



St. Luke

Catholic Church

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Washington, DC 20019

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 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

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

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 17th	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil		
Sunday 18th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent	For All Victims of Domestic Violence For All Victims of Domestic Violence	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 19th	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday Mass		
Tuesday 20th	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday Mass		
Wednesday 21st	8:00am	St. Peter SR		
Thursday 22nd	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday Mass		Jacqueline Wilson
Friday 23rd	8:00am	St. John		

REFLECTIONS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Advent Week 3: Joy

By Jeremy Bedenbaugh

The third week of Advent is about the joy that is ours because God has entered the world. Angels heralded the birth of the Messiah and kings came from the east to worship and marvel at what God has done. And we marvel as well, that God would step into our world, broken and marred by our sin.

And the knowledge that God is accomplishing something new, and that he cannot be stopped or deterred, brings us great comfort and great joy, even as we still live in a world with sorrow and pain. Jesus said to his disciples: Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice.

You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. □

([John 16:20-24](#) ESV)

Excerpts of this article was culled from <http://thejourney.org/topic/advent-week-3-joy>



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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY and NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses: 6:00pm — Carroling

6:30pm — Christmas Pageant

7:00 pm — Vigil Mass

10:00pm Mass

Christmas Day Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

New Year's Eve Mass—6:00pm

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Parishioners who are interested in getting Christmas baskets please sign up in the back of the church after each Mass this weekend.

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please have all of your 2016 offerings in by the first weekend in January. Thank You

ANNUAL NEW YEAR GALA DINNER/DANCE: Our New Year's eve's gala is close at hand. This formal black tie event will take place on Saturday December 31, 2016. Venue is St. Luke Center. Time is 9:00pm to 1:00am. Tickets are \$40.00 (including food and beverage). Music will be provided by Evie & something Unique Band.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING: Anyone interested in serving on the evangelization committee please contact Deacon Richard Walker at (301) 283-8339 as soon as possible. There will be an upcoming evangelization committee meeting in two week.

2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Dear ladies of St. Luke, we are requesting volunteers to serve on the planning committee for the upcoming 2nd Annual Woman's Conference to be held in March 2017. A sign-up sheet will be located in the rear of the Church after each mass. Please contact Annette Miles at (301) 420-1144 if you have any questions.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

CONCERT AND LITURGY CELEBRATING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. On Saturday, January 14, 2017, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the national recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our annual liturgy, celebrated this year at St. Thomas More Church (4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC). The 5pm Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. The Mass will be preceded by a concert and a Veneration of the Relics of the African Saints, and music will be provided by the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir. For more information, email culturaldiversity@adw.org or call 301-853-4469

63RD U. S. NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France from June 22nd to July 01, 2017. The pilgrimage includes all meals; guided tour of Lourdes;; guided visit to Gavarnie; transfers and baggage handling; tips for hotel dining and guides; Sanctuary registration fee and Scheduled liturgical services. For more information and to register you May contact Lourdes Pilgrimage Office of Catholic Travel at (301) 740-9332, Toll Free; 1-877-276-7279 or email: lourdespilgrimageoffice@comast.net. The website is www.Lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

MEN'S RETREAT: DISCOVER A COURAGEOUS SPIRITUAL LIFE: A Men's Retreat, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom," will be held on February 10-12, 2017 and will be directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV, which is a short drive from the Washington, DC area and provides space for quiet reflection away from all the distractions. Fr. Wells and Fr. Kramer will lead talks on living a courageous life in the Holy Spirit, and they will celebrate Mass and offer opportunities for spiritual direction. You will have the opportunity to go to confession and spend quiet time with our Lord in Adoration. The cost of \$225 for the weekend covers a double occupancy room (two double beds and a private bath) and meals including dinner Friday night; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. For more information or to register go to www.adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com.

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

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
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalms 24/Romans 1:1-7/Matthew 1:18-24
Monday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71/Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalms 24/Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Psalms 33/Luke 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2/Luke 1:46-56
Friday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Psalms 25/Luke 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalms 89/Luke 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Isaiah 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14
 Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Psalms 97/Timothy 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
 Day: Isaiah 52:7-10/Psalms 98/Hebrew 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Russia Tatum, Iris O. Payton, Lensor Jones, James Queen, Vicky Bordeaux & Westley Douglas I and a happy wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest E. & Iris O. Payton, and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne E. & Mary Ann Johnson.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/24/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga

12/25/2016– 8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & D. Savoy

12/25/2016– 11:00 am Mass
B. Sweeney & C. Ndeumeni

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/24/2016– 4:00pm Mass
P. Hamlin & S.G. Cox

12/25/2016– 8:30am Mass
M. Harris & C. Holland

12/25/2016– 11:00am Mass
D. Baker & C. Young

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

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." — Mt 1:20-21