

St. Luke

Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2014

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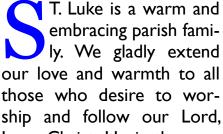
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Welcome Mass Schedule



Jesus Christ. He is the cen-

ter 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



FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday: 10:00 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.

	15th TIME 4:00 PM 8:30AM 11:00AM	FEAST OF THE DAY VIGIL MASS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MASS	MASS INTENTION ODETTE NGEUMOU SICK PARISHIONERS NORMA D. WHITE++	REQUESTED BY FR CORNELIUS PARISH FAMILY MARY WILLIAMS
TUESDAY 1 WEDNESDAY 1 THURSDAY 2	17th 10:00AM 18th 8:00AM 19th 8:00AM 20th 10:00AM 21st 8:00AM	WEEKDAY MASS WEEKDAY MASS WEEKDAY MASS MEMORIAL MASS WEEKDAY MASS	KARIS FELTON ELIZABETH CHANG HARRY WASHINGTON++ MARY INEZ McZEAL++ JAMES PATTERSON	FAMILY MARY CHANG LOUISE WASHINGTON PARISH FAMILY MERCER PATTERSON

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When they heard this divine declaration, Peter, James, and John fell on the ground, trembling in fear. The gleaming vision of Jesus miraculously transfigured before them, and the appearance of the two prophets who had been dead for ages, didn't knock them over. Rather, the clear voice of God that followed this apparition struck fear into their hearts.

The first part of the heavenly announcement certainly confirmed what they had just seen the unveiled glory of Jesus' divinity. But these words included another element, a command from on high: "Listen to him." Perhaps part of the fear that shook these men was the solemn realization that Christ's divinity demands more than our respect. It demands our response.

Knowing that Jesus is God is only part one. We are also called to follow him, by heeding his teachings and imitating his example. Lent is a special time to examine just how well we are "listening" to Christ. It is a season to uncover the areas where we are deaf to his word, or at least where we are pretending not to hear it. To this end, we have the Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. First and foremost, in prayer we literally pause to listen.

We do our best to quiet ourselves and ask God to speak to us in the depths of our hearts. By fasting, we learn to silence the demands of those physical cravings that too often take first priority in our lives. And through the practice of giving alms, we train ourselves to hear the voice of "the least of these," in whom Christ himself is present. This Lent, may we respond wholeheartedly to God's command to listen to his Son.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

GIVE UP, TAKE UP, LIFT UP!

In his Lenten message for 2014, Pope Francis takes inspiration from the words of St. Paul (2Cor 8:9), and asks us to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty." We can begin to embrace this call by fasting from or "giving up" material things, including foods, that are superfluous to our basic needs; "taking up" charitable habits that are directed to helping and caring for others; and "lifting up" our brothers and sisters who are in need through giving alms, praying and participating in devotional practices.

By taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we recognize that to be evangelists, we must first be evangelized ourselves. Spiritual suggestions, along with inspirational words from Pope Francis and some of the saints who are remembered during the season on our downloadable Lenten calendar provide a daily reminder of your evangelical call. This Lent, we also have urgent reason to focus prayer and attention on peace in the Holy Land, as our leaders work to resolve the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

(Culled from http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/lent/)

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Batts
Clementine Butler
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Deacon Joe Conrad
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearring
Lucille Diggs
Carlos Fields, Sr.

Irena Fields
Theodosia Fitch
Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Mary Harris
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood

Brenda Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison
Fred Jones
Mary A. Lewis
Rose Luck
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Clement Martin

Regina Neal
Vincent Neal
Annibelle Nelson
Betty Payne
Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Bernadette Redmond
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother



Mary P.G. Washington Shiela Washington Wellington Waters Dolores Woodard, Jr.

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014

Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a/2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9

Monday: Deuteronomy 9:4b-10/Luke 6:36-38 Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Romans 4:13, 16-18,

22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-

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Saturday: Micah7:14-15, 18-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/Jonah 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Lectors Schedule for Next Week 3/22—4:00pm Mass- Audrey Colvon & John Rookard, Sr

3/23--8:30am Mass- Doris Lucas & Jasmine Wilson

3/23—II:00am Mass- CCD Class

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

We would like to wish Terry Sweeney and Kamaria Harmon a very wonderful birthday celebration. May the joy of the Lord be your strength. Wishing you many more grace filled years ahead. Congratulations to Tanaja Davis, Edward Adjei-Premph Jr, Syparia Harris, Jekwon Jones, Dana Dudley, Jaea Scott-Terrell, Chikelue Onianwah, Andre Amalemba, Kamaria Harmon, Nayia Faxio-Douglas and Westley Douglas Jr, on your reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday. May God's Spirit continue to abide with you.

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

\$5,626.19

ATTENDANCE: 241

2 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 decease 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 21st (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.

<u>THE LIGHT IS ON:</u> 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 CCD will be hosting the fish fry on Friday March 21 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.

<u>OLDIES BUT GOODIES</u> featuring D.J. Funk on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. This event is sponsored by St. Luke Center. Chicken & Shrimp will be sold and donation is only \$8.00. No alcohol. For more information contact Mr. Quarles at (202)584-1400.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: There are plenty tickets left for the trip to Williamsburg to have fun shopping at Williamsburg Pottery and Outlet and to have dinner of Captain George's Restaurant. The trip is March 29, 2014 and the cost is \$75.00. They leave St. Luke at 7:30 am. For Information contact Debbie Baker (202)583-0329 or Gloria Washington at (301)505-2850 or Janice Williams (202)584-1130

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 the weekend of March 29th and 30th. Bags for your donation will be provided if you wish to use them. When you come to Mass that 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: GUATEMALA This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.