



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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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 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 - 1:1:5 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 22nd	4:00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent (V)	God's blessing and protection on Violet Tinsley	Mercer Patterson
Sunday 23rd	8:30am 11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent	In Thanksgiving to God for the children who would receive the sacrament of Baptism today.	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 24th	7:00pm	Christmas Eve	Praying for God's Grace on Pregnant women and their Babies	Parish Family
Tuesday 25th	10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord	God's providence on all those seeking the fruit of the womb	Parish Family
Wednesday 26th	8:00am	St. Stephen FEAST	In loving remembrance of Stephen Dieudonne Ndouga+++	Family
Thursday 27th	10:00am	St. John	For all children who suffered abuse, violence & died of neglect	Parish Family
Friday 28th	8:00am	The Holy Innocents FEAST	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Gregory Benson Edelin+++	The Edelin Family

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

ADVENT WEEK 4: THE CANDLE OF LOVE BY GAIL RODGERS

The ring was special! It signified she belonged to the organization. As she wore it she was aware of all it represented and of who it said she was. With it she was more conscious of how she acted. As a follower of Jesus you wear a distinguishing mark as well. Is it visible? You wear His love. *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"* (John 13:35).

When Jesus came to this earth, He brought a special kind of love. This love is unselfish, compassionate, unconditional. He loves us just as we are. Our condition is irrelevant to His love. It is a love that picks us up just where we are in life and carries us further than we could ever go on our own.

He gives us His love so we can give it away in the same unselfish, compassionate, unconditional way He gave it to us. He tells us this love will be our trademark. It will distinguish us as followers of Jesus.

Your actions reflect Jesus to the world around you. You can choose to offer love or to hold it back. In situations where it is hard to offer love, ask Him to give you an abundance of His own in your heart so you are able to give it away.

As you move into Christmas this week, be reminded of the distinguishing mark you carry as a follower of Jesus. Ask for His love to be evident in your words and actions as you interact with others. Seek to bring unity and balance into relationships or situations. Listen to people with sincerity and interest. Ask for a graciousness that comes from His Spirit as you mingle with those in your circle. Wear the love of Jesus as your distinguishing mark as His follower.

HAVE YOURSELVES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Article from <https://thelife.com/advent-week-4-the-candle-of-love>

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish



Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Valene Chemoo
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Lucile Diggs

Joyce Diggs
Marita C. Edelin
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley

James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague

Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
James Ratiff
Joyce Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor

Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.
All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Micah5:1-4a/Ps alms80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Hebrews 10:5-10/
Luke 1:39-45u
Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/
Luke 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-
17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Luke 2:11]/Titus2:11-14/
Luke 2:1-14
Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Psalms 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
Day: Isaiah52:7-10/Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Hebrew 1:1-6/John
1:1-18 or John 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/
Matthew 10:17-22
Thursday: 1John 1:1-4/Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/John 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 John 1:5—2:2/Psalms 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Matthew 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 John 2:3-11/Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Luke 2:22-35
Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28/P alms84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 John 3:1-2, 21-24/Luke 2:41-
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ernest E. Payton, Iris O. Payton, Lensor Jones, Westley Douglas I, and James Queen and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne E. and Mary Johnson.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/29/2018– 4:00pm Mass
K.H. Ndouga & M. Holland

12/30/2018-8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & C. Tolson

12/30/2018– 11:00am Mass
B. Sweeney & M. Hyde

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/29/2018– 4:00pm Mass
S.G. Cox & R. Watson

12/30/2018-8:30am Mass
C.Holland & Y. Tolson

12/30/2018-11:00am Mass
D. Baker & J. Thomas

Quote of the Week

**You never lose by lov-
ing. You always lose by
holding back.**

–Barbara De Angelis

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

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

\$3,859.00

ATTENDANCE:

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"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45



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.

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th
Caroling and Children Pageant @ 6pm
Mass of the Eve of our Lords Birth @ 7pm [English] & 10pm [French]
Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25
Mass @ 10am

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mr. Gregory Benson Edelin on Friday, December 28, 2018. Viewing from 10 to 11am and funeral Mass begins at 11am.

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.**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY BLANKET & TOILETRY DRIVE: Please bring new blankets, hats and socks and gloves. The Youth Ministry will deliver the blankets and toiletries to the homeless on December 29th at 11:00am. Adult chaperons are needed. Please call the church hall if you are available to assist in this project.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2018 CHRISTMAS BASKET DRIVE: Special thanks to all parishioners who made food and financial donations towards our Christmas baskets drive. May your jar of oil never run dry. Amen!

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

NATIONAL SHRINE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED: The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor Christmas dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day on December 25th. Volunteers are needed for those to assist in preparing, serving and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner.

VESPERS AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE During the season of Advent the Basilica of the National Shrine invites you to join in praying Vespers. This service of evening prayer in the Divine Office will be held every Sunday in the evening at 4:00pm in the Great Upper Church. This event is free and is open to the public. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call 202-526-8300.

UNPLUG ON A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY AT OUR LADY OF BETHESDA: Jan.11 & Mar 22. Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy? Jesus tells us to “Come away with me,” to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. In the short, focused, weekday hours 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, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Upcoming dates for this personal experience are: Jan 11 & March 22. \$120 per person. Registration required. Wwwourladyofthebethesa.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD 20817.