

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

Second Sunday of Advent

**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.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Inner Peace

How do we hold onto our sense of internal peace when we feel that our world is being turned upside down, shaking our core beliefs and values into a state of confusion? We live in a time when virtue seems so trite by society's current standards. And yet it is through virtue we can keep our sense of peace. By definition, virtue is morally good behavior or character. "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" [Phil 4:8]. Certainly Mary, our Blessed Mother, is all these things and more.

**Mary's Virtues:** Most pure, prudent, humble, faithful, devout, obedient, poor, patient, merciful, and sorrowful, Mary is our model of virtue. How else could Mary have taken on the responsibilities as Mother of our Savior and Mother to us all? Yes, Mary experienced anxiety, pain, and grief during her earthly lifetime. However, Mary was able to see according to God and never lose sight of God's plan for the world's salvation. Mary remained steadfast in her beliefs and core values through all her joys, works, and in her sorrows for glory to God in the highest, giving her inner peace. Being our mother, Mary shares her virtues with us to keep us steady in this unsettled world. Mary helps us to see according to God and to live as people of good will to merit glory in Heaven.

**People of Good Will:** Like Mary, we can praise God; we can bless Him; we can adore Him; and we can glorify Him by the way we live our lives. With virtue, we become people of good will. We tend toward the good with all our "sensory and spiritual powers"; we pursue "the good and choose it in concrete actions" [CCC 1803]. However, we cannot achieve this on our own. "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues" [CCC 1811]. By the power of our Lady's intercession to her Son, the Prince of Peace, our virtues and good works will flourish in our world. We can be a source of peace by following the way of our Savior and accepting the graces we need to be virtuous in our daily living. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid," said Jesus [John 14:27].

To maintain our sense of peace in our hearts, minds, and souls, we must hold onto our virtues as given to us by God. With Mary's guidance, we can hold on by always asking for God's grace to light our way and to give us strength. Also let us not forget to frequent the sacraments and heed the promptings of the Holy Spirit to love what is good and to avoid what is evil. So long as we keep doing what we have learned from Christ in the Scriptures with the graces we have received, then the peace of our Lord will be with us always.

<https://catholicstand.com/inner-peace/>

### REFLECTION FOR

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

Liturgical Publications 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Geneva M. Baker, Earnest Cox, Elaine Williams, Brenda Anyaibe, Leroy Partlow, Doris P. McCannon an a wonderful wedding anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Lamont P. and Joyce W. Diggs.

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

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

**Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8  
**Monday:** Isaiah 35:1-10/Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Isaiah 35:4f]/Luke 5:er17-26  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 41:13-20/Psalms 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Matthew 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Isaiah 48:17-19/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. John 8:12]/Matthew 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Judith 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/ Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Isaiah 61:10b]/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this trying times. You may Drop off or mail your gifts to the parish. You may give online through our website: <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/> And clicking on the donate button.

You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116  
 God bless and keep you safe.

WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 12/7**  
**St. Ambrose**

**Thursday 12/10**  
**Advent Weekday**

**Tuesday 12/8**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blesses Virgin Mary**

**Friday 12/11**  
**St. Damasus I**

**Wednesday 12/9**  
**St. Juan**

**Saturday 12/12**  
**God's blessings and protection for Siaga Martine by Beatrice Kouemou & Family**

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

Marita C. Edelin  
 Tina Garvin  
 Elizabeth Gillem  
 Florence Hall  
 Steve Halle  
 Chris Hawkins  
 Charlene Haywood  
 Brenda Henson  
 James Holley  
 Rudolph Holley  
 James Hughes  
 Melvin Jamison  
 Mary Ann Johnson  
 David & Keisha Jones  
 Dawn Lattimer  
 Lawrence Lee

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  
 Doreene Redd  
 Leroy Sandifer  
 Betty Smith

Kayla Tatum  
 Rolland Taylor  
 Gloria Thompson-Price  
 James F. Thompson, Jr.  
 Matthew Thompson  
 Barbara B. Tyler  
 Wayne A. Wallace  
 Marquita Ward  
 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.

### St. Luke Parish Weekly Schedule

Mondays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)  
Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm  
Thursdays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)  
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm  
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUPGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUPGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber)

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-3116.

Offertory Contributions for 12/6/2020:: \$705.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Bible quote:

“Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.” 1Peter 5:7

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**RETROVILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAM** is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated for divorced are encouraged to consider the Retroville Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. For more details please contact us at 443-400-7017, 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**BLACK & WOMEN'S HISTORY MINISTRY** Join St. Martin's Church Black & Women's History Ministry for their *DC First Ever Virtual Christmas Concert 2020*. Cost is FREE!!! The date is Sunday, December 13th at 4:00pm-Watch Party on YouTube. You may contact [angelecw32@aol.com](mailto:angelecw32@aol.com) for more information and to register. Also, join them for *Ella Wishes You a Swinging Christmas with Vanessa Williams* on Tuesday, December 15th at 8pm. Watch on your local PBS Station or [PBS.org](http://PBS.org).

**VIRTUAL EVENT EVENING RETREAT FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES:** A Couple's Advent Journey Plan to join Our Lady of Bethesda for a Special Virtual Advent Date Night that will help you grow spiritually in your relationship as you live in Advent in a shared way as a couple. \$25 per couple. Registration is required so that we can provide the online access. Visit Our Lady of Bethesda at [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they education the young tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Please give your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious.