



# St. Luke

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

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers  
and Brothers



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

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, February 21, 2016**

## PASTORAL STAFF

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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

**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.	Cameroon Mass
Last Sunday— 1:00pm	Congolese Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Fridays of Lent—6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday --- 3:30 pm	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     6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday in Lent at 6PM**

### 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.

**2nd Sunday of Lent****Sunday, February 21, 2016**

<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Feast of the Day</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Saturday 20th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass (VIGIL)	Terrell Wilson	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 21st	8:30am 11:00am	Second Sunday of Lent Second Sunday of Lent	That God's Love will dwell in our Families That God's Love will dwell in our Families	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 22nd	10:00am	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	Mary Williams (BB)	Louise Washington
Tuesday 23rd	8:00am	St. Polycarp	Jordan Patterson	Patterson Family
Wednesday 24th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Cleo, Albert & James Williams	Patterson Family
Thursday 25th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Deceased of the Patterson Family	Mercer Patterson
Friday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	The Freeland Family++	Mercer Patterson

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory."* Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James and John. Often, we think only in terms of what happened to Jesus: *"his face changed"* and *"his clothing became dazzling white"* and he began a supernatural conversation with two ancient prophets.

But that was only half of the story. The other part is what happened to the men. They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were *"fully awake."* Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. They would not have had this astonishing insight into the glory of their friend and Master.

It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be *"awake"* in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were *"overcome"* with sleep, we too can slip into this state without necessarily realizing it's happening. Spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent.

During these weeks, we strive to purify ourselves by attacking the sins and selfishness that make us spiritual sleepwalkers. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs and to become *"fully awake."* Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see *"his glory"* come Eastertide.

### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERIES PRESENTS

#### Margaret Walker

(1915-1998)

An African American woman who won the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award in 1942. "She became one of the youngest Black writers ever to have published a volume of poetry in this century," as well as "the first Black woman in American literary history to be so honored in a prestigious national competition. Among her many writings is this poem titled *"Sorrow Home"* which she wrote in 1989. Enjoy!

#### Sorrow Home

By Margaret Walker

My roots are deep in southern life; deeper than  
John Brown or Nat Turner or Robert Lee. I was  
sired and weaned in a tropic world.  
The palm tree and banana leaf, mango and coconut,  
breadfruit and rubber trees know me.

Warm skies and gulf blue streams are in my blood.  
I belong with the smell of fresh pine,  
with the trail of coon, and the spring  
growth of wild onion.

I am no hothouse bulb to be reared in steam-heated  
flats with the music of El and subway in my ears,  
walled in by steel and wood  
and brick far from the sky.

I want the cotton fields, tobacco and the cane. I  
want to walk along with sacks of seed to drop in  
fallow ground. Restless music is in my heart  
and I am eager to be gone.

O Southland, sorrow home, melody beating in my  
bone and blood! How long will the Klan of hate,  
the hounds and the chain gangs  
keep me from my own?

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen  
 Martha Barbour  
 Barbara Barnes  
 Barbara Batts  
 Mary C. Bennett  
 Ruth Bundy  
 Beatrice Carroll  
 Edna Coates  
 Sophie Coleman  
 Melinda Conrad Brown  
 Edith Cornish  
 Alvera Dance  
 Irena Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune  
 Tina Garvin  
 Oceacie Gray, Jr.  
 Joseph Grear  
 Florence Hall  
 Michael Harkins  
 Chris Hawkins  
 Charlene Haywood  
 Brenda Henson  
 Michael Holland  
 James Holley  
 Rudolph Holley  
 James Hughes

Charles Jamison  
 David & Keisha Jones  
 Lawrence Lee  
 Rose Luck  
 Bernadette Mahoney  
 Doreene Mahoney  
 Barbara Mallory  
 Michael Mason  
 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  
 Anna Strother  
 Kayla Tatum  
 Gloria Thompson



James F. Thompson, Jr.  
 Matthew Thompson  
 Barbara B. Tyler  
 Jerome J. Wallace  
 Wayne A. Wallace  
 Shiela Washington  
 Wellington Waters  
 Terrell Wilson  
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
 Harold Woodard, Sr.  
 Beatrice Wright

