

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 28, 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 27th	4:00pm	St. John	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianuha	Charmaine Onianuha
Sunday 28th	8:30 am 11:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 29th	10:00am	5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Rosary Group	Mary Williams
Tuesday 30th	8:00am	6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	James & Linda Cephas	Mary Williams
Wednesday 31st	4:00pm 9:00pm	New Year's Eve Mass New Year's Eve Mass	Katie Dyson++	Mary Williams
Thursday 1st	10:00am	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God		
Friday 2nd	8:00am	SS Basil & Gregory	Susie & Frank McDougald++	Family

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

"Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, '... And you yourself a sword will pierce.'" This old man in the Temple, a man filled with the Holy Spirit, uttered these ominous, prophetic words. Right in the midst of a religious celebration that could be considered a kind of parallel to Christian baptism, Simeon started talking about suffering. Although this might have put a damper on the joy of the occasion, it was nonetheless a precious moment. God was speaking through the mouth of the Spirit-filled Simeon and actually doing Mary a great service. God was helping Mary to prepare herself for what lay ahead. And the truth was, the road in front of her family was destined to be marked by the cross.

Our families also bear this mark. Although in a different way from Mary, we all have our crosses to deal with. Whether it be the sickness or death of a loved one, conflicts among siblings or spouses, or unexpected challenges like infertility or a lost job, no family is without its share of trouble. As we navigate these difficulties, we would do well to remember Simeon's words to Mary: suffering is going to happen, sometimes very painful, heart-piercing suffering. But instead of being shocked or angry at God, we can call to mind the fact that this is part of life in a fallen world. We can also remind ourselves that although Mary suffered when her son suffered, she also rejoiced when he rejoiced. Ultimately, every cross she bore as his mother was trumped in the end by the victory of the Resurrection. We share in this triumph as well. After all, our families are in the loving care of a heavenly Father. We are not just the children of our parents; we are also the children of God.

God Became Human: A Reflection on Advent

Msgr. Charles W. Cicerale, (Part Four)

Decide today to not allow Advent to get lost in our wild dash towards Christmas. Since Advent is the season of promises, filled with spiritual riches for those ready to accept its blessings, promise yourself a few minutes each day to dive deeply into the Sacred Scriptures or contemplation. For only if we dive deeply into Advent will Christmas deliver its deepest blessings! Make a decision now and give yourself the freedom to fail and start again; that will take the pressure off and you can enjoy this season.

You can convert. Examine your life and listen to the call of John the Baptist, to make the ways of our hearts ready for forgiveness and love. Rev. Richard Rohr exhorts us to confront the illusions, such as porn, as satisfying and fulfilling, and addictions -- that hand-held computer -- that hinder us from becoming proclaimers of the Kingdom of God. The Gospels call us to examine our priorities in life. When God's Kingdom comes, our kingdom must go! Plan now to make receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. You are welcome to join in our community Penance Service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 22. Most Catholic parishes have Advent reconciliation services or other opportunities for individual confession.

Reconciliation is the action of God drawing the sinner closer and closer until God and sinner are one. Until we move to action, religion is a disguise. Kingdom-makers are history makers! If you are not satisfied with your personal history to date, let Jesus lead you. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. God never tires of forgiving us. When you have made a list of choices about today, tomorrow is already decided. "God does not ask much of us," Brother Lawrence in "The Practice of the Presence of God" writes.

"An occasional remembrance, a small act of worship, with confidence to beg His grace, at times to offer Him our distresses, at another time to render thanks for the favors He has given, and which He gives in the midst of your labors. At table and in the midst of conversation, lift your heart at times toward him. It is not needful at such times to cry out loud. He is nearer to us than we think." Make this a quiet season inside yourself. Be still. Listen. Advent whispers. Close your eyes. Listen carefully. Advent carries a quiet unmistakable message that God is near, our God is near, our God, who is unlimited and unconditionally loving, is near. Can you believe this?

Advent calls us in whispers: God became human.

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
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 December 28, 2014

Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 John 2:12-17/Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18
Thursday: Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21
Friday: 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 John 2:29-3:6/John 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

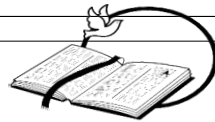
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ATTENDANCE:

266

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



1/3 4:00pm Mass-

1/3 8:30am Mass-

1/4 11:00am Mass-

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Marlene Patterson ,
Westley I. Douglas, Lensor Jones,
Russia Tatum & Vicky Bordeaux
a very wonderful birthday..

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

HOLY FAMILY





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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: There will be two Masses on New Year's Eve — 4:00pm and 9:00pm. Mass will be at 10:00am on New Year's day.

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!

HOLY HOUR will be held Friday, January 2, 2015 at 7:00pm.

ALL LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS there will be a meeting on January 24th at 10:00 am.

THIS SPACE IS FOR THE CALENDAR