

St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

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and Brothers



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 4, 2015

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MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

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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.
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Cameroon Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena
Senior Bible Study Group
Novena to St. Joseph
Bible Study
Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour
Rosary

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.
1st Friday - --7:00 p.m.
Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.

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 3rd	4:00pm	The Epiphany of the Lord (v)	The Wilson Family	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 4th	8:30 am 11:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord The Epiphany of the Lord	Sick and Shut in Sick and Shut in	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 5th	10:00am	St. John	Julia R. Young	Elsie E. Young
Tuesday 6th	8:00am	St. Andre	Beatrice Wallace Wright	Jacqueline Wilson
Wednesday 7th	8:00am	St. Raymond	Edna Coates	Parish Family
Thursday 8th	10:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	William & Ada Cooper++	Mary Williams
Friday 9th	8:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Chijioke Ogbuka++	Fr. Cornelius

PASTOR'S CORNER

Five Simple Steps to Discover God's Plans for You BY Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Here are five simple steps that might help. They're not exclusive, and may appear too simple for you. But I believe they work.

ASK. You want wisdom? James 1:5-6 says to ask God for it. But believe God will give it to you. Most of us have a tendency to figure things out on our own. God is saying, "Hello, I'm here. I made you. Trust me."

BE FAITHFUL WHERE YOU ARE. God will not give you greater opportunities or responsibilities if you aren't faithful with what He's already entrusted you in the smaller areas of your life (See Matthew 25:21). Serve Him cheerfully, gratefully, faithfully, wherever you are, no matter what your lot in life may be right now.

LISTEN. Continue to study and pray (and even fast), watching for insights from God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Other trusted believers can help balance your perspective. But in the end, God and His Word never change (Malachi 3:6, James 1:17). God will not "tell" you to do something that is against His righteous character or contrary to the principles in His Word. His Word is powerful, bringing instruction, correction, training, and equipping us thoroughly "for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Trying to make decisions without consulting God or His Word is like trying to find our way through a dark tunnel without a flashlight.

WAIT. Waiting is not always easy. Sometimes God gives you more than one good choice. That happened to us one year when two churches were interested in my husband coming to serve as a new staff member. Both churches seemed like possible fits. We considered both, but had no answers. So we waited and prayed. Before we had to make a decision, God had eliminated one and cleared the way for the other.

OBEY. Similar to #2 above, simply keep doing what you know to do, day in and day out. Stay faithful, keep growing, stop worrying, and obey God with the light that He has given you. If your heart's desire is to please and honor the Lord in all you do and in all your decisions, will that decision really be a "bad" one?

This article is condensed from <http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/five-steps-discover-gods-plans-for-you.html>

REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"They departed for their country by another way." Things were different now. An encounter with the baby Jesus changed the Magi. Before finding the child, they had made a secret alliance with a worldly king, Herod. But after seeing this infant resting in the arms of Mary, their allegiance shifted. Now they became servants of the little Lord Jesus.

They had a kind of conversion through their encounter with Christ, and they knew that they could no longer serve the whims of a wicked ruler. We call this Sunday "Epiphany" because that's what the three wise men had: an epiphany, a moment of realizing the truth about God.

In this moment these three men—kings that they were—"prostrated themselves and did...homage" to the King of Kings. Then they went home by a different route, undoubtedly as different men. Now, their own authority as worldly leaders took on a new character. Now, they were men who served a power greater than themselves.

As it was prophesied in the Old Testament reading from Isaiah, even kings would walk by the "shining radiance" of the Lord. Let us ask ourselves today how the Epiphany of the Lord can redirect *us*. What worldly allegiances have we made that need to be changed? Are we servants of our neighbors' good opinion or of the power of money? Are we secretly aligned with popularity or prestige?

No matter what "rules" our hearts, we are invited to change our direction. We are invited to encounter the little Lord Jesus and offer ourselves to his gentle and loving guidance. After all, his is a kingship of concern for us. As today's psalm says, this King "shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him."

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

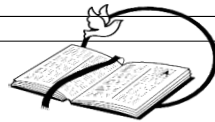


Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2014

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4/Luke 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/John 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mark 1:7-11

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



1/10 4:00pm Mass- Chris Edelin & Michael Holland
1/11 8:30am Mass- Doris Lucas & Natoshka Douglas
1/11 11:00am Mass- Melissa Hyde & Bernard Robinson

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Doris Lucas & Penny Glover a very happy birthday.

