

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**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 28th	4 : 00pm	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (v)	Eternal repose of the soul of Maruquel Anderson+++	Janice Townsend
Sunday 29th	8:30am 11:00am	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	God's Protection and Guidance on all Young families in our Parish and community	Parish Family
Monday 30th	10:00am	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	For all Friends and relatives deceased and souls of purgatory	Beatrice Kouemou
Tuesday 31st	4:00pm	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	God's Blessings and protection for Nina Patterson (BB)	Patterson Family
Wednesday 1st	10:00am	Solemnity of Mary SOL,HO,MFP,NFM	God's Blessings and Protections for Patterson Family	Patterson Family
Thursday 2nd	10:00am	Ss. Basil & Gregory OBL	God's Blessings & Protections for Freeland Family	Patterson Family
Friday 3rd	8:00am	Holy Name of Jesus OPT	Eternal repose of the soul of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### A Family Is Like A Circle

Nicole M. O'Neil

A family is like a circle.  
The connection never ends,  
and even if at times it breaks,  
in time it always mends.

A family is like the stars.  
Somehow they're always there.  
Families are those who help,  
who support and always care.

A family is like a book.  
The ending's never clear,  
but through the pages of the book,  
their love is always near.

A family is many things.  
With endless words that show  
who they are and what they do  
and how they teach you so you know.

But don't be weary if it's broken  
or if through time it's been so worn.  
Families are like that -  
they're split up and always torn.

But even if this happens,  
your family will always be.  
They help define just who you are  
and will be a part of you eternally.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a->

### REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

*“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.”* 725 kilometers. That's the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn't have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

*“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.”* Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today's Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

Liturgical Publications 2015

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR  
JANUARY 5

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

**8:30am Mass**  
F. Cooper & J. Schofield

**11:00am Mass**  
J. Thomas & R. Johnson

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR  
JANUARY 5

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

**8:30am Mass**  
Y. Tolson & M. Harris

**11:00am Mass**  
D. Baker & P. Everette

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

**Sunday:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 John 2:12-17/Psalms 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Luke 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/John 1:1-18

**Wednesday:** Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

**Thursday:** 1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/John 1:19-28

**Friday:** 1 John 2:29—3:6/Psalms 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/John 1:29-34

**Saturday:** 1 John 3:7-10/Psalms 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/John 1:35-42

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Russia Tatum, Lensor Jones, Vickey Bordeaux, Rihanna Austin, Cynthia Redd, Doris Lucas, Alisha Blackmon and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Yvonne Tolson.

**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  
\$3,553.00

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

284  
Christmas Eve 204 & Christmas 96

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  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Norma Henson  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Melvin Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson  
David & Keisha Jones  
Lensor 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 21 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 YEARS EVE MASS SCHEDULE** is December 31st at 4:00pm.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS:** January 1st is at 10am.

**SODALITY FUNDRAISER** This is the last weekend to order and pay for the gourmet popcorn "Double Good" that is being sold by the Sodality in the back of the church.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPS ARE AVAILABLE:** Dear parish family, your 2020 offering envelopes are at the back of the church. Please contact the parish office for all questions and concerns.

**ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION** On the Weekend of January 5 there will be the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA special collection. It is the single largest source of priestly vocations in the USA and is the only U.S. diocese whose priests and deacons are responsible for serving approximately 1.8 million Catholics. Please give generously.

**PARISH CALENDAR JANUARY 2020**

			1 Solemnity of Mary Mass 10:00am	2	3 Holy Hour 6pm	4
5 CWA @12:30pm	6	7 Belly Dance @ 6pm	8	9	10	11
12 Holy Name Society @ 9:30am Igbo Mass @ 1:15	13	14 Belly Dance @6pm	15	16	17	18
19 CWA @ 10:30am Daughters of Isabella @ 9:30am CFC Mass @ 1:30pm	20	21 Belly Dance @ 6pm	22	23	24	25 SHARE
26 Knights of Columbus @9:30am	27	28	29	30 Food Bank	31	