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

**Sunday:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Psalms 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Luke 9:28b-36  
**Monday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4/Psalms 23:1-6/Matthew 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 18:18-20/Psalms 31:5-6, 14-16/Matthew 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 17:5-10/Psalms 1:1-4, 6/Luke 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Psalms 105:16-21/  
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/Psalms 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/Luke 13:1-9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful and a happy birthday to Alonzo Wallace, Sr. and Inocencio Quinones.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

**2/27- 4:00pm Mass**  
 K. Ndouga & M. Holland

**2/28- 8:30am Mass**  
 N. Douglas & P. Nixon

**2/29- 11:00 am Mass**  
 E. Williams & I. Quinones

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

**2/27- 4:00pm Mass**  
 V. Watson & R. Watson

**2/28- 8:30am Mass**  
 D. Lucas & C. Tolson

**2/28- 11:00 am Mass**  
 D. Baker & B. Conrad

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

ATTENDANCE:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus is the "face" of the Father's mercy. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, is the "face" of the Father's mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus' example when we open ourselves to the Father's mercy by looking "sincerely" into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those "who are denied their dignity."

2nd 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 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.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION** will take place on Sunday, February 28, 2016. **VOLUNTEERS** are still needed. Tables are available for display. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** “*Rediscovering the Mercy of Our Lord*” (Luke 15:11-32) The celebrant and speaker will be Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, S.S.J. This event is being hosted by St. Luke’s Holy Name Society on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 9:30am at St. Luke Catholic Church. Contacts: Phil Smith (301)675-6208 or Byron A. Wilson (571)221-4191. FREE lunch will be served.

**CRS RICE BOWL: Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services:** Let CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you **pray, fast, learn** and **give** this Lent in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. All you need is a CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar! Keep the CRS Rice Bowl near your family dinner table during Lent so that you can refer to it each night. The Rice Bowls are at each exit of the Church. Please take one home with you and fill them to be used to help the poor around the world and in our community. Before turning in your Rice Bowl it would be a great help if you convert your collection of money into a check.

**LENTEN FISH FRY:** St. Luke’s next Lenten Fish Fry will take place on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Church Hall. The sponsors will be the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbia St. Martin de Porres. You may call the St. Luke rectory to place an order. (202)-584-8322.

**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 5, 2016. Bags for your donations will be provided if you wish to use them. When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation at the back of the Church. Our collection will be donated to St. Luke’s St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

**YEAR OF MERCY: Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Lent:** Showing compassion – literally “suffering with” one another – is an important part of sharing God’s mercy. Sister Bon Secours shares this story: “On a plane headed home, the woman seated next to me saw my religious habit and asked me to pray for her child, who suffers physical and mental sickness. This mother, compassionately concerned for her beloved child, shed tears as she allowed me to enter into her experience of the great mystery of suffering. I shared what I could and kept her in my prayers. Recently this woman reached out again to share that though the suffering continues, she is recognizing the consolation of God’s presence and merciful love through this trial.” God shared His mercy through Sister’s compassionate listening! *Find ways for God to share mercy through you at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**LIGHT THE CITY MARCH 5TH: Celebrate the Year of Mercy by bringing the Light of Peace and Prayer to D.C. :** Join the archdiocese of Washington on Saturday night, March 5th, at the Cathedral for this evening of prayer and street evangelization. Following a prayer service, teams of volunteers will head out on the streets and invite the passers-by to come into the church to light a candle pause peacefully in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, and talk with a priest. Volunteer training is at 7:00pm. Street Evangelization and prayer will be from 8 to 11:00pm. Volunteers needed! Visit [www.adw.org/light/](http://www.adw.org/light/) for more information and to sign up.

**THE BLACK CATHOLIC CONVOCATION: ATTENTION** all Black Catholics and those who serve in the Black Catholic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Washington! Join the Josephites as they gather for **The Black Catholic Convocation** on Friday, April 29- Saturday, April 30 2016. For more information or to register call Denise Bogans (202) 526-9270.

### COMMUNITY JOB NOTICE

**JUBILEE JOBS, INC.:** There will be orientation for jobs on February 22nd , March 7th and March 21st from 8:45-10:30am. The Location is St. Francis Xavier Parish, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., D.C., enter lower level—on “o” street. The orientation on March 21st will take place at the Festival Center, 1640 Columbia Rd. N.W., D.C. Please arrive at 8:45am. Appli-