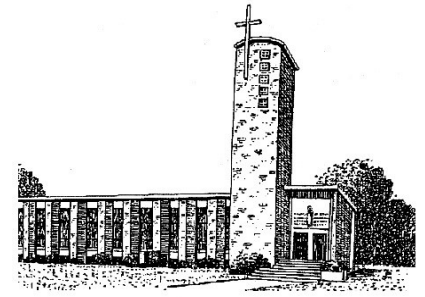


ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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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 2018 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

2nd Sunday— 1:15 p.m

3rd Sunday - 1:1:5 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

1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30

Igbo Mass

Cameroon Community
Mass & Fellowship

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

O/L of Guadalupe CWA



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores Chapel

Mon- day:10:00 a.m.

Tuesday:8:00 a.m.

Friday

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m.
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 8th	4:00pm	Second Sunday of Advent (V)	Praying for a spirit filled 2018 Christmas Concert of praise	Parish Family
Sunday 9th	8:30am 11:00am	Second Sunday of Advent Second Sunday of Advent	Praying for a spirit filled 2018 Christmas Concert of praise Praying for a spirit filled 2018 Christmas Concert of praise	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 10th	10:00am	Advent Weekday	God's protection and blessings for Karis Felton	Family
Tuesday 11th	8:00am	St. Damasus OPT	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Delores Chustz+++	Family
Wednesday 12th	8:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe FEAST	God's blessings on the OLG members and their family	Fr. Cornelius
Thursday 13th	10:00am	St. Lucy OBL	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Roosevelt Daniels+++	Hilda McDougald
Friday 14th	8:00am	St. John of the Cross OBL	Praying for an increase in vocation to the Josephite Society	Josephites

PASTOR'S CORNER

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed Advent to you all! Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance.

Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

Johns enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just.

We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way!

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ADVENT WEEK 2: THE CANDLE OF PEACE GAIL RODGERS

The angels proclaimed "Peace on Earth" when the Baby Jesus was born. Today we wonder as we listen to the evening news, is peace possible? We all need two kinds of peace in our lives. We need inner peace, but we also need peace with others. God addresses both. He tells us what to do to find that peace.

INNER PEACE

Inner peace begins with a relationship with God, and it continues as we focus on His strength and allow Him to fill us. We can exchange our weakness for His strength in any area of life. God's Word says, "*You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is focused on You because He trusts in You*" (Isaiah 26:3). Personalize that verse with your own name in it: "God will keep me in perfect peace as my mind focuses on Him and trusts Him." Inner peace hinges on your trust in God.

If inner peace is eluding you these days and anxiety is spilling over in your life, choose to trust God. You can choose to put your hand in His and draw from His patience and wisdom as you take each step. He will guide you through the maze of life if you ask Him. Choosing to trust God with those blind corners in your life will take you down the road to inner peace. Choosing not to trust Him will take you down the road to stress and worry. Inner peace is there for the choosing.

PEACE WITH OTHERS

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Peace with others begins as we understand that God has called us to be peacemakers in our world. Is there somewhere in your own world where you can be a peacemaker this Christmas? Is there an invitation that needs to be extended to smooth over a fractured family relationship? Is there an apology to be made or a silence to be broken that has stood as a barrier for too long? Don't miss the blessing God promises in your life as you respond to His call to be a peacemaker in your own circle.

We can help bring peace to our world one heart at a time.

<https://thelife.com/advent-week-2-the-candle-of-peace>

Second Sunday of Advent**Sunday, December 9, 2018****Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Barbara Barnes	Joyce Diggs	James Hughes	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson
Blanche Bourm	Marita C. Edelin	Melvin Jamison	David Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Barbara Batts	Irena Fields	Mary Ann Johnson	Florence Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Florence M. Fields	David & Keisha Jones	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Tammy Berry	Tina Garvin	Dawn Lattimer	Silvia Perry	Wayne A. Wallace
Ruth Bundy	Elizabeth Gillem	Lawrence Lee	Lillian Pharms	Shiela Washington
Valene Chemoo	Florence Hall	Fred Lewis	Alfred Price	Cecelia Williams
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Maria A. Logan	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Edna Coates	Michael Harkins	Rose Luck	Joyce Ratiff	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Melinda Conrad Brown	Chris Hawkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Doreene Redd	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Doreene Mahoney	Xavier Roots	St Luke military families.
Aniceto Charles	Brenda Henson	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Joyce Cristwell	Norma Henson	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Kayla Tatum	
Lucile Diggs	Rudolph Holley	Alice L. Montague	Rolland Taylor	

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

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
Monday:	Isaiah 35:1-10/Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:1-11/Psalms 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday:	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
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 [John 8:12]/Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Philemon 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/15/2018– 4:00pm Mass
K.H. Ndouga & M. Holland

12/16/2018-830am Mass
P. Nixon & A. Miles

12/16/2018– 11:00am Mass
I. Quinones & B. Pianwi

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/15/2018– 4:00pm Mass
P. Hamlin & V. Watson

12/16/2018-8:30am Mass
L. Washington & C. Tolson

12/16/2018-11:00am Mass

Quote of the Week

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.”

—*Saint Francis de Sales*

Church Support**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting
our parish.
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ATTENDANCE:

270

*“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*



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.

AGING AND RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP. Senior Catholic sister, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Funds for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Our annual Christmas Concert of praise will take place on Sunday December 9th 2018. Venue is St. Luke Center and time is 3pm to 5pm. Donation is \$10. The concert will feature various choirs from church around the DMV, liturgical dancers and special-guest artists. Come join us as we praise and worship the New born King. Light refreshment will be served at the end of the concert.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY BLANKET & TOILETRY DRIVE: Please bring new blankets, hats and socks and gloves. The Youth Ministry will deliver the blankets and toiletries to the homeless on December 22nd at 11:00am.

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 be given out on December 20, 2018. Thanks for your continued support of our foodbank ministry.

THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The incredible price includes \$604 for 5 days and 4 nights, May 6– 10, 2019. Includes meals and admission to three museums, your lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams @ (202)263-9098 and Debbie Baker @ (202)584-1130.

DO YOU PREFER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN? If so, please contact the parish office and provide your email address. Bulletin will be sent to your email every weekend.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 16 from 4 to 6 the St. John Paul II National Shrine will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity Story followed by caroling around the Christmas Tree. For more information contact 202-635-5400.

NATIONAL SHRINES CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED: The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor Christmas dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day on December 25th. Volunteers are needed for those to assist in preparing, serving and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner.

VESPERS AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE During the season of Advent the Basilica of the National Shrine invites you to join in praying Vespers. This service of evening prayer in the Divine Office will be held every Sunday in the evening at 4:00pm in the Great Upper Church. This event is free and is open to the public. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call 202-526-8300.

VIGIL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: On December 11 at 6:30pm, the St. John Paul II National Shrine will celebrate Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The principal celebrant and homilist at the 7pm bilingual Mass is Bishop Mario Dorsonville. A prelude serenade to Our Lady will be by Jorge Zurita will begin at 6:30pm. For more information contact 202-635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org. Find on Facebook by searching "Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe."