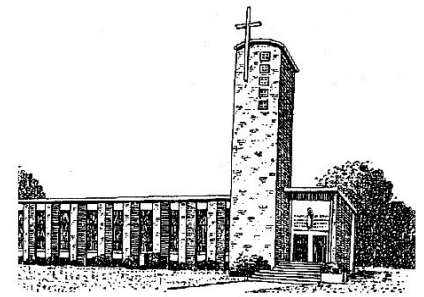


# ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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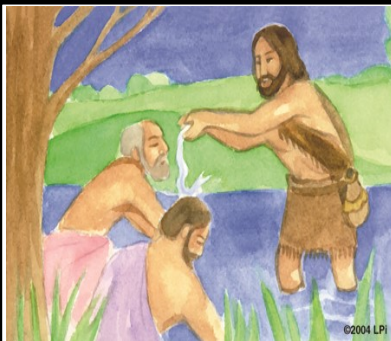
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## Welcome

**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 2018 is "**Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**" [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2nd Sunday- 1:15 p.m        | Igbo Mass                            |
| 3rd Sunday - 1:1:5 p.m.     | Cameroon Community Mass & Fellowship |
| 3rd Saturday- 3:00pm        | Prayer Meeting                       |
| Monday - ---10:30 a.m.      | Miraculous Medal Novena              |
| Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.       | Seniors Bible Study Group            |
| Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.       | Novena to St. Joseph                 |
| Friday - ----8:00 a.m.      | Bible Study                          |
| 1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.    | Prayer for Vocations                 |
| Fridays----6:00pm           | Holy Hour                            |
| Saturday --- 3:30 pm        | Stations of the Cross                |
| 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30 | Rosary                               |
|                             | O/L of Guadalupe CWA                 |



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

#### In the Martin De Pores 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 Godparents 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 15th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Advent (V)	God's healing on people with mental illness and their families	Parish Family
Sunday 16th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent	God's healing on people with mental illness and their families	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 17th	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday	God's blessing and protection for Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 18th	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday	God's blessing and protection for Louise Washington	Mercer Patterson
Wednesday 19th	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday	God's blessings and protection for Christine Tolson	Mercer Patterson
Thursday 20th	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday	God's blessings and protection for Peggy Wines	Mercer Patterson
Friday 21st	8:00am	St. Peter SR	God's blessings and protection for Doris Lucas	Mercer Patterson

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?"

The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money.

And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.

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### ADVENT WEEK 3: THE CANDLE OF JOY

GAIL RODGERS

As I re-juggled my "to do" list of Christmas preparations, my thoughts bounced around the changes that have come and how Christmas will be somewhat different this year — good changes, challenging changes, hard changes — the interesting mosaic of life. It's different for all of us, yet we all share in that changing landscape of life. Sometimes finding joy in the changes is easy. Other time it's very challenging.

As I pondered the changes in my life, and in our world, I thought about Christmas and the birth of Baby Jesus. Sometimes that manger scene seems so irrelevant and so far removed from day-to-day life. Yet an old verse in the Bible brought freshness to my soul this week as I pondered how the Baby Jesus impacts my life today. It truly gives new cause for joy — to stop and listen again. "For unto us a child is born ... and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Any need you have in life and in the changing landscape of your mosaic can be answered by Jesus. If you need wisdom or strength, He will be your Counselor. If you need a mountain moved, He is your Mighty God. If you need comfort, forgiveness and gentle healing, He is your everlasting Father; and if your heart is anxious and troubled, He will be Peace to you. Jesus is our rock and our hope — our cause for joy! Let your heart pause with thankfulness as you prepare for Christmas. Look at the manger scene with the fresh wonder of all He is to you. Let joy seep into the changes of your life. No need or change that you face will not be met by Him. He is so much more than just a baby! Invite Him into your changes! Let joy fill your soul.

