

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm**  
**Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment**

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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 2019 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.

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 11:00am**

**2nd Sunday 1:15pm (Igbo) 3rd Sunday 1:15pm (French)**

**Weekday Masses**

**In the Martin De Pores Chapel**

**Monday: 10:00am**

**Tuesday: 8:00am**

**Wednesday: 10:00am**

**Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am**

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am-10:45am Or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Infant Baptism registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class which is held on the First Saturday of each month. Baptism takes place every First Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 23rd	4:00pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (v)	Praying for Justice and Peace in the World	Parish Family
Sunday 24th	8:30am 11:00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Praying for Justice and Peace in the World Praying for Justice and Peace in the World	Parish Family
Monday 25th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Donald Lewis++ (BB)	Doris C. Lucas
Tuesday 26th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Maruquel Anderson+++	Janice Townsend
Wednesday 27th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Mary Maynard+++	Family
Thursday 28th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	In thanksgiving to God for all the blessing we have received	Parish Family
Friday 29th	No Mass	No Mass	Please pray for peace and love in our families	Pastor

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## OBITUARY FOR FATHER WALTER ANTHONY CERBIN SSJ

Josephite Father Walter Anthony Cerbin died on Saturday, November 9, 2019, of a lingering illness in Palmetto, LA, in his eight year of retirement. He was ninety years old and had been a priest for 64 years.

Father Cerbin was a native of Chicago, born on June 13, 1929, to Stanley and Rose Szanfranska Cerbin. Baptized in St. Hyacinth Church, he attended St. Viator Elementary School and Quigley Prep Seminary before entering the Josephite College and novitiate in Newburgh, NY, and on to St. Joseph Seminary and priestly ordination in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on June 4, 1955.

In his fifty-six years of pastoral ministry, Father covered a lot of Josephite territory. Beginning in 1955, Father served as an associate pastor in Port Arthur, TX, for five years. For the next six years he served in the same position in Baltimore, WA and in Beaumont, TX. His first pastorate was in Baltimore at St. Francis Xavier parish.

For the next three-years he served as pastor at the only Josephite mission in Clarendon in the Bahamas. Then followed pastorates in Dallas for four years; Lawtell, LA, for four years; New Orleans, for two years; and Cecelia, LA, for eight years. Father's last parochial assignment was for eight years in Lebeau, LA. He retired in June, 2011, after over fifty years of active ministry.

A Vigil Service will be held in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lebeau, LA, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Viewing will begin at 5:00 PM. Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday morning, November 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Viewing on Friday will begin at 9:00 AM. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. May Fr. Walter Cerbin rest in peace.

## REFLECTION FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus."* Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, *"they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin."* In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity *"make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least."* Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. *"The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity."* Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together *"be with [him] in Paradise!"*

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR  
DECEMBER 1**

**4:00pm Mass**  
V. Watson & E.Coefield  
  
**8:30am Mass**  
J. Schofield & D. Savoy  
**11:00am Mass**  
A. Cardoso & A. Ninat

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR  
DECEMBER 1**

**4:00pm Mass**  
P. Glover & S.G. Cox  
  
**8:30am Mass**  
D. Lucas & C. Holland  
**11:00am Mass**  
G. Abate& & C. Lawrence

**Readings for the Week of November 24, 2019**

**Sunday:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Colossians 1:12-20/Luke 23:35- 43  
**Monday:** Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20/Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 2:31-45/Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Daniel 6:12-28/Daniel 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Daniel 7:2-14/Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Romans 10:9-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Matthew 4:18-22  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 2:1-5/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Kara Smith-Oneukwu, Lois Williams, Elijah Mesiah Grinage, Alvin Hyde & Rita Kitchings and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Chinazor & Charmaine Onianwah.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD  
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

**Church Support**

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly  
**\$3,534.29**

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:**

**444**

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

Barbara Barnes  
Blanche Bourm  
Barbara Batts  
Tanisha Bennett  
Tammy Berry  
Ruth Bundy  
Beatrice Carroll  
Melinda Conrad  
Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Aniceto Charles  
Patricia Chase  
Valene Chemoo  
Joyce Cristwell  
Alvera Dance  
Iyana Davage

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Chris Hawkins  
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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  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Doris McCannon  
Alice L. Montague  
Veronica Murray  
David Neal  
Florence Patterson  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry

Lillian Pharms  
Kecia Proctor  
James 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  
Steven Washington

Cecelia Williams  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.

All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them



## 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.

**ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER** Get your appetites ready for the pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Ecumenical ministry on Monday, November 25th in the Church Hall at 6:00pm. Food and monetary donations are accepted and there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

**SODALITY FUNDRAISER** The Sodality will be selling a gourmet popcorn “Double Good”. Half of the proceeds will go to the church. The popcorn is being sold in the back of the church after each Mass. For any additional information or questions you may contact Trenita Russell at 301-336-0744.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** Thanksgiving baskets will be given out on Tuesday November 26th from 10 am to 12pm. Volunteers will be needed on Monday at 11am to prepare the baskets and on Tuesday at 10am. Thank you for your continued support for our food bank ministry. May God reward you abundantly.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**SILENT RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR MEN & WOMEN:** Experience His presence in the silence! “The Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Upcoming dates for men Dec. 20-22, 2019 and Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, 2020. Upcoming dates for women: Dec. 6-8, 2019 and Jan. 10-12, 2020. Cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on their website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)

**MEN’S RETREAT FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020:** “Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments” The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men’s Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Monsignor Robert Panke. Are you living the graces of a full sacramental life? What does it mean to live out our baptism to live a Eucharistic life and to access the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation in our daily lives and relationships. This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life—the relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, W.V. To register go to the following link <https://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com> or for more information call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemeteries and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional and ethical way. If you or someone you know in the parish is interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, visit the employment opportunity section of the CCAW website: <http://ccaw.org/about/employment.html>.

**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 talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th through 26, 2020, please visit [www.helopourmarriage.org](http://www.helopourmarriage.org), call (443)400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE SHARON LAVERNE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** offers self development and empowerment for residents in communities of Wards 7 and 8 in the spring/summer 2020 in the District of Columbia. The primary goal of TSLCP’s is to improve the lives and conditions of impoverished residents, provide free life sustaining training, and address relevant concerns relating to urban crime and mass incarceration. For more information and a registration form please call (202)832-0780.