

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

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2014

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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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - --7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.	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 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 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	Requested By
Saturday	29th 4:00pm	Advent 1 Vigil Mass	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianuha	Charmaine Onianuha
Sunday	30th 8:30 am 11:00am	First Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent	Sick and Shut in of our Parish Deceased Members of our Parish	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday	1st 10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Wayne A. Wallace	Beatrice Wallace Wright
Tuesday	2nd 8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Elizabeth & Joseph Chang	Mary Chang
Wednesday	3rd 8:00am	St. Francis Xavier	Bishop Leonard Olivier SVD++	Parish Family
Thursday	4th 10:00am	St. John Damascene	Mayor Marion Berry++	Friends
Friday	5th 8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Susie & Frank McDougald++	Family

**REFLECTION FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Living our lives with the perspective of waiting, we cease from forming our lives with a sense of urgency to achieve our own expectations. We then realize our lives can only be molded in the time frame of God. The hardness of our expectations softens into allowing a transformation by the Divine. We see the face and hand of God present in every movement and thought of our being. In the process, we are saved from our foolishness, selfishness, hopelessness, self-righteousness and indifference.

Waiting is not a process of perfection, but the unfolding of our soul, coming closer to the core of God’s design for us. An experience beyond our fathomable grasp makes us mindful of God in all our ways. Waiting does not let us slumber in the rigidity of the mundane routine. For waiting instills hope tensiled with trust.

This Advent, let yourself experience the freedom of transition from tradition to trust in the newness of God molding you with grace, not lacking in any spiritual gift. Step beyond the boundaries of sameness to grow into the Divine design for your soul. For waiting does not lack movement, nor result in boredom. Waiting is the spiritual maturity to know the gift of Christmas initiates the gift of eternity.

Let waiting bless you with hope, peace, joy and love this Advent. Explored and experienced only in waiting, void of fistulous busyness crafting superficial celebration molded by expectations instead of by the Potter.

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

God became human: A reflection on Advent

Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale,

Advent offers only four weeks to reflect upon the meaning of those three words, how they changed the course of human history, and how they impacted upon the lives of those who believe in Jesus Christ. They can radically change the course of our personal history over these next weeks if we will welcome these words to fill the emptiness in our souls and allow them to create in us a deep sense of awe and reverence.

The Infinite Creator of the Universe came to be with us as a little child! Born like us into a world in need of love. Medieval philosopher and theologian John Duns Scotus suggests that God would’ve become human even if Adam hadn’t sinned, because God has fallen irretrievably in love with us. The driving motive of the Incarnation, in this sense, wasn’t to blot out the effects of sin, but was a free act of the Creator to move closer to the creatures. This Love rarely makes sense, but is always awe-inspiring.

Regarding God as being the Creator of the Universe, Morris Mandess wrote: "The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds of the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns of the size of ours." God, who created all this magnificent wonder, became one of us.

Three words, "God became human," deserve a space in our heart as a start to this Advent season. God wants to "hang out with us," and Advent is a time of grace and blessing to integrate the meaning for us personally of "God became human." Our spirituality consists essentially in the profound relationship of friendship with Christ. This season calls us to enhance this relationship as a preparation for celebrating Christmas. C.S. Lewis held the Incarnation so high in his estimation that he called it "The Grand Miracle."

To be Continued Next Week!!!

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Batts
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Bertha Dearing
Irena Fields
Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Gear

Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison
Fred Jones
Mary A. Lewis
Rose Luck

Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Marie Neal
Regina Neal
Vincent Neal
Annibelle Nelson
Betty Payne
Alfred Price
Lillian Pharms

Joseph Queen
Bernadette Redmond
Michael Smith
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace

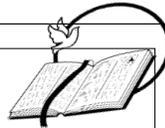


Wayne A. Wallace
Mary P.G. Washington
Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
St Luke military families

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014

Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7, Psalm80:2-3, 15-16,18-19, 1Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37
Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5. Ps.122:1-2,3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,8-9. Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10. Psalm 72:1-2,7-8, 12-13,17. Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a. Psalm23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6. Psalm 118:1 &8-9, 19-21, 25-27a. Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24. Psalm 27:1,4 13-14. Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26. Psalm147:1-2, 3-4,5-6. Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11. Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14. 2Peter 3:8-14. Mark 1:1-8

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



- 12/06 4:00pm Mass-Kathy Ndouga & John Rookard, Sr.**
- 12/07 8:30am Mass-Sylvester Mode & Debora Savoy**
- 12/07 11:00am Mass-Bernard Robinson & Violet Tinsley**

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish
Angelique Tatum and Elaine Williams
a very wonderful birthday.

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

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$4,314.08

ATTENDANCE:

246

Wishing You A very Blessed
Advent Season

"MARANATHA": COME LORD JESUS





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.

HOLY HOUR will be held Friday, December 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

ST LUKE CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The parish choirs will host a concert on the 7th of December 2014 @ St Luke. Time is 4:00pm-6:00pm. Donation is \$10. Come, Let us Make A Joyful Noise to the Lord.

THANK YOU the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank members and volunteers for the dedication and hard work that you put forth this Thanksgiving holiday to help feed the community and also to you the parishioners contribution of food.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at the Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Health Ministries. We sincerely appreciate everything you did to make the Thanksgiving Dinner a success.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: 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, jiffy corn bread mix, canned greens, cake mix/icing and instant potatoes.

DEAR PARISHIONERS: Christmas is coming up. Any parishioners interested in getting a Christmas basket should sign up in the Hall after all Mass 29th and 30th. You may go to the church hall and sign up for a Christmas Basket after each mass this weekend.

THE SHOE BOX DRIVE: will be going on until December 7th. Please bring the following items: Baby Powder Baby Lotion Mouth Wash Soap Shampoo Tooth Brushes Conditioner Combs/Brushes Disposable Razors Shaving Crème Wash Cloths Tooth Paste

FUNERAL MASS: Monday 12/2/2014 for

Tuesday 12/3/2014 for

THIS SPACE IS FOR THE CALENDAR