

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 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	13th 4:00pm	St. Lucy (Day Mass) 3rd Sunday of Advent (V)	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianuha	Charmaine Onianuha
Sunday	14th 8:30 am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent	For those in abusive relationship For those who died in MD plane crash	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday	15th 10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Bethel Quander++	Louise Washington
Tuesday	16th 8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Wednesday	17th 8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Beatrice Wallace Wright	Jacqueline Wilson
Thursday	18th 10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	James Maurice Slye, Sr.++	Hilda McDougald
Friday	19th 8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Wayne A. Wallace	Beatrice Wallace Wright

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

**REFLECTION FOR
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

“There is one among you whom you do not recognize.” With these words, John the Baptist was referring to his cousin, Jesus. Although Jesus had not yet begun his public ministry, John knew that Jesus was the Messiah. And it was John’s mission to prepare other people to recognize that fact. John and Jesus had first “met” in utero when Mary visited Elizabeth.

Even from that early moment, John understood the significance of encountering Jesus. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the baby “leaped for joy” in Elizabeth’s womb when the expectant Mary approached. Now that these two babies were grown men, John was still in the business of recognizing Jesus’ significance.

He describes his cousin as “the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” John knew that Jesus was something special. And he made it his goal to lead others to the same realization. Of course, as Christians in the twenty-first century, we already know that Jesus is the Messiah.

But John’s words still raise an important question for us today: Do we recognize the real significance of Jesus? Do we take him for granted, or do we appreciate the gift of salvation that he offers us?

Today’s Gospel reading tells us that John came “to testify to the light.” Do we let the light of Christ guide our way? Have we “made straight the way of the Lord” by putting Jesus first in our lives?

Today as we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, we would do well to reflect on the true light that came down from heaven. Let us pray, as this holy season continues, that our minds and hearts will be enlightened to grasp the true significance of the coming of Christ.

God Became Human: A Reflection on Advent

Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale, (Part Three)

Advent is a new beginning, not only of a new Church year, but for you to engage in the Mass, Scriptures and ministry with a mind that explores to deepen your relationship with Christ and does not close down the transformational possibilities of these three avenues. Christ always draws us into the future, into new life, deeper intimacy. Yet, we can close down and resist the drawing power of God. Do you ever ask: Where does God want me to be? Cultivate a sense of discovery and delight with communal prayer, the Mass; hearing God's word and ministering to others. About service or ministry to others, ask if your service may align more and more with God's hopes for the other and for us. Is there anyone you encounter who feels faceless or the object of indifference when they leave your company? We're called by our baptism to receive with esteem and respect each person who approaches us, and to appreciate their value as persons. Gradually, this authentic "charity" ought to extend to the entire community.

There is a man in my parish who asked his spouse for a recorded copy of the New Testament as a birthday present. He started to listen to it on his way home from work for part of the ride, each day gleaning new insights into Jesus. He feels when he turns on the CD player, he is embarking on an avenue of discovery on the person of Jesus. He is coming to love Jesus more deeply, and now listens on commutes, morning and evening. He lets his imagination put him into the scene, and he marvels at how alive the Scriptures have become. He feels and sees the effects of this daily commitment in his relationship with family and friends. He has become more compassionate. That's the transformational power of the word of God. If you're spending hours a day playing with your smart phone, consider a switch to "time with Jesus" for 30 days.

There's a friend of mine in prison, and each morning before the rest are awake, he enjoys his "coffee with Jesus," as he reads the daily Mass readings from "Give Us This Day, Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic." He reflects on the Word, and he sees the changes this practice has made in his level of patience, tolerance, forbearance, solitude, hope and trust in God. This time is now precious to him, and he's committed to keep it once he's released. In Advent, ask for the courage to make some adjustments if your motive, mode and perspective are not where you want them to be and where you think God wants them to be. You might also look at those moments you find yourself defensive and ask yourself what is the value you are defending and do I need to continue to hold that position. This is the season, now is the time! Read Final Part Next Week!

