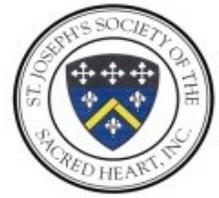


St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
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Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 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 6th	4:00pm	St. Nicholas	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianuha	Charmaine Onianuha
Sunday 7th	8:30 am 11:00am	Second Sunday of Advent Second Sunday of Advent	Deceased members of the Sodality Legionaries all over the World	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 8th	10:00am	The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	Wayne A. Wallace	Beatrice Wallace Wright
Tuesday 9th	8:00am	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	Beatrice Wallace Wright	Jacqueline Wilson
Wednesday 10th	8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Louise Bentley++ (BB)	Doris Lucas & Family
Thursday 11th	10:00am	St. Damasus I	Mass of Thanksgiving	Hilda McDougald
Friday 12th	8:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Rosetta Skipper++ (BB)	Joyce Thomas

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

**REFLECTION FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“One mightier than I is coming after me.” In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist speaks about what’s to come. It’s going to be different. It’s going to be better. When *he* comes—the Messiah—something amazing is going to happen. “I have baptized you with water,” John says, but “he will baptize you with the holy Spirit.”

With the coming of Christ, we move from water to Spirit—in other words, from the natural to the supernatural. Jesus takes our lives to a new level. But we have to be ready to join in on this spiritual journey. That’s why John went around baptizing people for the repentance of their sins. He wanted to be sure their spirits were open to the Spirit. He wanted to help them be ready when the time came.

During Advent, we take a similar approach. We focus on what lies ahead: the coming of Christ. Of course he already came at the first Christmas when he was born of the Virgin Mary. Certainly, part of this season involves preparing for Christmas when we remember this original “advent” of the Lord. But another important element of these days is to make ourselves ready for the *second* coming of Christ. This is the moment for which we must always be ready. But we have an advantage that John’s followers did not have.

We *already* have the Spirit of the Lord in our hearts as baptized Christians. Now, the Lord himself is at work in our souls to prepare us for his return. The question is only how cooperative we are going to be in the process. How attentive will we be to the promptings of this Holy Spirit which are often as quiet as a whisper? Let’s be sure, during the busy pre-holiday bustle, to set aside enough quiet time that we can properly “prepare the way of the Lord” by listening to his voice.

God Became Human: A Reflection on Advent

Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale, (Part Two)

Advent has four weeks. In the first week, we are encouraged to be on guard; stay awake to the miracle of the Incarnation daily; for Advent is a season of special revelation. So this week look for and expect to see and experience traces of God's presence. During the second week, we turn to the title of Jesus that most perfectly captures the idea of Incarnation: Immanuel, "God with us." Where do you look for God? We Catholics look for God's presence especially in the Eucharist, the Word and in Ministry.

In week three, we are invited to examine the testimony of John the Baptist, and do something in response to what we hear. That something is "repent and believe the Good News." Get personally involved with the Word made flesh, the Christ, the Son of the Living God. We can do this by taking inventory of our motivation, mode, goal and perspective in living out our daily lives. And in week four, we are challenged to walk with Mary, and "Do not be afraid" for Jesus is near. Some Saints would say: closer to us than the air we breathe! Choose then to look as this season holistically if you want it to be meaningful. To fruitfully enter into this season, take inventory of your relationship with Christ that is rooted in the Mass, the Word and the people.

These three means will strengthen the deep personal bond to Jesus Christ. Everything hinges on this bond. The heart of our religion is knowing Jesus intimately, loving Jesus intensely and following Jesus more closely. Allow some questions to spark you reflection. If you're reading this, clearly your faith means a lot to you. First, what is your motivation? Do you go to Mass out of obligation or awe?

Do you see the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and your ministry as an opportunity for God to touch you and continue to form you into the image of his Son? Choose awe over obligation, pick up the New Testament before your smart phone, read it for 10 minutes each day for these 30 days of Advent, and see what happens. Second, are you engaged in Mass, Word and ministry as an observer or a participant? Do you listen passively to the Scriptures at Mass or actively seek the connection with your own life? Do you participate in ministry and genuinely listen to the needs of others, or is your agenda uppermost in your mind when you are with another? To be continued 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 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 December 7, 2014

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8
Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11/Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20/Matthew 11:11-15
Friday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$4,156.42

**ATTENDANCE:
253**

Lectors Schedule for Next Week

12/13 4:00pm Mass-Audrey Colvon & Michael Holland
12/14 8:30am Mass-Christine Tolson
12/14 11:00am Mass-Brenyce Sweeney & Terrenthia Sweeney



PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Rosetta Henry, Geneva M. Baker & Earnest Cox a very wonderful birthday. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lamont P. & Joyce W. Diggs on their wedding anniversary.

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

2nd SUNDAY OF 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.

DANCING! DANCING! DANCING! St. Luke now has *line dancing for beginners* on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church hall, donations accepted. For more information contact Joseph & Rita Smith at 202-390-9386.

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.

DEAR PARISHIONERS: Christmas is coming up. Any parishioners interested in getting a Christmas basket should contact the rectory at 202-584-8322.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION begins with 10:00 am Mass followed by lunch in the Hall on December 13, 2014

BLANKET DRIVE ends December 14th, please bring new or softly used blankets.

CHILD CARE WANTED in Ward 7 for child age two to three months old. For more information contact Philip Whatley at 202-582-6885.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church invites you to join them at their Holy Family Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The special guest will be: Dupont Park Oratorio Society (60 voice choir) — conductor: Edward Jackson, Jr. Free Will Offering.

BISHOP McNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL: Come and enjoy an entertaining, energetic, Yuletide fun-filled night of music, dance, theatre and art at their Christmas Fine Arts Festival on Friday and Saturday, December 12th & 13th, 2014 — 7:00 pm. The festival will be held in the school auditorium and admission is \$8.00 presale and \$10.00 at the door. Any questions call BMHS Fine Arts Admin. Asst., Adrienne Davis, 301-735-8401 ext. 136.

BISHOP McNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS are offered for applying 8th graders in music, dance, theatre, and visual arts. The scholarship requirements and online registration are available at www.bmhs.org. now through January 9th, 2015. Students must submit a BMHS admissions application by December 15, 2014. Visit www.bmhs.org or call 301-735-8401, ext 136 with any questions.

MEET MARY AT THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM This is an opportunity to meet Mary as she was imagined by some of the world's greatest Renaissance— and Baroque— artists. The exhibition *Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea* shows the many aspects of Mary. It is only on view from December 5, 2014 through April 12, 2015. The admission is \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, children under 18 free. The museum is located at 1250 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. For more information, go to <http://nmwa.org/picturing-mary>.

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE on Saturday, December 13, 2014 . There will be a Procession at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart on 16th Street & Park Road N.W. in Washington, D.C. Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 2:30 pm. Bishop Barry Knestout will be the celebrant and Fr. Roberto Cortes, pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist will be the homilist.