

# ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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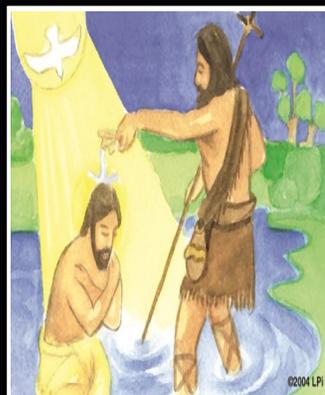
**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

**Website:** www.stlukechurchssj.org



## 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 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.

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### Parish Devotions

2nd Sunday - 1:15 p.m.	Igbo Mass
3rd Sunday - 1:15 p.m.	Cameroon Community Mass & Fellowship
3rd Saturday - 3:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Seniors Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.	Prayer for Vocations
Fridays ---6:00pm	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
1st & 3rd Sunday 11am/12:30	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

**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 Godparents 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 12th	4:00pm	The Baptism of the Lord (V)	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Kpatcha Suzanne+++	Family
Sunday 13th	8:30am 11:00am	The Baptism of the Lord The Baptism of the Lord	God's Blessing and Guidance of our Infant Candidates for Baptism God's Blessing and Guidance of our Infant Candidates for Baptism	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 14th	10:00am	Weekday Mass OT	God's Blessings and Protection on our sick and shutins	Parish Family
Tuesday 15th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Viola V. Taylor +++ (BB)	Doris Lucas
Wednesday 16th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	God's Blessings and Protection on Karis Felton	Family
Thursday 17th	10:00am	St. Anthony	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Mathew Lucas+++ (BB)	Mom
Friday 18th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Mildred D. Wells+++	Parish Family

### REFLECTION FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation.

They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once.

"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

By Joseph McHugh

The baptism of Jesus was more than just a symbolic swim.

Today some people think that Jesus had original sin and needed to have it washed away. When we think this, we take the reason we need to be baptized and apply it to Jesus. Jesus is sinless (Heb. 4:15). In the early church a minority of Christians known as "adoptionists" understood the baptism as the time when God "adopted" Jesus as his son. Condemned as a heresy at the end of the second century, this view re-emerged in later centuries. Adoptionists denied that Jesus is always both God and man. Some taught that Christ was a spirit which came to the human Jesus at his baptism, but then fled and left the human Jesus alone when it became time for him to die on the cross.

St. Thomas Aquinas reminded us that the baptism of Jesus by John was purely symbolic, unable to forgive sin or incorporate someone into the family of God. Thomas taught that when Jesus was baptized, he "consecrated" baptism, so to speak. In a similar way, Jesus' presence at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2:1-11) can be seen as God's blessing on marriage.

In his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "In light of the cross and resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan." In Philippians 2:5-11, St. Paul describes the willingness to humble himself that the Son of God showed by taking on himself our human nature and its burden of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Jesus' gesture [of submitting to baptism] is a manifestation of self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude to the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as 'his beloved Son' " (no. 1224).

The early Eastern church fathers, more poetic than their Western counterparts, wrote that Adam and Eve had a "vestment of light." Lost at the fall, this robe was made available again when Jesus placed the robe, lost in paradise, in the Jordan River at his own baptism. For example, the Eastern father St. Gregory of Nyssa prayed, "You have driven us out of paradise and called us back; you have taken away the fig leaves, that garment of our misery, and clothed us once more with the robe of glory." We discover in the Jordan (the baptismal font) the robe of glory that had been humankind's garment in paradise. Poetically, the Eastern fathers had Jesus explain his need for baptism: "I am trying to find the lost Adam, let me go down and look for him." Both Western and Eastern theologies tell us that Jesus was baptized not for his own benefit, but for ours.

<https://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201401/why-was-jesus-baptized-28331>

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**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 January 13, 2019**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/Psalms 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/ Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** Hebrew 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mark 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** Hebrew 2:5-12/Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mark 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** Hebrew 2:14-18/Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mark 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** Heb rew 3:7-14/Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mark 1:40-45  
**Friday:** Hebrew 4:1-5, 11/Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mark 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** Hebrew 4:12-16/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. John 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Corinthians 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jaea O. Scott-Terrell, Westley Douglas II, and Chikelue Onianwah.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**1/19/2019- 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Wines & R. Watson

**1/20/2019-8:30am Mass**  
P. Nixon & F.A. Cooper

**1/20/2019- 11:00am Mass**  
R. Johnson & Y. Sherman

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE**

**1/19/2019- 4:00pm Mass**  
P. Hamlin & V. Watson

**1/20/2019-8:30am Mass**  
C. Tolson & C. Holland

**1/20/2019-11:00am Mass**  
B. Conrad & C. Young

**QUOTE**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

—Romans 6:3-4

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly.  
**\$5,522.00**

**ATTENDANCE:**  
256

***"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Jk 3:16bc***



## 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. New Year's Day Mass will be held on Tuesday January 1st at 10am.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT ST LUKE:** All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Celebration to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King on Saturday, January 19, at 4:30pm at St. Luke Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. This celebration of Dr. King's life provides a special occasion of renewed inspiration for courageous conversations that help us build respect and solidarity with our communities, bearing witness to God's boundless love for all the human family. For more information contact the office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-5335 or [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**SEEKING NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE EUCHARIST :** Those who are interested joining either group and all old members are invited to attend a mandatory training on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Venue is the Church Hall @ 12:00pm. **This training will also include the children/ youth members.**

**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.

**MARRIAGE RENEWAL REGISTRATION:** All couples intending to renew their marriage vow during our valentine's day celebration are to register at the Parish office. Marriage renewal will take place on the 10th of February 2019 during the 11am Mass.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. MILDRED D. WELLS:** will take place on Friday 18th of January 2019. Viewing will begin at 10 am while the service starts at 11 am. Interment will be at Mount Olivet cemetery.

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE WOMEN MINISTRY MARTIN L. KING PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The theme this year is "Revitalize, Rejuvenate, Recommit...Reload the Dream. The Key speaker is the Ref. Dr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.: Redemptorist Congregation. The celebration is to honor and continue the work and legacy of Dr. King. It will also include tributes, musical performances by Perpetual Glory and OLPH's Ministry of Sacred Motion. It takes place on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 9:00am. Doors open at 8:00a.m., donation:\$35.00, children under 12 \$15.00. All proceeds will support the OLPH Women's Ministry Scholarship Fund. For tickets contact: Justine (202)0674-2895.

**HELP OUR MARRIAGE** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does taking about it only make it worse Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443)400-7017.

**'SHADOW DAY' at SAINT JOHN PAUL II SEMINARY:** On Friday, February 15, 2019, juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join us for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. The day will allow the young men to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. This day is a great opportunity for them to come and see what a day in the life of a seminarians like as well as to engage with others who may also be considering college seminary.

**PLAN TO ATTEND A SILENT RETREAT WITH CHRIST;** It's not too late to start a closer relationship with Christ. Sign up now and plan a weekend get-away with Him. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola throughout the year. Here are some upcoming weekends: Spiritual exercises for Women: April 12-14, 2019/3-day retreat/\$250 per person and Spiritual Exercises for Men: February 1-3/day retreat/\$250 per person (this retreat offers a separate track for HS & College age young men-a perfect opportunity for father/Son weekend).