



St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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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 2016 is "**Blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy from God.**" Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Cameroon Mass

3rd Saturday- 3:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Friday - ---8:00 a.m.

Prayer for Vocations

1st Friday - ---6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

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.

Second Sunday of Advent**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 3rd	4:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil		
Sunday 4th	8:30am 11:00am	Second Sunday of Advent Second Sunday of Advent	God's Protection on All Homeless Veterans God's Protection on All Homeless Veterans	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 5th	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass	In memory of Patricia A. Scott++	Parish Family
Tuesday 6th	8:00am	St. Nicholas OPT		
Wednesday 7th	8:00am	St. Ambrose OBL		
Thursday 8th	10:00am	Immaculate Conception SOL, HO		
Friday 9th	8:00am	St. Juan OPT	Karis Felton	Family

REFLECTIONS FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, *"You brood of vipers!"* Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, *"every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will *"gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."* Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*

2015 Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center

PASTOR'S CORNER**THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

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).

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 goods 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.

Culled from <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>



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.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR GALA DINNER/DANCE: Our New Year's eve's gala is close at hand. This formal black tie event will take place on Saturday December 31, 2016. Venue is St. Luke Center. Time is 9:00pm to 1:00am. Tickets are \$40.00 (including food and beverage). Music will be provided by Evie & something Unique Band.

FR. CORNELIUS: THE TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE AND BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK IS ON DEC.. 11. It should be in this week's bulletin but I don't know the specifics.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION; This archdiocese special collection will be held on next weekend, December 10th and 11th. There should be an envelope in your offering books.. This parish-based appeal benefits nearly 33,000 Catholic sister, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Please be as generous as you are able.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

NATIONAL SHRINES CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED: The Basillica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25th. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, sharing and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering can sign up on line at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or by calling the Basillica at 202-526-8300.

A PRE-HOLIDAY BAKE SALE AND LUNCH at St. Francis Xavier Church in The Bailey Room, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. from 11:00am until 5:30pm. This is being sponsored by the Saint Francis Xavier Sodality and all proceeds will help to defray costs for our upcoming Community Spring GALA.

JOB OPENINGS available at 3 pregnancy centers in the district metropolitan area. Please contact Teresa Yao, Program Coordinator of the Department of Life Issues, 301-853-4555.

MONTHLY REFLECTIONS SERIES FOR WOMEN & MEN: ALL THINGS NEW... JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING! Evening of Reflection for Women: Wednesday, Dec 14. 16, 7:00-9:30 pm; Morning of Reflection for Women: Thursday, Dec 15, 9:45 am - 12 Noon; Evening of Reflection for Men: Wednesday, Jan 4, 7:00-9:30 pm. December's Topic: *How To Free the Holy Spirit Who Is Hiding In My Family Life!* **Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers monthly** Reflections for Women and Women each month. Each Session Includes: Mass, Talks, Time for Quiet Reflection, Gospel Reflection and a delicious meal. A free will offering of \$10.00 is suggested to defray the cost of the meal and to help us present these and future programs. Address: 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

LUMINARIAS AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY: Honor your loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a luminaria at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. They will be remembered in the friars' prayers and names will be placed on the candles that will illuminate the beautiful Rosary Portico from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. Come for the blessing and lighting at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve (1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC) and for an open house on Dec. 27, 4:30-5:15 p.m., followed by Mass, or visit anytime. Order at fmgg.org or contact Joe Bozik, 202-244-4833 and gardenguild@gmail.com; \$10 donation is requested. Sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MONASTERY: Christmas comes alive at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Bring the family for a free tour of the church and see full-size replicas of the Annunciation and Nativity Grottos from the Holy Land. On Christmas Eve, join the friars and their helpers at 1 p.m. for the blessing and lighting of 1,000 luminaria can-

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields

Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Oceacie Gray, Jr.
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Michael Holland
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison

David & Keisha Jones
Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCann
Hilda McDougald
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry

Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Irving Proctor
Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler



Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalms 72/Romans 15:4-9/
Matthew 3:1-12
Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10/Psalms 85/Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11/Psalms 96/Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/Psalms 103/Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Psalms 98/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/
Luke 1:26-38
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19/Psalms 1/Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Psalms 80/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/Psalms 146/Jason 5:7-10/
Matthew 11:2-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Angelique Tatum, Elaine Williams, Leroy Partlow, Brenda Anyaibe, Geneva M. Baker, and Earnest Cox.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/10/2016– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

12/11/2016– 8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & A. Miles

12/11/2016– 11:00 am Mass
C. Oniawah & B. Pianwi

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/10/2016– 4:00pm Mass
R. Watson & V. Watson

12/11/2016– 8:30am Mass
C. Tolson & M. Harris

12/11/2016– 11:00am Mass
B. Conrad & J. Thomas



Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

ATTENDANCE:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).
— Homily on March 17, 2013

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. — Mt 3:4-6