

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 30th	4:00pm	First Sunday of Advent (v)	Deceased friends & relatives and souls of purgatory	Beatrice Kouemou
Sunday 1st	8:30am 11:00am	First Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent	That God's Peace and Justice will prevail on all those wrongfully incarcerated	Parish Family
Monday 2nd	10:00am	Advent Weekday	Deceased friends & relatives and all the souls of purgatory	Beatrice Kouemou
Tuesday 3rd	8:00am	St. Francis Xavier OBL	Eternal repose of the soul of Colette Mballa Ngameni+++	Parish Family
Wednesday 4th	8:00am	St. John OPT	Eternal repose of the soul of Susie & Frank McDougald+++	Family
Thursday 5th	10:00am	Advent Weekday	Eternal repose of the soul of Maruquel Anderson+++	Janice Townsend
Friday 6th	8:00am	Advent Weekday	Eternal repose of the soul of Mary Maynard+++	Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent-wreaths.cfm>

REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
DECEMBER 8**

4:00pm Mass
K. H. Nodouga & P. Wines

8:30am Mass
M. Greene & N. Douglas

11:00am Mass
L. Miles & T. N-Hyde

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
DECEMBER 8**

4:00pm Mass
R. Watson & V. Watson

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

11:00am Mass
S. Williams & C. Okala

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Romans 13:11-14/Matthew 24:37-44

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

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Luke 10:21-24

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/Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Angelique Tatum, Elaine Williams, and Ronald Mallory.

**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
\$3,060.60

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

280

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
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Milton Harris Sr.
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Norma Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison

Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha 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 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.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR MARY MAYNARD: will take place on Friday December 6th. Viewing is at 10am while Mass will begin at 11am. Please pray for the family.

GIVING TUESDAY @ #iGiveCatholic.ORG: Please support our Parish. Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, December 3! Visit iGiveCatholic.org Search for our Parish (St. Luke Catholic church) Donate\$25 or more.

GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULT 18 TO 35: Fr. Cornelius is inviting all young adults in our parish (18-35) to a gathering on Thursday December 13th @ 6pm. Venue is St. Luke Rectory. Please sign up at the back of the church.

SODALITY FUNDRAISER The Sodality will be selling a gourmet popcorn “Double Good”. Half of the proceeds will go to the church. The popcorn is being sold in the back of the church after each Mass. For any additional information or questions you may contact Trenita Russell at 301-336-0744.

ARCHDIOCESAN SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 8, 2019 For the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious — service is a way of life. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please be generous.

DECEMBER 2019 PARISH CALENDAR

1 Sodality meeting @9:30am CWA @12:30pm	2	3 Belly Dance @ 6pm Giving Tuesday	4	5	6 Holy Hour 6pm	7
8 Holy Name Society @ 9:30am Igbo Mass @ 1:15	9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 Belly Dance @ 6pm	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Young Adult Gathering @ 6pm	14
15 CWA @ 10:30am Daughters of Isabella @ 9:30am CFC Mass @ 1:30pm	16	17 Belly Dance @6pm	18	19	20	21 SHARE
22 Knights of Columbus @9:30am Breakfast w/Santa after 11:00am Mass	23	24 Caroling and Children's Pageant @ 6:00pm Mass of the Eve of Our Lord's Birth 7:00pm	25 Christmas the Nativity of the Lord Mass 10:00am	26	27	28
29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph No CCD Class	30	31 The Nativity of the Lord New Years Eve Mass 4:00pm & 10:00pm				