

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

YEAR OF MERCY

Sunday, December 13, 2015

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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. Come join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our theme for 2015 is "**Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord**" Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
Last Sunday— 1:00pm	Congolese Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Fridays of Lent—6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday --- 3:00 pm	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 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 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 12th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Advent (VIGIL)	Wilson Family	Jaqueline Wilson
Sunday 13th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent	Successful Jubilee Year of Mercy Campaign Successful Jubilee Year of Mercy Campaign	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 14th	10:00am	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (OBL)	Imma Alexander	Louise Washington
Tuesday 15th	8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Deacon Joseph Conrad++	Family
Wednesday 16th	8:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 17th	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday Mass	Nathaniel Eziukwu++	Fr. Cornelius
Friday 18th	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday Mass	Monica Okwara++	Fr. Cornelius

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. So said John the Baptist in reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all *“filled with expectation.”* For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah—the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that *“all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.”*

But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that *“one mightier than I is coming.”* And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service—loosening sandal straps—for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And shouldn't we do the same?

As we mediate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? Are we worthy of his incarnation and his saving death? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

REJOICE IN THE LORD

[Inspired by Philippians 4:4-7]

Rejoice in the Lord always,

Do not worry about tomorrow.

Go to God in humble prayer

And give Him all your sorrows.

Rejoice and let your needs be known

For God is faithful, just and kind,

And His peace that surpasses understanding

Will guard your heart and mind.

Rejoice in your laughter,

Rejoice in your tears,

For in your rejoicing

Comes strength for your fears.

Rejoice in the Lord always,

His loving kindness we can't measure.

Rejoice and be thankful for His love,

You'll have no greater treasure.

- Lora Cox -

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Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Mary C. Bennett
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Mary E. Davis
Irena Fields
Gwendolyn Fortune

Tina Garvin
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Michael Holland
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison

David & Keisha Jones
Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry

Michele Peters
Alfred Price
Lillian Pharms
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
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.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2015

Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Isaiah 12:2-6/Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18
Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Psalms 25:4-9/Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/
Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Psalms 85:9-14/Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Matthew 1:1-17
Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-6, 16-17/Luke 1:5-25
Next Sunday: Malachi 5:1-4a/Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Hebrews 10:5-10/ Luke 1:39-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish Rosetta Henry, Yvette Sherman, Edith Cornish, Christal Mitchell, Cursey Calais a wonderful and happy birthday.

We would like to also wish Paul & Violet Tinsley a wonderful and happy anniversary.

May the joy of the Lord

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/19- 4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga & J. Rookard Sr.

12/20- 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & S. Mode

12/20- 11:00 am Mass
B. Robinson & B. Sweeney

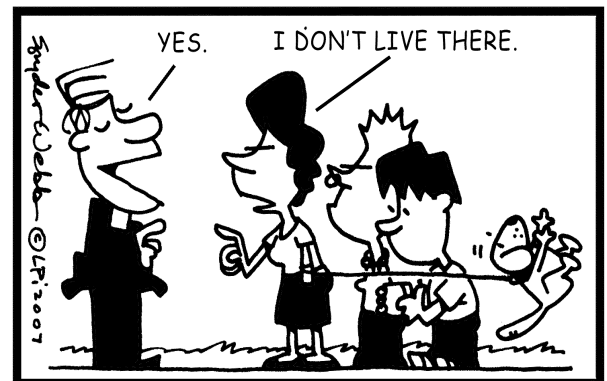
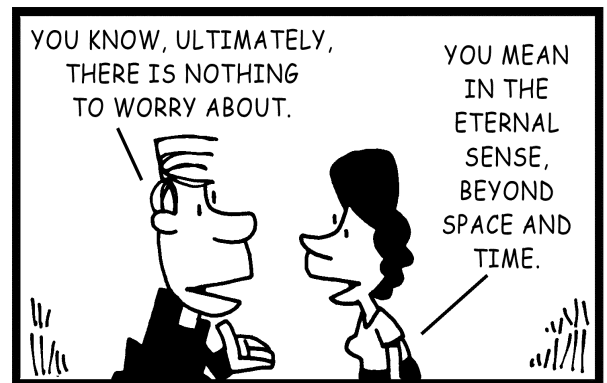
E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/19- 4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & S. Glover-Cox

12/20- 8:30am Mass
C. Tolson & L. Washington

12/20- 11:00 am Mass
S. Williams & E. Young

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$5,225.31

ATTENDANCE:

300

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus is the "face" of the Father's mercy
Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in Misericordiae Vultus, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, is the "face" of the Father's mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus' example when we open ourselves to the Father's mercy by looking "sincerely" into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those "who are denied their dignity."



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.

TOYS FOR TOTS RECEPTION: Will be held on December 13, 2015 from 4pm to 7pm in the Center. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for children. The toys will be given out to families less fortunate and in need of assistance at Christmastime.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DANCE will be held in the Center on Thursday, December 31, 2015. Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Gala will start after Mass until 1:00 a.m. New Year's Day. Tickets are \$30.00 each and will be sold in the back of the church after each Mass.

SPECIAL THANKS: to all those who made this year's Christmas Concert a huge success. To all Parishioners who showed their support by purchasing tickets; thank you immensely. Special thanks to the organizers, music directors, music ministers, liturgical dancers, environment committee members and volunteers. May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: St. Vincent DePaul food bank of our Parish is now preparing Christmas baskets for all those who are less privileged during this festive period. Parishioners in need of food assistance may sign up at the back of the church today.

LECTORS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE: will be held on December 19, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the church.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass 12/24/15

Vigil Mass - 7:00pm

African French Vigil Mass: 10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass 12/25/15

Mass: 10:00am

New Year's Eve Mass 12/31/15

Mass—4:00pm and 8:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day Mass 01/01/16

Mass— 10:00am

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National Shrine's Christmas Dinner: for those in need, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. Those interested in volunteering can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine On Sunday, December 20, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host its second annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the 4:30pm Mass. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.com or call (202) 526-8300.