Here is a suggested prayer to increase your joy:

Heavenly Father, fill my heart with the fresh wonder of what that first Christmas means for me today. Thank you that today or in the future, any need I have can be encompassed by You, Jesus. Let joy flood into my soul as I lean on You to be my Wonderful Counselor, my Mighty God, my Everlasting Father, and my Prince of Peace! Help me to look with expectation to what You will do in my life and fill me with Your joy! In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

<https://thelife.com/advent-week-3-the-candle-of-joy>

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**



Barbara Barnes	Joyce Diggs	James Hughes	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Melvin Jamison	David Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Barbara Batts	Irena Fields	Mary Ann Johnson	Florence Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Dawn Lattimer	Silvia Perry	Wayne A. Wallace
Ruth Bundy	Elizabeth Gillem	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	Shiela Washington
Valene Chemoo	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Alfred Price	Cecelia Williams
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Maria A. Logan	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Edna Coates	Michael Harkins	Rose Luck	Joyce Ratiff	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Doreene Mahoney	Xavier Roots	St Luke military families.
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	<b>All the Homeless men and women in our community.</b>
Joyce Cristwell	Norma Henson	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Kayla Tatum	
Lucile Diggs	Rudolph Holley	Alice L. Montague	Rolland Taylor	

**Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Philippians 1:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18
<b>Monday:</b>	Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Matthew 1:1-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Matthew 1:18- 25
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Luke 1:5-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Luke 1:26 -38
<b>Friday:</b>	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Psalms 33:2-3, 11- 12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Luke 1:39-45
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Luke 1:46- 56
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Micah 5:1-4a/Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Hebrew 10:5-10/Luke 1:39- 45

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Marlene J. Patterson, Crawley Easley, Christal Mitchell, Cursey J. Calais, Jamar Davis, James Glover, and Kayden-Wilson Porter and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Violet Tinsley and Mr. & Mrs. Earnest E. & Iris O. Payton.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

- 12/22/2018- 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Wines & R. Watson
- 12/23/2018-830am Mass**  
N. Douglas & C. Tolson
- 12/23/2018- 11:00am Mass**  
CCD Students

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE**

- 12/22/2018- 4:00pm Mass**  
KH-Ndoug & P. Glover
- 12/23/2018-8:30am Mass**  
D.Lucas & M. Harris
- 12/24/2018-11:00am Mass**  
B. Conrad & J. Williams

**Quote of the Week**

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

-William Arthur Ward

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

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

**\$3,180.61**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**305**

*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

*- Lk 3:16*



## 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 inside 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 Monday, December 24th**  
**Caroling and Children Pageant @ 6pm**  
**Mass of the Eve of our Lords Birth @ 7pm — French Mass @ 10pm**  
**Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25**  
**Mass @ 10pm**

**CCD BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK** will take place on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Distribution of Toys/Gifts will take place at 12:30pm.

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS:** “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY BLANKET & TOILETRY DRIVE:** Please bring new blankets, hats and socks and gloves. The Youth Ministry will deliver the blankets and toiletries to the homeless on December 29th at 11:00am.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET:** The St. Vincent de Paul food bank is preparing for Christmas baskets and would like for you to bring the following items: yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, canned greens, mac and cheese, cake mix.. The Christmas baskets will given out on December 20, 2018. Thanks for your continued support of our foodbank ministry.

**THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM** is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6– 10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

**DO YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN?** If so, please contact the parish office and provide your email address. Bulletin will be sent to your email every weekend.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**NATIONAL SHRINES CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED:** The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor Christmas dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day on December 25th. Volunteers are needed for those to assist in preparing, serving and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign up online at [www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner](http://www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner).

**VESPERS AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE** During the season of Advent the Basilica of the National Shrine invites you to join in praying Vespers. This service of evening prayer in the Divine Office will be held every Sunday in the evening at 4:00pm in the Great Upper Church. This event is free and is open to the public. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call 202-526-8300.

**BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELI: AND LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE** on Sunday, December 23 at 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity Scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on its fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peters Square the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambineli Following the Mass and the Blessing of the Bambineli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. No tickets or registration is required. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call 202-526-8300.