

ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017

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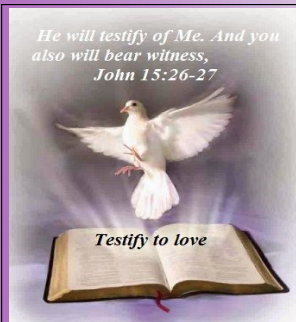
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Welcome

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 2017 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.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday - 3:00pm
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.
Fridays ---6:00pm
Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Community Mass
Prayer Meeting
Miraculous Medal Novena
Seniors Bible Study Group
Novena to St. Joseph
Bible Study
Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
Rosary

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Porres Chapel

Monday: 10:00 a.m. **Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. **Thursday:** 10:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Every 1st Friday of the Month 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am
Sunday: 10:00am- 10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class. Parents and God-parents preparation is held on the First Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptisms will take place on the Third Sunday of each month. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 17th	4:00pm	Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on the Wilson Family	Family
Sunday 18th	8:30am 11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent	God's Protection and Safety on those working in our Church God's Protection and Safety on those working in our Church	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 19th	10:00am	Late Advent Weekday	God's Blessings and Protection for Joshua and Titus Faison	Family
Tuesday 20th	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Michelle Glover+++	Parish Family
Wednesday 21st	8:00am	Late Advent Weekday	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Warren Carpenter+++	Parish Family
Thursday 22nd	10:00 am	St. Peter Canisius SR	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Roland "Fatty" Taylor+++	Parish Family
Friday 23rd	8:00 am	Late Advent Weekday	Travelling Mercies of all Parishioners During this season	Parish Family

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the *"one who is coming after me,"* he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ—the Anointed One, the Messiah—is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, *"May the God of peace make you perfectly holy."* Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

A NEW SERENITY PRAYER

BY JAMES MARTIN, SJ

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.

At least not the last time I checked.
And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need
to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt
remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking
about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.
Basically, God, grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm not you.

Amen

https://thejesuitpost.org/2012/11/a-new-serenity-prayer/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMlp96sydGI2AIVyY-zCh30PAveEAMYAiAAEgIgbvD_BwE

Third Sunday of Advent**Sunday, December 17, 2017****Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Barbara Barnes	Irena Fields	Charles Jamison	Martyn Montague	Kayla Tatum
Blanche Bourm	Florence M. Fields	Melvin Jamison	Veronica Murray	Rolland Taylor
Barbara Batts	Tina Garvin	Mary Ann Johnson	Regina Neal	Gloria Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Elizabeth Gillem	David & Keisha Jones	Florence Patterson	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Tammy Berry	Joseph Gear	Lawrence Lee	Marlene Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Silvia Perry	Barbara B. Tyler
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Rose Luck	Lillian Pharms	Jerome J. Wallace
Edna Coates	Dawn Lattimer Handen	Bernadette Mahoney	Alfred Price	Wayne A. Wallace
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Harkins	Doreene Mahoney	Joseph Queen	Shiela Washington
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Monica Mahoney	James Ratiff	Cecelia Williams
Aniceto Charles	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Doreene Redd	Wellington Waters
Joyce Cristwell	Brenda Henson	Michael Mason	Leroy Sandifer	Terrell Wilson
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Anna E. Smith	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Rudolph Holley	Hilda McDougald	Betty Smith	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Marita C. Edelin	James Hughes	Alice L. Montague	Ruth Stokes	St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday:	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Isaiah 61:10b]/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Isaiah 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zepphaniah 3:14-18a/Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Luke 1:46-56
Saturday:	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Luke 21:28]/Luke 1:57-66
Next Sunday:	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Earnest E. Payton,, Iris O. Payton, Lensor Jones, Vicky Bordeaux, James Queen, and Westley Douglas I and Wonderful wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. and Mary Ann Johnson

May the Joy of the Lord
be your strength!!!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/23/2017- 4:00pm Mass
K. H. Ndouga

12/24/2017-8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & M. Greene

12/24/2017- 11:00 am Mass
CCD Students

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/23/2017- 4:00pm Mass
P. Glover & P. Hamlin

12/24/2017-8:30am Mass
Y. Tolson & C. Holland

12/24/2017- 11:00am Mass
V. Tinsley & E. Young

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ATTENDANCE:

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John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." — Jn 1:26-27

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of 1 leaves the northwest corner 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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Caroling and pageant begins at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass is 7:00pm (English)

10:30pm (French Mass)

Christmas Day (Monday 25th) Mass- 10:00am

New Years Day (Monday January 1st.) Mass 10:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA: The annual New Year's Eve Gala will take place at St Luke Center on December 31, 2017 from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. Music provided by DJ. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be provided. Tickets are \$30.00 and dress is semi-formal. Come and bring in the New Year in a serene, fun filled and friendly atmosphere.

CHRISTMAS BASKET: The St. Vincent de Paul food bank is preparing for Christmas baskets and would like for you to bring the following items: yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, canned greens, mac and cheese, cake mix.. The Christmas baskets will given out on December 21, 2017. Thanks for your continued support of our foodbank ministry.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: the Knights of Columbus DC Charity is offering [three] \$500 scholarship to kids grades nine to twelfth. Applicants must reside in DC. Deadline for application is January 19th 2018. please call parish office for further guidelines or visit charities.dcknights.org, or Email- charities@dcknights.org.

YOUTH SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: All youths (ages 15yrs to 19yrs) who desire a summer job with Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program, please visit www.pgcc.edu/Program_and_Courses/Noncredit/Continuing_Education_Program_Detail.aspx?id=6442469036. For more information please call parish office.

Notification of Planned Asbestos Removal Work: Dear Parishioner, this would serve as a second notice to St Luke Catholic Church residents of the upcoming asbestos removal work that would take place at 4925 E. Capitol Street SE Washington DC 20019. The first notification letter was sent to you on August 20th 2017. The work at St. Luke Main Sanctuary is planned to begin on Thursday,

December 21st 2017 and will last approximately 2 months.

This asbestos removal work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal company. Workplace Health and Safety parastatals will be notified of the work. An asbestos removal control plan (ARCP) has been developed to ensure that adequate measures are in place to minimize risk and to meet regulatory requirements. While this work is taking place, access to the sanctuary area will be restricted. Barricade and signs will be placed to delineate the asbestos work area. All Masses and liturgical activities will be held in the basement. We regret any inconveniences. Thanks for your cooperation..

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NATIONAL SHRINE'S 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 can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300

ON MY MIND IN MY HEART; THE VOICES OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC HOUSING: This is a play directed by