

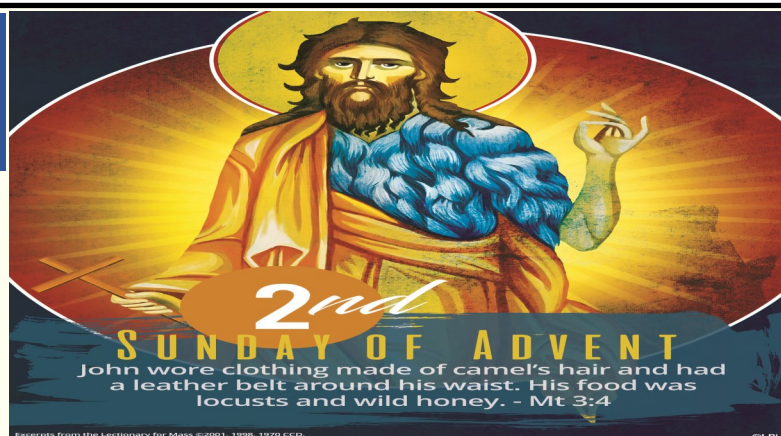
Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Second 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

How do we prepare our hearts for Christ?

Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea [and] saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" 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. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now, the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
 Angelique Tatum, Elaine Williams,
 Leroy Partlow, Andree Harrington,
 Ronald G. Scott
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to
 Mr. & Mrs. Lamont P. and Joyce W.
 Diggs.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
 BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Readings for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8,
 12-13, 17/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12
Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10/Psalms 85:9ab and
 10, 11-12, 13-14/Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11/Psalms 96:1-2, 3
 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/Psalms 103:1-2, 3
 -4, 8 and 10/Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Psalms 98:1, 2
 -3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Psalms 80:2ac
 and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/Psalms 146:6-
 7, 8-9, 9-10/James 5:7-10/Matthew 11:2-11

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to sup-
 port 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

Monday 12/5
 Advent Weekday

Tuesday 12/6
 St. Nicholas

Wednesday 12/7
 St. Ambrose

Thursday 12/8
 The Immaculate Con-
 ception of the Blessed Vir-
 gin Mary

Friday 12/9
 St. Juan Diego
 Cuauhtalatoatzin

Saturday 12/10
 Advent Weekday

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
 Blanche Bourm
 Barbara Batts
 Tanisha Bennett
 Tammy Berry
 William P. Brown
 Ruth Bundy
 Beatrice Carroll
 Rita Clines
 Melinda Conrad-
 Brown
 Edith Cornish
 Aniceto Charles
 Patricia Chase
 Valene Chemoo
 Joyce Cristwell
 Alvera Dance

Iyana Davage
 Joyce Diggs
 Lamont Diggs, Sr.
 Crawley Easely
 Marita C. Edelin
 Joshua M. Faison
 Kimbolyn Flowers
 Anthony Flowers
 Betty Gale
 Tina Garvin
 Katrina Griffin
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Brenda Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes

Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee
 Maria A. Logan
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Sadie Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Kathy Ndouga
 David Neal
 Martha Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
 Doreene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Matthew Thompson
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Marquita Ward
 Shiela Washington
 Steven Washington
 Charles Watson, Jr.

Cecelia Williams
 Lois Williams
 Wellington Waters
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.
 Harold Woodard, Sr.

St Luke military
 families.

All the Homeless men
 and women in our com-
 munity.

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 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

\$2,143.50

Offertory Contributions for : 11-27-2022

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.”

— Albert Einstein

PARISH NEWS

SAINT LUKE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There are application sheets in the back of the church for children from pre-K to 12th grade. Please submit your application as soon as possible.

HOLIDAY YOUTH BRUNCH on December 18, 2022 at St. Luke's Center. The cost is \$10 donation for adults and children are free. Tickets are available after each Mass. This is your last chance to donate toys.

MANY THANKS to all of you for participating on #GIVINGTUESDAY on November 29th. May God bless you all.

THANK YOU for supporting the St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital by purchasing the Pray for the Cure car magnets.. We were able to donate \$463.00 with a cashiers check.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.