



# St. Luke

## Catholic Church

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**The Nativity of the Lord**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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.

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.

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass

Prayer Meeting

Miraculous Medal Novena

Seniors Bible Study Group

Novena to St. Joseph

Bible Study

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour

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.

The Nativity of the Lord		MERRY CHRISTMAS		Sunday, December 25, 2016
Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 24th	4:00pm 8:00pm	Sunday Mass Vigil	Terrell Wilson (BB)	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 25th	8:30am 11:00am		In Loving Memory of Fr. Charles McMahon, SSJ In Loving Memory of Fr. Charles McMahon, SSJ	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 26th	10:00am	St. Stephen FEAST	The Wilson Family in Thanksgiving	Parish Family
Tuesday 27th	8:00am	St. John FEAST		
Wednesday 28th	8:00am	The Holy Innocents FEAST		Family
Thursday 29th	10:00am	5th Christmas Day OPT		Family
Friday 30th	8:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus FEAST	Hilda M. Butler++	Elsie E. Young

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."* Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, *"God is with us."* Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a *holy* day and as Christians it is *our* day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### ADVENT WEEK FOUR: LOVE Daily Meditation:

"For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." *Luke 1*

On this last Sunday of Advent, we quietly reflect on the mystery. We rest in awe, in wonder, at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. We pause to receive the gift offered us: that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and that Jesus will really come into our hearts.

May we have watchful hope today,  
believing what the Lord promises us.

Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants,  
that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week.

...Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1*  
Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and be saved. *Psalm 80*  
... from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
whose origin is from ancient times. *Micah*

[www.http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/aweeek4.html](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/aweeek4.html)



## 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.

**NEW YEARS EVE MASSES** will take place at 4:00pm and 8:00pm in St. Luke Church. New Year's day Masses will be as regularly scheduled 8:30am and 11:00am.

**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.

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING:** Anyone interested in serving on the evangelization committee please contact Deacon Richard Walker at (301) 283-8339 as soon as possible. There will be an upcoming evangelization committee meeting in two week.

**2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Dear ladies of St. Luke, we are requesting volunteers to serve on the planning committee for the upcoming 2nd Annual Woman's Conference to be held in March 2017. A sign-up sheet will be located in the rear of the Church after each mass. Please contact Annette Miles at (301) 420-1144 if you have any questions.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON NEWS

**CONCERT AND LITURGY CELEBRATING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** On Saturday, January 14, 2017, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the national recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our annual liturgy, celebrated this year at St. Thomas More Church (4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC). The 5pm Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. The Mass will be preceded by a concert and a Veneration of the Relics of the African Saints, and music will be provided by the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir. For more information, email [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org) or call 301-853-4469.

St. Luke January 2017 Calendar						
◀ January 2017						February 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Most Holy Name of Jesus Christ	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Holy Hour 6:00pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Holy Name Society HNS Coffee & Dough- nuts Fellowship after both Masses CCD Resumes	<b>9</b> Baptism of the Lord	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Daughters of Isabella	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> I	<b>20</b> Basketball & Dance (Youth) Holy Name Society	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Daughters of Isabella Cameron Faith Community Mass, 1pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Food Bank	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## Pray for the Sick &amp; 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 McCannon  
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 25, 2016

**Sunday:** Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Isaiah 9:1-6/Psalms 96/Timothy 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Psalms 97/Timothy 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20

Day: Isaiah 52:7-10/Psalms 98/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalms 31/Matthew 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 John 1:1-4/Psalms 97/John 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 John 1:5—2:2/Psalms 124/Matthew 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 John 2:3-11/Psalms 96/Luke 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Psalms 128/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96/John 1:1-18

**Next Sunday:** Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

12/31/2016– 4:00pm Mass

01/01/2017– 8:30am Mass

01/01/2017– 11:00 am Mass

## E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

12/31/2017– 4:00pm Mass

01/01/2017– 8:30am Mass

01/01/2017– 11:00am Mass

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



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12