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

Church Support

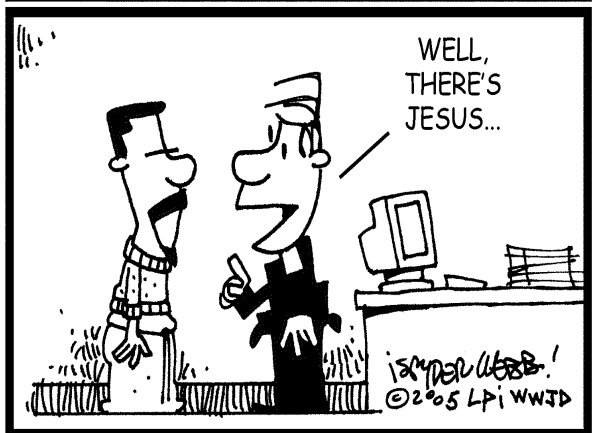
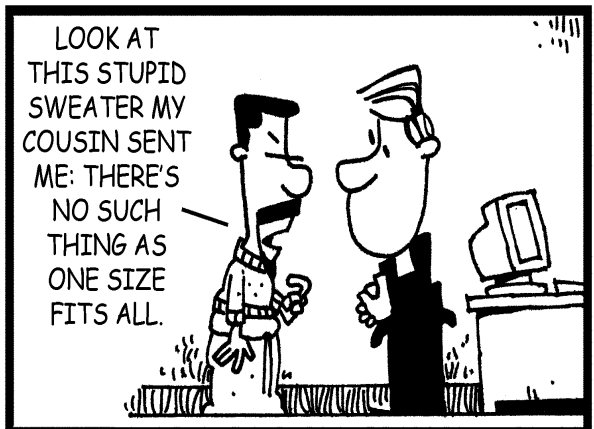
Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$7,576.25

ATTENDANCE:

Christmas & Christmas Eve-280
Weekend of Dec. 28th-250

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD





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.

ALL LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC : there will be a meeting on January 24th at 10:00 am. Venue is Martin the Porres Room.

ST LUKE WILL HOST A VALENTINE DANCE, featuring DJ music from 70' -80's, clean verse of Hip Hop & R&B. Date is 02/14/2015. The donation tickets is \$15 per person and reserved table specials at \$60 for 4 people. For tickets or special table reservation Please contact John Anthony: 202-556-5321

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON Concert and Liturgy celebrating the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The concert begins at 3:00pm and the Mass is at 4:30pm. It will take place at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 1357 East Capitol Street, SE, Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Pope, Pastor.

FUSION CONCERT FOR LIFE featuring Sarah Hart on Friday, January 23, 2015 at St. Peter's Church, 3320 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601. The time is 7:00pm to 8:30pm — no admission fee — free will offerings appreciated. For further information contact Alice Curbreth 301-843-9583.

DEFEND LIFE: Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, will give the 2015 March for Life Kickoff Lecture (*Obeying God rather Than Man: Why Defending Life Means Resisting Obama's Tyranny*) Friday, January 9 at 7:30pm at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus Hall (5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814). No priest in the world has spoken out more eloquently on the Sanctity of Human Life than Fr. Pavone. Come and be inspired to increase your commitment to the PRO-LIFE cause. Please RSVP to 202-337-1966 or Spinaker77@Verizon.net.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE Retrovaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. The next weekend is January 23-25, 2015. All calls and inquires are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443)400-7017, or email: retroconnor@yahoo.com.

THREE RETREATS FOR "MARRIED COUPLES" sponsored by Elaine & Frank Galeone located at Priestfield, WV on weekends of March 6,7,8 & March 27,28,29th and April 17, 18, 19. For more information call Elaine Galeone at (410) 252-5355.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO BERMUDA Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Bermuda Cruise with Father James Shaughnessy May 2nd—May 9th, 2015 on Holland Americ Veendam out of Boston, Massachusetts— Ports of Call: Hamilton, Bermuda; Boston, Massachusetts. Prices begin at \$1934 for two passengers. This includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$200 per person will reserve your cabin. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

CATECHESIS 101 at St. Thomas More on Saturdays (2015); January 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The instructor is Charlene Howard. Contact: Wanda Brooks 301-395-3442.