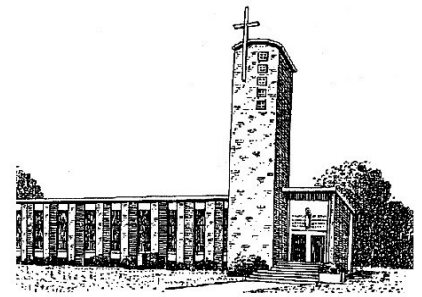


# ST. LUKE

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



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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

**Mon-** day:10:00 a.m.      **Tuesday:**8:00 a.m.  
**Friday**      **Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m.      **Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 1st	4:00pm	First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	Praying for an end in innocent killings of young black teenagers	Cecile/Monique
Sunday 2nd	8:30am 11:00am	First Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent	Praying for an end in innocent killings of young black teenagers Praying for an end in innocent killings of young black teenagers	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 3rd	10:00am	St. Francis OBL	Praying for all the sick and shut-in members of our parish & family	Francoise
Tuesday 4th	8:00am	St. John OPT	God's blessing and protection of all children with autism	Charmaine
Wednesday 5th	8:00am	Advent Weekday	Eternal repose of the souls of all the veterans	Irene/Dorothee
Thursday 6th	10:00am	St. Nicholas OPT	For Peace and Justice to return to Cameroon	Marie Gisele
Friday 7th	8:00am	St. Ambrose OBL	Eternal Repose of the Souls of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

## REFLECTION FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it?

During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ—though sudden and perhaps frightening to some—should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hand our heads or cover in fear.

"Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Scott P. Richert

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

**First We Fast, Then We Feast:** That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

**The Symbols of Advent:** In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

**The Advent Wreath:** Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

**Celebrating Advent:** We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ. Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/season-of-advent-catholic-church-542458>

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

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



Barbara Barnes  
Blanche Bourm  
Barbara Batts  
Tanisha Bennett  
Tammy Berry  
Ruth Bundy  
Valene Chemoo  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Aniceto Charles  
Joyce Cristwell  
Alvera Dance  
Lucile Diggs

Joyce Diggs  
Marita C. Edelin  
Irena Fields  
Florence M. Fields  
Tina Garvin  
Elizabeth Gillem  
Florence Hall  
Steve Halle  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Norma Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley

James Hughes  
Melvin Jamison  
Mary Ann Johnson  
David & Keisha Jones  
Dawn Lattimer  
Lawrence Lee  
Fred Lewis  
Maria A. Logan  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Michael Mason  
Doris McCannon  
Alice L. Montague

Veronica Murray  
David Neal  
Florence Patterson  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Lillian Pharms  
Alfred Price  
James Ratiff  
Joyce Ratiff  
Doreene Redd  
Xavier Roots  
Leroy Sandifer  
Betty Smith  
Kayla Tatum  
Rolland Taylor

Gloria Thompson  
James F. Thompson, Jr.  
Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington  
Cecelia Williams  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.  
All the Homeless men and women in our community.

**Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018**

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36  
**Monday:** Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4b, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Matthew 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf, 7]/ Luke 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6[6cd]/ Matthew 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalms 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Matthew 7:21, 24-37  
**Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/ Matthew 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, [1]/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38  
**Next Sunday:** Baruch 5:1-9/ Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/ Luke 3:1-6

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Angelique Tatum, Elaine Williams, and Ronald Mallory.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**12/8/2018– 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Wines & R. Watson

**12/9/2018-8:30am Mass**  
N. Douglas & M. Greene

**12/9//2018– 11:00am Mass**  
L. Miles & Christian M.

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

**12/8/2018– 4:00pm Mass**  
S.G. Cox & R. Watson

**12/9/2018-8:30am Mass**  
Y. Tolson & M. Harris

**12/9/2018-11:00am Mass**  
J. Williams & V. Tinsley

**Quote of the Week**

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

(Source:OurCatholicFaith.org)

**Church Support**

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly.

**\$2,138.73**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Thanksgiving –60  
Weekend-215

*“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.”  
-Luke 21:34-36*



## 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.

**HOLY HOUR** will be held on Friday, December 7th at 6pm.

**MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 10am in the Church.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Our annual Christmas Concert of praise will take place on Sunday December 9th 2018. Venue is St. Luke Center and time is 3pm to 5pm. Donation is \$10. The concert will feature various choirs from church around the DMV, liturgical dancers and special-guest artists. Come join us as we praise and worship the New born King. Light refreshment will be served at the end of the concert.

**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

**ADVENT AT THE ST. JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE:** This Advent the St. John Paul II National Shrine helps you to prepare the way for the Lord by joining them on the O' Come Emmanuel Art of Prayer Series on Sundays from 6 to 7pm. This program includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation and a Sunday Vespers service. Advent retreat opportunities include an Advent Day of Recollection on Sunday, December 9th from 11:30am to 4:pm, led by Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. On Saturday, December 8 the Shrine will hold the Visit of St. Nicholas from 10am-12pm and a Marian Festival of Lights from 5-7pm. For details please visit [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org), or contact [events@jp2shrine.org](mailto:events@jp2shrine.org) or 202-635-5400.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE** On Friday, December 7, the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in conjunction with the Chorus and Symphony orchestra of the Catholic University of America, will present their annual Christmas Concern for Charity. It is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7:30pm and seats fill up quickly. No tickets or reservations are required. Arrive early for seating. Call 202-526-8300 for more information.

**THE VISIT OF ST. NICHOLAS** St. Nicholas visits the St. John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, December 8! Bring your children to meet him. He is eager to tell about his special friendship with Jesus and to help them prepare for a holy Christmas. This event is free but please register by December 6 at [visitofstnicholas.eventbrite.com](http://visitofstnicholas.eventbrite.com) so there will be ample supply of food games and activities. For more information contact 202-635-5400.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS:** On Sunday, December 16 from 4 to 6 the St. John Paul II National Shrine will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity Story followed by caroling around the Christmas Tree. For more information contact 202-635-5400.

**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).