

Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018

Christ is Coming, Let us be "Partners" of the Gospel

As human beings, we seem to be created for teamwork. It's not always easy, but we know that there's something deeply satisfying about working together, about sharing values and ideals. It seems that God is the same way. Remember that God is a Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And God doesn't act alone. He invites others to be part of his plan. He invites each one of us to be part of his plan to bring the joy of Christianity to others.

St Paul brings this out in the second reading today. He says to the people of Philippi: "I pray always with joy in my prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now." The gospel means the good news: it's the message that in Jesus Christ, God has become a part of our personal stories. And St Paul is saying that each Christian has a role in sharing that message. The word that St Paul uses in Greek is *koinonia*, which means communion. So, it's actually a deeper partnership than just business buddies. God has chosen to *need* us. We each have a role to play.

Then in the gospel we have the figure of John the Baptist. God chose him as a herald of the good news. Again, we see someone who is a partner in the good news. God chose John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. He is shouting to people that all flesh – every person – shall see the salvation of God. Isn't that an amazing message? And that's the message each and every Christian is called to share. We are known and loved by God.

We are partners with God in sharing that good news. We have a mission. And let us give credit and praise to The Christ!

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



We welcome **Fr. Eloy Romero-Rojas** of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Dec. 5	Fr. Evans
Dec. 17	Pope Francis
Dec. 25	Jesus Son of God Son of Mary

St. Luke Catholic Church cordially invites you to the Annual Christmas Concert featuring St. Augustine & Holy Redeemer Gospel Choirs, St. Luke Sanctuary Choir, Nativity & St. Luke's Dance ministries as well as other special guest artistes. December 9th 3:00 – 5:00 pm at St Luke Center. 4923 E, Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20019. Donation \$10.00



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 8 – 15, 2018

Sat. 12/8	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Youth of the Parish
	4:30pm	+Carmen Davila
Sun. 12/9	8:00am	+Deceased members of Andre Jackson family
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00 pm	+Dionisia Amaya
Mon. 12/10	12:00	+Ongbehala family
Tue 12/11	12:00	+Pres. George H. W. Bush
Wed. 12/12	12:00	+Rafaela Evans
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Thu. 12/13	12:00	+Nicholas & Elaine Cokinos
Fri. 12/14	12:00	+Patricia Hallman
Sat. 12/15	8:00 am	Legion of Mary members
	4:30pm	+Cher & Rohan Perera

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, * Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehala, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta



Nativity Sodality is having a "Fun Raiser Bake Sale" on December 9, 2018. There will be lots of homemade goodies. Please come to the lounge after the 8am and 10am Masses. The funds will help us support our Parish.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

12/2/18

Attendance: 469 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$8,691
Spanish Mass: \$537
Utility fund: \$237



The **Social Outreach Committee** would like to thank parishioners on behalf of Share-and-Care outreach program for their contributions of toiletries for the needy of the parish. May God bless all of you.

Nativity Christmas cards are back! You can buy them before or after the vigil masses or contact the Rectory. \$15.00 a box, checks payable to Nativity.

Women Shelter dinner. The Knights of Columbus, Keane Council # 353 will offer a Christmas Dinner to the Women Shelter on December 13. If you would like to help or donate items, contact Peter Gervais at 202-494-7347



Saturday - 8	Immaculate Conception. 8:00am Mass 10:00am mass Youth Day
Sunday -9	Sodality Bake Sale Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday – 12	7:30pm Mass Virgin of Guadalupe
Saturday -15	8:00am Legion of Mary Meeting 9:00am Salesian Cooperators Advent Retreat
Sunday 16	7:30am Catholic Daughters monthly meeting