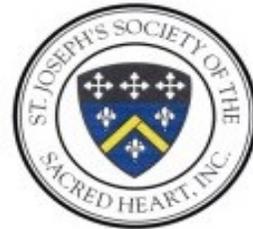


St. Luke

Catholic Church

4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 5, 2017

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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.

Cameroon Mass

3rd Saturday- 3:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors 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

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

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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 4th	4:00pm	5th Sunday Mass Vigil		
Sunday 5th	8:30am 11:00am	5th Sunday of O/Time 5th Sunday of O/Time	In Thanksgiving for Mr. Russell Mr. Quarles In Thanksgiving for Mr. Russell Mr. Quarles	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 6th	10:00am	St. Paul OBL	Elizabeth Patterson	Patterson Family
Tuesday 7th	8:00am	Weekday Mass		
Wednesday 8th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 9th	10:00am	Weekday Mass		
Friday 10th	8:00am	St. Scholastica OBL		

PASTOR'S CORNER

LIFE IN CHRIST

I. THE BEATITUDES

1717 The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

II. THE DESIRE FOR HAPPINESS

1718 The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated.¹³ How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you.¹⁴ God alone satisfies.¹⁵

1719 The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

III. CHRISTIAN BEATITUDE

1720 The New Testament uses several expressions to characterize the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God;¹⁶ - the vision of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"¹⁷ entering into the joy of the Lord;¹⁸ - entering into God's rest:¹ There we shall rest and see, we shall see and love, we shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end. For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kingdom which has no end?²⁰

REFLECTIONS FOR 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be *"the salt of the earth"* and like a lamp on a lampstand that *"gives light to all in the house."* Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that *he* is *"the light of the world"* (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that *"your light must shine before others,"* he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that *"loses its taste"* or light that is hidden *"under a bushel basket"*? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CAREER EXPO at St. Luke's Community Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20019 on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. For additional information please contact: Terrenthia Sweeney (202) 582-8219 or Dennita Ferrell at dennitaferrell@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE — Open House February 19– 20. The college is located in Warner, New Hampshire. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend and participate in classes, meet one on one with faculty and admission representatives, attend Mass and participate in spiritual life on campus, tour our 135 acre campus, eat in our dining room and enjoy student entertainment. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our admissions office at 603-456-2656 admissions at northeast catholic.edu.

HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION on Saturday, February 18 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature inspired talks, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. The day will conclude with a family style meal. The cost of attendance is \$10 per couple and \$20 for a family of three or more.

To register please visit: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (MATTHEW 6:33)

Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

The Cardinal's Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. (For example, Appeal funds support... INSERT SOME OF THE MINISTRIES IN YOUR PARISH THAT RECEIVE TRAINING, OR OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT. (See the list in the manual or on the Appeal website.)

As in past years, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER is pleased to welcome Fr. Jacques Philippe as featured speaker for a variety of upcoming events! Seating is limited at all of these events, so registration is required. Find more information and registration links our website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call us at (301) 365-0612. Following are some of the events: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22: Women's Evening of Reflection: Finding True Freedom & Happiness in Prayer** / 7:00pm-9:45pm & **THURSDAY, MARCH 23** / 9:45am-12noon / Mass, talks, light refreshments will be served / \$10 Suggested Donation / REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23: Men's Evening of Reflection: When I am Weak Christ is My Strength...Finding True Strength in Prayer / 7:00pm-9:45pm / Mass, talks, light refreshments will be served / \$10 Suggested Donation / REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 24-25 Marriage Retreat: Solving the Mystery of Prayer in Your Marriage (Part of the Three to STAY Married Marriage Enrichment Program) A 2-day* retreat designed to offer spiritual and

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.
 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
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Charles Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Lawrence Lee
 Rose Luck
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Doreene Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Michael Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Hilda McDougald
 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

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Jamallon Owens.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

02/11/2017– 4:00pm Mass
 M. Holland

02/12/2017– 8:30am Mass
 N. Douglas & M. G-Wright

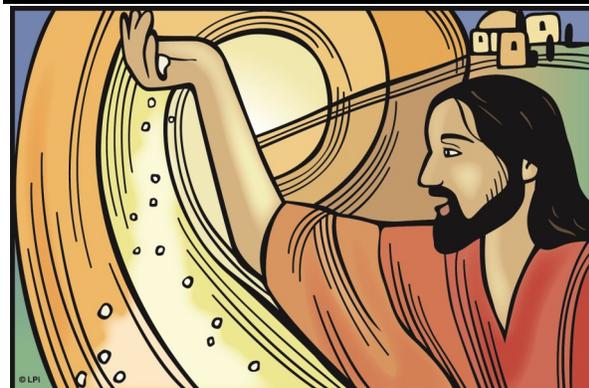
02/12/2017– 11:00 am Mass
 S. Williams & Y. Sherman

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

02/11/2017– 4:00pm Mass
 K. H-Ndoug

02/12/2017– 8:30am Mass
 D. Lucas & M. Harris

02/12/2017– 11:00am Mass
 B. Conrad & R. Brooks



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

ATTENDANCE:
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: **only light can do that.** Hate cannot drive out hate: **only love can do that.**”
 -Martin Luther King Jr.

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” – Mt 5:13a, 14