This excerpt is taken from- <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/life/faith/2014/11/26/god-became-human-reflection-advent/70059556/>

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 Grear

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
Silvia Perry
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 December 14, 2014

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/Matthew 1:18-25
Friday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25
Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$5,650.99

ATTENDANCE:

408

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



12/20 4:00pm Mass-Kathy Ndouga & John Rookard, Sr.
12/21 8:30am Mass-Natoshka Douglas & Doris Lucas
12/22 11:00am Mass-Bernard Robinson & Violet Tinsley

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

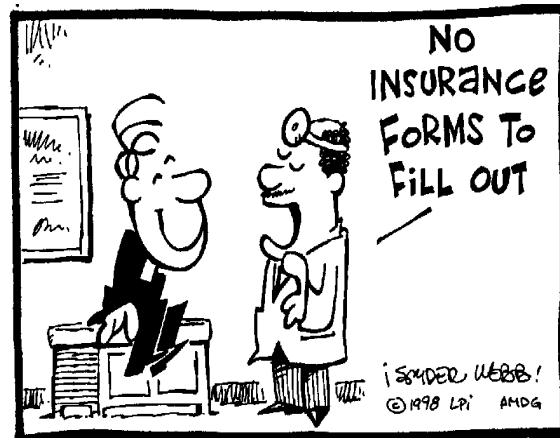
HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Christal Mitchell
a very wonderful birthday.
Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Violet
Tinsley on their wedding anniversary.

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT





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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU ALL: Thanks to all the members of our parish family and guests who turned out en-masse Sunday evening to enjoy the Concert. Thanks too to those who supported us by purchasing tickets. Our warmest greetings also go out to all the various groups that serenaded us with good music. God bless you for using your gifts and talents to serve God. ————— Fr. Cornelius and Concert organizers

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: On Wednesday, December 24th, 2014 Christmas Eve at St. Luke will begin with caroling at 6:00pm, a pageant at 6:30pm, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 10:00pm. On Christmas day, Thursday, December 25th, 2014 the Mass will be at 10:00am.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: The St. Vincent de Paul food bank is preparing for Christmas baskets and are appealing for donation of the following food items: yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, jiffy corn bread mix, canned greens, cake mix/icing and instant potatoes. May God reward you for your generosity.

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE: Parishioners are welcome to bring an ornament (one per family) to decorate our Parish Family Christmas Tree in the Church Hall.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Tickets are now available at the back of the Church for our New Year's eve gala. Price is \$20. Come and enjoy some good music, great company and delicious food!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: will be Next Saturday December 20th at 10:00am. Venue is Martin de porres room.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF BETHESDA:

Lenten Spiritual Exercises for Women — February 19-22 — Price \$270 per person: March 27-29 — Price \$180 per person; **Spiritual Exercises for Men** — January 30 thru February 1 — Price \$180 per person: March 12-15 — Price \$270 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Visit their website to register for these or other upcoming retreats www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612.

Fuel Up Your Marriage: Three to STAY Married Marriage Enrichment Weekend — March 20-21m 2015 — Whether you've been married 6 months or 60 years, it's a good idea to check the gauges and make sure you are both still headed in the same direction! **Three to Stay Married** is a two-day program (NOT OVERNIGHT) that offers married couples concrete tools to help them deepen their understanding of themselves and their relationship, and give them the time to have those vital conversations that help a marriage bloom. Also to be held at Our Lady Bethesda Retreat Center.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: St. Gabriel Church invites you to their Christmas Concert featuring Jessica Stecklein, JaVonn Bright, and La Bella Voce Ensemble on December 21 at 3:00 pm. Please join them afterwards for light hors d'oeuvres. Free will donations will support their Pet worth Youth Program. They are located at 26 Grant Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011.

2015 "KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE" Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington DC invite you to attend the 2015 "Keep the Dream Alive" Mass & Awards ceremony on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 5:30pm ET. The award recipients are: Monsignor Raymond East, Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Archdiocese of Washington; Sister Kitera Mitchell, SSA, executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference; Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grand Valley. If you are interested in attending you may call the rectory to be registered on line.