

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

The First 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 2022 is "You, O Lord, protect us always; preserve us from this generation." [Psalm 12:8] 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**

**Holy Hour/ Adoration**

**Every First 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

### What is Advent?

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 to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions.

Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

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

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>

### REFLECTION FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to  
**Rita Kitchings,**  
 Tagimere Mode, Ronald Mallory,  
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary for  
**Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Carolyn Austin.**  
**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD**  
**BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

**Sunday:** Isaiah 2:1-5/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/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/Luke 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Romans 10:9-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Matthew 4:18-22  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6/Psalms 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24/Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/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, 17/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

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 11/28</b> Eternal repose of the souls of Jessie & Clinton Brown+++ by Patterson Family God's protection, direction & guidance for Hope Kelechi Ezemobi	<b>Thursday 12/1</b> Eternal repose of the soul of Overton Freeland+++ by Mercer Patterson
<b>Tuesday 11/29</b> Advent Weekday	<b>Friday 12/2</b> Advent Weekday
<b>Wednesday 11/30</b> St. Andrew	<b>Saturday 12/3</b> St. Francis Xavier

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes	Iyana Davage	Melvin Jamison	Silvia Perry	Cecelia Williams
Blanche Bourm	Joyce Diggs	Mary Ann Johnson	Doreene Redd	Lois Williams
Barbara Batts	Lamont Diggs, Sr.	David & Keisha Jones	Corley Redd	Wellington Waters
Tanisha Bennett	Crawley Easely	Dawn Lattimer	Regina Rivers	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Tammy Berry	Marita C. Edelin	Lawrence Lee	Leroy Sandifer	Harold Woodard, Sr.
William P. Brown	Joshua M. Faison	Maria A. Logan	Betty Smith	St Luke military families.
Ruth Bundy	Kimbolyn Flowers	Bernadette Mahoney	Kayla Tatum	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Beatrice Carroll	Anthony Flowers	Barbara Mallory	Rolland Taylor	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Rita Clines	Betty Gale	Sadie Mason	Gloria Thompson-Price	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Tina Garvin	Doris McCannon	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Edith Cornish	Katrina Griffin	Alice L. Montague	Matthew Thompson	
Aniceto Charles	Steve Halle	Veronica Murray	Barbara B. Tyler	
Patricia Chase	Chris Hawkins	Kathy Ndouga	Wayne A. Wallace	
Valene Chemoo	Brenda Henson	David Neal	Marquita Ward	
Joyce Cristwell	James Holley	Martha Neal	Shiela Washington	
Alvera Dance	Rudolph Holley	Florence Patterson	Steven Washington	
	James Hughes	Marlene Patterson	Charles Watson, Jr.	



## 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 Adoration @ 6:00pm**

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

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

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

\$2,472.00

Offertory Contributions for : 11-20-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Quote of the Day

"Show us Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation."~ Ps 85:8

## Josephite Ordinations

**THE JOSEPHITE FATHERS AND BROTHERS** invited you to the Diaconate ordination of their brothers Ugochukwu Henry Ihuoma, SSJ, George Agwu Liwhuliwhe SSJ and Wisdom Ifiok Umanah SSJ— Priestly Ordination of Deacon Joseph Kikanda SSJ on December 3, 2022. Venue is the Church of the Incarnation— 880 Easter Avenue NE Washington, D.C. 20019.

## PARISH NEWS

**#GIVINGTUESDAY ON NOVEMBER 29TH:** Dear sisters and brothers, on Tuesday the 29th of November is that time again when we express our love for our church's ministries. To donate on this year's Giving Tuesday, please visit [www.igivecatholic.org](http://www.igivecatholic.org), search for St Luke Catholic church , DC ([Give to St. Luke Catholic Church- Washington | #iGiveCatholic](#)) . Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE — MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD** presents a WALK-A-THON, a virtual event, to raise funds to continue the mission of Mother Lange.. You can become a donor or sponsor a walker. All donations are due by November 30, 2022. You may complete your race anytime and anywhere during the week of November 5—30, 2022. For more information visit [www.motherlange.org](http://www.motherlange.org).

**CHRISTMAS BAZZAR** sponsored by Christ the King Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD on December 10 from 10am to 4pm. They are trying to raise funds for a Capitol Campaign to fix their HVAC system. You may contact Katie Ward at 301-495-2306. for more information.