

**Sunday, December 8, 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: 8:00am**

**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 7th	4:00pm	Second Sunday of Advent (v)	For God's Peace in our country, community and family	Parish Family
Sunday 8th	8:30am 11:00am	Second Sunday of Advent Second Sunday of Advent	For God's Peace in our country, community and family	Parish Family
Monday 9th	10:00am	The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary SOL	God's blessings and protection for Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 10th	8:00am	Advent Weekday	Eternal repose of the soul of Ida L. Bentley (BB)+++	Doris C. Lucas
Wednesday 11th	8:00am	St. Damasus I OPT	God's blessings and protection for Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 12th	10:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe FEAST	Eternal repose of the soul of Mauquel Anderson+++	Janice Townsend
Friday 13th	8:00am	St. Lucy OBL	God's blessings and protection for Karis Felton	Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### THE PEACE OF JESUS IN US AND THROUGH US BY SCOTTY SMITH

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. [Col. 3:15]  
Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times  
and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.*

[2 Thess. 3:16]

Lord Jesus, we are thankful there's no part of our being or story, no sphere of life or place in the universe, outside your interest and care. You are Creator and Sustainer, Redeemer and Restorer, King and Shepherd.

Today, we come to you as the Lord of Peace. Though you don't always eliminate our storms, we'll never experience a Christ-absent storm. Hear our prayers; grant us grace; increase our peace. We pray for our hearts—new by the gospel, still in need of constant renewal. Jesus, you have won and washed our hearts. You indwell us, and one Day we will dwell with you in perfect wholeness. Until then, we are weaker than we wish, plagued with unbelief and insecurities, and are not as free and joyful as you intend. Jesus, keep us thirsty for you, humble before you, and satisfied in you. Be our peace, wisdom, and hope.

We pray peace for our various relationships, beginning with our friendships. Forgive us for presuming upon our friendships. Like any garden, the garden of friendship needs weeding and fertilizer, time and care. Where busyness, self-absorption, and distance have eroded good friendships, forgive us and free us to pursue our friends. A truly peaceful life will never be a friendless life. We need each other, all the way Home.

And of course, Satan doesn't want any marriage to thrive, or even survive. Because this relationship is meant to reveal your great love for your own Bride, the church. Renew and refresh our marriages. Replace strife, pettiness, and indifference with peace, kindness, and encouragement.

Lastly, Jesus, as your peace rules in our hearts, free us to bring a non-anxious presence wherever we live, work, and play. Tame our triggers. Help us see what you see in others. In union with you, we want to live as peacemakers. So very Amen we pray, in your all beautiful and all grace-full name.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/peace-jesus-us-us/>

### REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *"Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": *"Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity."* God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR  
DECEMBER 15**

**4:00pm Mass**  
M. Holland & R. Watson

**8:30am Mass**  
P. Nixon & S. Mode

**11:00am Mass**  
T.N. Hyde & E. Williams

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR  
DECEMBER 15**

**4:00pm Mass**  
T.Russell & P. Glover

**8:30am Mass**  
L. Washington & C. Tolson

**11:00am Mass**  
B. Kouemou & B. Edmond

**Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1- 12

**Monday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40:1-11/Psalms 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Luke 1:5-25

**Friday:** Isaiah 48:17-19/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/James 5:7-10/Matthew 11:2-11

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday Geneva M. Baker, Earnest Cox, Edith Cornish, Rosetta Henry, Yvette Sherman, Leroy Partlow, Doris McCannon, Martha Feemster and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Lamont P. & Joyce W. Diggs.

**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  
**\$4,757.04**

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:**

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**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  
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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  
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Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry

Lillian Pharms  
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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.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR RUTH T. WILLIAMS:** will take place on Tuesday, December 10th. Viewing is at 10am while Mass will begin at 11am. Please pray for the family.

**GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS 18 TO 35:** Fr. Cornelius is inviting all young adults in our parish (18-35) to a gathering on Thursday December 13th @ 6pm. Venue is St. Luke Rectory. Please sign up at 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 8, 2019** For the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious — service is a way of life. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please be generous.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH** presents the puppet and story works “A ‘Venty’ and Merry Puppet & Story Christmas” with biblical truth –ventriloquism—story & song on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:30pm. The location is 1315 8th Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** “Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Make sure your marriage bears good fruit. Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 28 through March 20, 2020 in College Park, MD . Sign up on Moments4marriage.org or leave a message at 301-541-7007. Sign up early!

**KENDRA SCOTT GIVES BACK PARTY** to benefit St. Ann’s Center for Children, youth and families on Thursday December 12. Join St. Ann’s Center Young Professionals Network for a fun evening of Christmas Shopping and merriment at the Kendra Scott-Bethesda Row store. It’s all for a good cause—20% of sales will go to the St. Ann’s Center to help the families have a brighter Christmas. Come out and support the young mothers and children at St. Ann’s Center. Sweet treats and Prosecco will be served while you shop and mingle. The time is from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The location is 4835 Bethesda Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814.

**CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST** with Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington and the Holy Redeemer Parish Children’s Choir in College Park, Maryland at the recording of the Christmas TV Mass, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:15 pm. The recording will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Crypt Church. Enter through front lower level. This special one hour edition of the Sunday TV Mass will be broadcast Christmas morning. On December 25, 2019, 8:00-9:00a.m. on WDCW Channel 50, Washington, DC metro area.

**BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE** on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at the 4:30 pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree and we prepare for the birth of Jesus. No tickets or reservations are required. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call (202)526-8300.

**NATIONAL SHRINES 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 may sign up on line at [www.nationalshrine.org/christmas-dinner](http://www.nationalshrine.org/christmas-dinner) or call (202) 526-8300.