

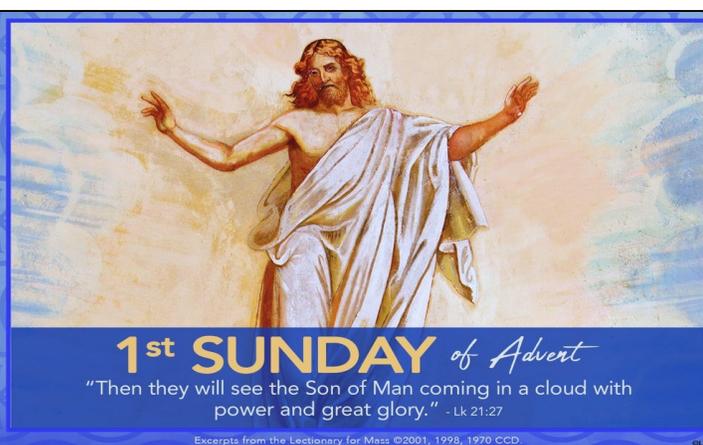
**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

First Sunday of Advent

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** of Advent

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

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**ST. LUKE**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 St. Luke Church**

**Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm**

**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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IN YEAR C

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/first-sunday-of-advent-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

### REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday  
to **Taginere Mode, &  
Ronald Mallory .**  
**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD  
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

**Readings for the week of November 28, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 33:14-16/1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2/  
Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Isaiah 2:1-5/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Romans 10:9-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Matthew 4:18-22

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6/Psalms 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Baruch 5:1-9/Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6

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

WEEKLY MASS

<b>Monday 11/29</b> Eternal repose of the soul of Edith Viola Beal-Jones+++ by Hilda McDougald	<b>Thursday 12/2</b> Advent Weekday
<b>Tuesday 11/30</b> St. Andrew	<b>Friday 12/3</b> Eternal repose of the souls of Susie +++& Frank+++ McDougald by Family
<b>Wednesday 12/1</b> Advent Weekday	<b>Saturday 12/4</b> St. John

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Dawn Lattimer	Betty Smith
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Kayla Tatum
Barbara Batts	Kimbolyn Flowers	Maria A. Logan	Rolland Taylor
Tanisha Bennett	Anthony Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Gloria Thompson-Price
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Doreene Mahoney	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Barbara Mallory	Matthew Thompson
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doris McCannon	Barbara B. Tyler
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Chris Hawkins	Alice L. Montague	Wayne A. Wallace
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Veronica Murray	Marquita Ward
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Shiela Washington
Patricia Chase	James Holley	Florence Patterson	Steven Washington
Valene Chemoo	Rudolph Holley	Marlene Patterson	Cecelia Williams
Joyce Cristwell	James Hughes	Silvia Perry	Wellington Waters
Alvera Dance	Melvin Jamison	Doreene Redd	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Iyana Davage	Mary Ann Johnson	Corley Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.
	David & Keisha Jones	Leroy Sandifer	

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)

**First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm**

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

### **Prayer for the Synod on Synodality**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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**: 202-335-311621

### Offertory Contributions for 11/21/2021:

\$3,196.86

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### Quote of the Day

**“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.” - Luke 21:34-36**

**PLEASE SUPPORT ST LUKE ON GIVING TUESDAY:** What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish community? Beginning Monday, November 15, support St. Luke Catholic Church at [washington.igivecatholic.org](http://washington.igivecatholic.org) with a donation, or by sending or dropping off a gift of check or cash in any amount at the parish.

Every gift can go a long way when we unite to give on from November 15-30! Go to [washington.igivecatholic.org](http://washington.igivecatholic.org) to support our parish with a donation!

Beginning Monday, November 15, visit [washinton.igivecatholic.org](http://washinton.igivecatholic.org) and support St. Luke Catholic Church.

All donations are secure and tax-deductible.

Join us in showing that Catholics are the most generous donors! A little goes a long way when our parish community gives as one. Join us from November 15- 30 for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday!

**ST. LUKE CONFIRMATION:** Registration Blanks for CONFIRMATION are now available at the rear of the church. Candidates for Confirmation should be in grades 7-12. Classes beginning shortly on ZOOM. Please include an e-mail address and a cell phone #. It is our only method of contacting you! All questions should be directed to: Ms. Shirley Williams, DRE at 301-518-5596 or [papermom@verizon.net](mailto:papermom@verizon.net).