16:1-15) and today's parable is a little bridge of five verses (16:14-18). That passage states that the Pharisees—"who were lovers of money"—had heard Jesus say, "You cannot serve God and mammon", and had sneered at him. Jesus then said to them, "You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts; for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God."

This sets up the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, a story sometimes interpreted solely as a renunciation of greed and a call to treat the poor with justice. That interpretation is, of course, both correct and important. Today's reading from the prophet Amos takes up the same issue, directing a curse toward the complacent wealthy who stuff themselves with rich meat while starving themselves spiritually. And the first half of the parable (vs. 19-26) is directed toward the same sort of opulent self-indulgence and gluttonous revelry.

But there is more to it, for Jesus took what was quite possibly a well-known motif—a rich man descending into Hades—and suddenly, as the saying goes, brought it home with an unexpected epilogue. The rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers so they might escape eternal torment. Who are the five brothers? In the immediate context, they are the Pharisees, the ones who have and know the law of Moses and the prophets and yet fail to pursue the will of God and die to pride.

St. Jerome, commenting on this passage, said the rich man is not accused of greed, theft, adultery, "or, in fact, of any wrongdoing. The evil alone of which he is guilty is pride." Pride, says St. Thomas Aquinas in his treatise on evil, signifies an intentional contempt of God. Every sin, in fact, is infected to some degree by pride. The *Catechism* explains that "hatred of God comes from pride. It is contrary to love of God, whose goodness it denies..." (par. 2094).

Pride destroys love for God and love for others; it seeks only itself and its desires, without thought for tomorrow or the afterlife. The Pharisees, as Abraham tells the rich man, have Moses and prophets. They, more than anyone else, had no excuse for being prideful and refusing to repent. But they failed to heed John the Baptist's warning about believing that because Abraham was their father, they had no need for repentance (Lk. 3:8).

Excerpts culled from [http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Blog/2605/lazarus\\_the\\_rich\\_man\\_and\\_the\\_sin\\_of\\_pride.aspx](http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Blog/2605/lazarus_the_rich_man_and_the_sin_of_pride.aspx)



## 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..

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the Sodality Street Festival a success.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASS:** Will be held on September 27th. Mass and anointing begins at 10:00am in the Church. Lunch will follow immediately after Mass. Please invite our sick and shut in family members and neighbors to come and receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

**ST. LUKE'S LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY** is looking for new members. All are welcome. Dance practice will start October 1, 2016 at 12:00pm. Please contact Brenyce Sweeney (202)494-9531.

**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 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.

**PLAY TITLED "MISUNDERSTOOD"** written and produced by St. Luke's own Penny Glover will be held at St. Luke Center on November 6, 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: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Let us remember the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' (Mt 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development." (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit) *Continue your Walk With Francis and celebrate God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**TEA TIME WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE** Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11:30am to 3:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Providence Sacred Heart Hall, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227. Admission is \$35.00. Hats and gloves are encouraged by ladies and ties for our gentlemen. There will be a silent auction and other unique tea items for purchase on hand.

**THE 24TH INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING** coalition in collaboration with The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy and Priests for Life are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Oct. 2nd—10th) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: ***for the conversion of all peoples and nations, to build a culture of life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life and to for peace and to implore God's Mercy***. For the final day, on Monday, October 10th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 9am to 4:30pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register on line at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

## COMMUNITY EVENT

**44th ANNUAL BLACK STUDENT FUND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FAIR:** Learn about independent school

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Lester Allen         | Gwendolyn Fortune | David & Keisha Jones | Alfred Price           |
| Barbara Barnes       | Tina Garvin       | Lawrence Lee         | Irving Proctor         |
| Blanche Bourm        | Elizabeth Gillem  | Rose Luck            | Joseph Queen           |
| Barbara Batts        | Oceacie Gray, Jr. | Bernadette Mahoney   | Doreene Redd           |
| Ruth Bundy           | Joseph Grear      | Doreene Mahoney      | Leroy Sandifer         |
| Beatrice Carroll     | Florence Hall     | Barbara Mallory      | Anna E. Smith          |
| Edna Coates          | Michael Harkins   | Michael Mason        | Betty Smith            |
| Sophie Coleman       | Chris Hawkins     | Doris McCann         | Ruth Stokes            |
| Melinda Conrad Brown | Charlene Haywood  | Alice L. Montague    | Kayla Tatum            |
| Edith Cornish        | Brenda Henson     | Martyn Montague      | Rolland Taylor         |
| Aniceto Charles      | Michael Holland   | Veronica Murray      | Gloria Thompson        |
| Alvera Dance         | James Holley      | Vincent Neal         | James F. Thompson, Jr. |
| Lamont Diggs, Sr.    | Rudolph Holley    | Marlene Patterson    | Matthew Thompson       |
| Irena Fields         | James Hughes      | Silvia Perry         | Barbara B. Tyler       |
| Florence M. Fields   | Charles Jamison   | Lillian Pharms       | 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 September 25, 2016**

**Sunday:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalms 146:7-10/1 Timothy 6:11-16/  
 Luke 16:19-31  
**Monday:** Job 1:6-22/Psalms 17:1-3, 6-7/Luke 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Psalms 88:2-8/Luke 9:51- 56  
**Wednesday:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Psalms 88:10-15/Luke 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/  
 Psalms 138:1- 5/John 1:47-51  
**Friday:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Psalms 139:1-3, 7-10,  
 13-14/Luke 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
 125, 130/Luke 10:17-24  
**Next Sunday:** Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/  
 Luke 17:5-10

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Michael Holland, Chikodili Onianwah, Jacqueline Wilson, Geraldine Jackson, Charmaine Williams, Francoise Ebenbeng & Yvonne Cooper Tolson and we would also like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to, Mrs. & Mrs. Westley & Natoshka Faxio Douglas and Mr. & Mrs. Laurent & Francoise Ebenbeng.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**10/1/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
 M.Holland  
**10/2/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
 D. Lucas, & S. Mode  
**10/2/2016– 11:00 am Mass**  
 B. Robinsin & T. Sweeney

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE**

**10/1/2016– 4:00pm Mass**  
**10/2/2016– 8:30am Mass**  
**10/2/2016– 11:00am Mass**  
 C.Young, R.Brooks & G.Abate



***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

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

**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

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” — Lk 16:25