



# ST. LUKE

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



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The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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

2018 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

2nd Sunday - 1:15 p.m.	Igbo Mass
3rd Sunday - 1:15 p.m.	Cameroon Community Mass & Fellowship
3rd Saturday - 3:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Seniors Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.	Prayer for Vocations
Fridays ---6:00pm	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30	Rosary
	O/L of Guadalupe CWA



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

#### In the Martin De Pores 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 Godparents 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 5th	4:00pm	The Epiphany of the Lord (V)	God's inspiration may lead Elected Officials to serve with sincerity	Parish Family
Sunday 6th	8:30am 11:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord The Epiphany of the Lord	God's inspiration may lead Elected Officials to serve with sincerity God's inspiration may lead Elected Officials to serve with sincerity	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 7th	10:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of the Soul for Gregory Benson Edelin+++	Parish Family
Tuesday 8th	8:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Praying for God's healing and Providence on Elsie Young	Parish Family
Wednesday 9th	8:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Praying for God's healing and Providence on Terry Sweeney	Parish Family
Thursday 10th	10:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Praying for God's healing and Providence on Teresa Johnson	Parish Family
Friday 11th	8:00am	Christmas Weekday Mass	Praying for God's healing and Providence on Lenny Jones	Parish Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child?

"In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle. We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare.

Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage." Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home.

This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

### EPIPHANY: A FOURFOLD FEAST

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Menor Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man:

At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

### Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). (In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.) And in the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. Our family, for instance, opens gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before we open all of our gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**



Barbara Barnes	Joyce Diggs	James Hughes	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Melvin Jamison	David Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Barbara Batts	Irena Fields	Mary Ann Johnson	Florence Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Dawn Lattimer	Silvia Perry	Wayne A. Wallace
Ruth Bundy	Elizabeth Gillem	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	Shiela Washington
Valene Chemoo	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Alfred Price	Cecelia Williams
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Maria A. Logan	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Edna Coates	Michael Harkins	Rose Luck	Joyce Ratiff	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Doreene Mahoney	Xavier Roots	St Luke military families.
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Joyce Cristwell	Norma Henson	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Kayla Tatum	
Lucile Diggs	Rudolph Holley	Alice L. Montague	Rolland Taylor	

**Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019**

- Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 John 3:22—4:6/Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 John 4:7-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 John 4:11-18/Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 John 4:19—5:4/Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Luke 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 John 5:5-13/Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 John 5:14-21/Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/John 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/Psalms 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Penny Glover, Evelyn Bemigho Mode, David Anthony Parker, Nycos Mare Proctor and Alisha Blackmon.

**May the Joy of the Lord  
be your strength!!!**

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

- 1/12/2019– 4:00pm Mass**  
M. Holland & K. Ndouga
- 1/13/2019-8:30am Mass**  
J. Schofield & D. Savoy
- 1/13/2019– 11:00am Mass**  
B. Sweeny & J. Thomas

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE**

- 1/12/2019– 4:00pm Mass**  
R. Watson & Sunday G-Cox
- 1/13/2019-8:30am Mass**  
Y. Tolson & L. Washington
- 1/13/2019-11:00am Mass**  
T. Hyde & E. Young

**QUOTE**

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.  
— St John Chrysostom

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly.  
**\$4,098.37**

**ATTENDANCE:**  
275

*"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside 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 Day Mass will be held on Tuesday January 1st at 10am.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT ST LUKE:** All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Celebration to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King on Saturday, January 19, at 4:30pm at St. Luke Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. This celebration of Dr. King's life provides a special occasion of renewed inspiration for courageous conversations that help us build respect and solidarity with our communities, bearing witness to God's boundless love for all the human family. For more information contact the office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-5335 or [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**SEEKING NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE EUCHARIST :** All of those who are interested joining either group and all old members are invited to attend a mandatory training on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Venue is the Church Hall @ 12:00pm. **This training will also include the children/ youth members.**

**THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM** is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6– 10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

**DO YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN?** If so, please contact the parish office and provide your email address. Bulletin will be sent to your email every weekend.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**UNPLUG ON A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY AT OUR LADY OF BETHESDA: Jan.11 & Mar 22. From 8:30– 4pm.** An experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and hot lunch. The cost is \$120 per person. Registration required. [www.ourladyofthebethesa.org](http://www.ourladyofthebethesa.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD 20817.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE WOMEN MINISTRY MARTIN L. KING PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The theme this year is "Revitalize, Rejuvenate, Recommit...Reload the Dream. The Key speaker is the Ref. Dr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.: Redemptorist Congregation. The celebration is to honor and continue the work and legacy of Dr. King. It will also include tributes, musical performances by Perpetual Glory and OLPH's Ministry of Scared Motion. It takes place on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 9:00am.

**HELP OUR MARRIAGE** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does taking about it only make it worse Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443)400-7017.

**COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:** On the weekend of January 12 and 13 the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for Church Missions in the United States. This collection supports dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work. Second it provides vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for supporting and strengthening evangelizations programs that would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among these communities. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE ANNUAL SWEETHEART CHARITY BALL:** On February 8 from 7-aapm St. Ambrose Church in in Cheverly MD. (3107 63rd Ave. will host their 7th Annual Charity Ball in the parishes Fannon Hall. This year the event will benefit the Promise Place emergency shelter in Capital Heights, Md. For more information call 301-814-7605.