



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

MERRY CHRISTMAS / HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 24,

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FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

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*He will testify of Me. And you
also will bear witness,
John 15:26-27*



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 2017 is **“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”** [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday- 3:00pm
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.
Fridays---6:00pm
Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Community Mass
Prayer Meeting
Miraculous Medal Novena
Seniors Bible Study Group
Novena to St. Joseph
Bible Study
Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
Rosary

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Porres Chapel

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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 23rd	4:00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	Birthday Blessings for Terrell Wilson	Family
Sunday 24th	8:30am 11:00am 7:00Pm 10:30Pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Vigil Mass (ENGLISH) Christmas Vigil Mass (FRENCH)	In Thanksgiving for all Pregnant & Nursing Mothers In Thanksgiving for all Pregnant & Nursing Mothers In Thanksgiving to God for all Parishioners during this Christmas In Thanksgiving to God for all Family members during Christmas	Parish Family Parish Family Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 25th	10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	God's Peace on our Incarcerated relatives, friends & neighbors May they Come to know Christ's Peace during this Christmas	Parish Family
Tuesday 26th	8:00am	St. Stephen FEAST	Eternal Repose of the soul of Dieudonne (Stephen) Ndouga+++	Family
Wednesday 27TH	8:00am	St. John FEAST	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Fr. John Phillipelli+++	Parish Family
Thursday 28th	10:00 am	The Holy Innocents FEAST	Eternal Repose of the souls of Children who died this year++	Parish Family
Friday 29th	8:00 am	5th Day of Christmas	Traveling Mercies for all our Parishioners, family & friends	Parish Family

**REFLECTION FOR
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way!

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

PASTOR'S CORNER

CHRIST THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

It's beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas. There may not be snow every where but we can feel the atmosphere of joy and gift-giving upon us. Hopefully all our trees are setup and decorated with lights lit in anticipation of the Nativity of the Lord. We do so because we consider ourselves privileged to be celebrating another Christmas season together. We have been richly blessed by the best. Now are to become a blessing to others through our acts of generosity, kindness, love, prayers and support for each other.

Tis the season to be joyful; an opportunity to rejoice that the Redeemer of the world is to be born into our hearts and bring us peace. If there were ever a moment we needed a peaceful heart, now would be that time. Particularly, since we are constantly being threatened by terrorist attacks, North Korea's obsession for nuclear weapons, gang violence, celebrities and politicians abusing their power by taking advantage of their subordinates etc.

This is the appointed time we yearn for Emmanuel to come and restore our world that is suffering from a broken moral compass, a degenerating desire for forgiveness, a lackadaisical faith in God as well as an unquenchable thirst for vengeance.

And so we ask our Lord Jesus the Christ, that real gift of Christmas to grant us the Grace (**unmerited gift of God**) that would enable us to celebrate his birth in our heart with love and total trust in him. The real reason for his birth, is that we may have life and have it abundantly.

That life is constantly threatened by our enemy the devil, who "is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour." We must always resist his antics by being steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings." [1Peter 5:8]. Though we fight not against flesh and blood but principalities and powers, yet our resistance, our faith, our help will come from the New born King. Our help will forever be in the name of that Lord God who made heaven and earth. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives and place in his kingdom. [Luke 21:19]

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes	Irena Fields	Charles Jamison	Martyn Montague	Kayla Tatum
Blanche Bourm	Florence M. Fields	Melvin Jamison	Veronica Murray	Rolland Taylor
Barbara Batts	Tina Garvin	Mary Ann Johnson	Regina Neal	Gloria Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Elizabeth Gillem	David & Keisha Jones	Florence Patterson	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Tammy Berry	Joseph Grear	Lawrence Lee	Marlene Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Silvia Perry	Barbara B. Tyler
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Rose Luck	Lillian Pharms	Jerome J. Wallace
Edna Coates	Dawn Lattimer Handen	Bernadette Mahoney	Alfred Price	Wayne A. Wallace
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Harkins	Doreene Mahoney	Joseph Queen	Shiela Washington
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Monica Mahoney	James Ratiff	Cecelia Williams
Aniceto Charles	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Doreene Redd	Wellington Waters
Joyce Cristwell	Brenda Henson	Michael Mason	Leroy Sandifer	Terrell Wilson
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Anna E. Smith	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Rudolph Holley	Hilda McDougald	Betty Smith	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Marita C. Edelin	James Hughes	Alice L. Montague	Ruth Stokes	St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**May the Joy of the Lord
 be your strength!!!**

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/30/2017– 4:00pm Mass
 M. Holland

12/31/2017-830am Mass
 N. Douglas & D. Savoy

12/31/2017– 11:00 am Mass
 S. Williams & R. Johnson

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/30/2017– 4:00pm Mass
 S.G. Cox & K.H.. Ndouga

12/31/2017-8:30am Mass
 C. Tolson & M.Harris

12/31/2017– 11:00am Mass
 R. Brooks & G. Abate

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting
 our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

\$4,195.46

ATTENDANCE:

And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 leaves 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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Caroling and pageant begins at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass is 7:00pm (English)

10:30pm (French Mass)

Christmas Day (Monday 25th) Mass- 10:00am

New Years Day (Monday January 1st. Mass 10:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA: The annual New Year's Eve Gala will take place at St Luke Center on December 31, 2017 from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. Music provided by DJ. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be provided. Tickets are \$30.00 and dress is semi-formal. Come and bring in the New Year in a serene, fun filled and friendly atmosphere.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: the Knights of Columbus DC Charity is offering [three] \$500 scholarship to kids grades nine to twelfth. Applicants must reside in DC. Deadline for application is January 19th 2018. Please call parish office for further guidelines or visit charities.dcknights.org, or Email- charities@dcknights.org.

YOUTH SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: All youths (ages 15yrs to 19yrs) who desire a summer job with Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program, please visit www.pgcc.edu/Program_and_Courses/Noncredit/Continuing_Education_Program_Detail.aspx?id=6442469036. For more information please call parish office.

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED ASBESTOS REMOVAL WORK: Dear Parishioner, this would serve as a second notice to St Luke Catholic Church residents of the upcoming asbestos removal work that would take place at 4925 E. Capitol Street SE Washington DC 20019. The first notification letter was sent to you on August 20th 2017. The work at St. Luke Main Sanctuary began on Thursday, December 21st 2017 and will last approximately 2 months.

This asbestos removal work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal company. Workplace Health and Safety parastatals will be notified of the work. An asbestos removal control plan (ARCP) has been developed to ensure that adequate measures are in place to minimize risk and to meet regulatory requirements. While this work is taking place, access to the sanctuary area will be restricted. Barricade and signs will be placed to delineate the asbestos work area. All Masses and liturgical activities will be held in the basement. We regret any inconveniences. Thanks for your cooperation.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; "HIS VOICE, HIS TEACHINGS, HIS LOVE FOR HUMANITY: This is an interfaith conference of Metropolitan Washington on Sunday, January 7th from 3:00-4:30pm at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue, D.C. 20005.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST sponsored by Our Lady Perpetual Help Catholic Church Women's Ministry. Event will be held on Monday January 15, 2018 at 9:00am in the Panorama Room on 1600 Morris Road, S.E. Doors open at 8:00am. There is a donation of \$35.00 and children under 12 — \$15.00. You may contact Angela at (301)643-4088 or Tayloria at (202)641-4363

NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED: The Basilica of the National Shrine 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. Those interested in volunteering can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

MOTHER TERESA VOCATION SOCIETY ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am-2pm, Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). The day will include Mass, a talk, Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch will be served, and donations are welcomed. It is not