



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

<HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DAY>

Sunday, October 30, 2016

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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 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 29th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Jessee Brown++	Family
Sunday 30th	10:30am	31st Sunday Mass in O T	In Thanksgiving for all St Luke Parish Family, Benefactors and Candidates	Parish Family
Monday 31st	10:00pm	Weekday Mass	Tony Bowie	Mercer Patterson
Tuesday 1st	10:00am 6:00pm	All Saints Day (SOL)	Bradley M. Lucas, Sr.++BB	Doris C. Lucas
Wednesday 2nd	8:00am	All Souls Day (Com)	All Deceased Member/Families of St Luke+++	Parish Family
Thursday 3rd	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Susie and Frank McDougald++	Family
Friday 4th	8:00am	St. Charles Borromeo	Terrel Wilson	Wilson Family

REFLECTION FOR THE

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” Zacchaeus was serious about following Jesus. Maybe at the start he was just curious when he ran ahead to scale that sycamore tree. But that curiosity developed into a life-changing experience when Jesus called him by name.

At that moment, when the Lord chose Zacchaeus to be his host for the evening, the rich tax collector *“came down quickly and received him with joy.”* And shortly thereafter came his promise of conversion and penance. Not only would he change his ways; he would make up for his former ones. And thus Jesus declared, *“Today salvation has come to this house.”*

Penance isn’t a popular concept in our modern era. We like to think about God’s great mercy and forgiveness, but it’s not so fun to think about the lingering effects of our sin. When Zacchaeus stole money, people suffered, especially the poor. His conversion to the ways of God wouldn’t make up for the suffering he had inflicted on people.

But his choice to go back and set things aright could make a difference. Sometimes, we are called to do something similar. Of course it is not *always* possible to go back and directly restore the relationships or situations that we have damaged through our sins.

However, it *is* always possible to offer a kind of sacrifice—often called “making reparation”—for our sin. We can do something virtuous and offer it to God as a kind of deposit in the universal “bank” of goodness to make up for the unjust withdrawals we have previously made. In this way, we too can show that we are serious about following the Lord.

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PASTOR’S CORNER

CLIMBING THE SYCAMORE TREE IN SEARCH OF JESUS

Dear parish family, congratulations on our 59th Anniversary. This indeed is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We are truly blessed by God who has never stopped showing us mercy even when we don’t deserve it. Today’s landmark celebrations has been “willed” by God. The very fact that this place of worship is still in existence today, is itself a blessing. Our first reading today taken from the book of Wisdom echoes this thought “And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?” [Wisdom 11:25]

Because God has promised to hold us in the “hollow of his hand,” we must then turn to him in praise with true humility. We should lift up our hearts in prayer and acknowledge what God has done for us and what he will continue to do for us His children. We must never be alarmed or discouraged when faced with trials and tribulations in our daily lives.

In our gospel reading this morning, Jesus praises Zacchaeus for his zeal and effort in seeking the messiah. The Lord assured him that salvation has come into his house because he made genuine effort to welcome Jesus into his heart. He climbed a sycamore tree (overcame his short-comings) in order to encounter the merciful love of God.

My brothers and sisters, we too need to encounter the powerful perfecting presence of Jesus each and everyday of our lives. But first, we have to begin by recognizing what ails us; acknowledge our defects, our flaws and our limitations. We then strive to climb the sycamore tree of God’s Grace in order to overcome our inabilities, inadequacies, intolerance, inhumane lifestyle and insufficient love.

Like Zacchaeus, we must never quit amid trial and difficult moments. The Lord knows we are worth loving and saving, that is why he came to bring salvation to our homes. Together, let us joyfully **praise the name of the Lord for ever, our king and our God.** Let us glorify the LORD for he is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. May we continue to grow from strength to strength and may God’s love be upon us as we place all our hope in him. I pray that this anniversary celebration will be the beginning of good things to come. The joy of the Lord will be our strength. *Ad multos annos*



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.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE: All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1st. Mass is 10:00am & 6:00pm in the church. Wednesday November 2nd is All Soul Day: Mass is @ 8am in the chapel & 9:30am at Mt. Olivet cemetery chapel- hosted by our Parish. Please plan to join us on that day as we pray for all our deceased loved ones.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: will be held on Saturday November 12th. Venue is St Martin De-Porres chapel. Time is 10:00am Prompt. All council members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 30TH: "With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him. Let us consider the prodigal son who, when he decided to return to his father, considers making a speech, but the father doesn't let him speak. He embraces him (cf. Lk 15:17-24). This is the way Jesus is with us. 'Father, I have so many sins....' — But He will be glad if you go: He will embrace you with such love! Don't be afraid." — Pope Francis, March 13, 2015. *Reflect on God's love and mercy in your life at mercy.adw.org.*

PRAYER AND MASS SUPPORTING PEOPLE LIVING

WITH MENTAL ILLNESS: Do you know someone living with mental illness? Are you a family member of a person with mental illness? People living with mental illness and their families can find grace and comfort in prayer and the celebration of the Mass. On Sunday, October 16 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, DC, there will be prayer and Mass for those living with mental illness. People will gather at 3:30pm on the steps of the cathedral and proceed with a pilgrimage walk through the Holy Door. Immediately following, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary. Mass for the public will then

November 2016 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day Mass 10am & 6pm	2 All souls Day 8am @ St Luke 9:30 @ Mt Olivet chapel	3	4 Holy Hour 6:00pm	5
6 Holy Name Society Sodality Play titled "Misunderstood" 1pm @ center	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day Mass 8:00am	12
3	14	15	16 National Catholic Youth Conference (Nov 16-19)	17	18	19 Share Praise & worship with Sr. Schreiner 1pm Chapel
20 Daughters of Isabella CCFC HNS & K.C Veterans Day brunch Christ the King (sol)	21 Health Ministry Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm church hall	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Mass 10am	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent Knights of Columbus	28	29	30			

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
Gladys Holley
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 30, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful
Happy Birthday to
Helen Quarles, Renee Issac, Barbra
Tatum, Fred Neal, Alliha Farrel,
Ronald Watson,

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

11/05/2016— 4:00pm Mass
Michael Holland

11/06/2016— 8:30am Mass
S. Mode Y. Tolson

11/06/2016— 11:00 am Mass
R. Johnson & B. Robinson

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

11/05/2016— 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga & S. Glover-Cox

11/06/2016— 8:30am Mass
L. Washington & Y. Tolson

11/06/2016— 11:00am Mass
R. Brooks & J. Williams

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ATTENDANCE:
270

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



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." — Lk 19:8