

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

5 December 2021



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9-9:45 am
in the chapel
(in the church on 1st Saturdays)
3:30-4:15 pm
in the church
Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm
in the church

MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm [anticipated]
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am
Daily Mass in the chapel
Monday-Friday at 9 am
Saturday at 10 am
(First Saturdays in the church)

HOLY HOURS

confessions &
eucharistic adoration
in the church
Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm
First Saturday 9 am
(followed by Mass at 10 am)

STAND UPON THE HEIGHT

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east. Baruch 5: 5

...For centuries before He came on earth, prophet after prophet was upon his high tower, looking out for Him, through the thick night, and watching for the faintest glimmer of the dawn. "I will stand upon my watch," says one of them, "fix my feet upon the tower, and I will watch to see what will be said to me. For, as yet, the vision is far off, and it shall appear at the end, and shall not lie; if it make any delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and it shall not be slack." Another prophet says, "O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day. For Thee my soul hath thirsted in a desert land, where there is no way nor water." And another, "To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in the heaven; as the eyes of servants on the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the handmaid towards her mistress." And another, "O that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, and come down!—the mountains would melt away at Thy presence. They would melt, as at the burning of fire; the waters would burn with fire. From the beginning of the world the eye hath not seen, O God, besides Thee, what things Thou hast prepared for them that wait on Thee."

Now, if there were any men who had a right to be attached to this world, not detached from it, it was the ancient servants of God. This earth was given them as their portion and reward by the very word of the Most High. Our reward is future; the Jew was promised a temporal reward. Yet they put aside God's good gift for His better promise; they sacrificed possession to hope. They would be content with nothing short of the fruition of their Creator; they would watch for nothing else than the face of their Deliverer. If earth must be broken up, if the heavens must be rent, if the elements must melt, if the order of nature must be undone, in order to His appearing, let the ruin be, rather than they should be without Him. Such was the intense longing of the Jewish worshipper, looking out for that which was to come; and I say that their very eagerness in watching and patience in waiting, were of a nature to startle the world, and to impress upon it the claims of Christianity to be accepted as true; for their perseverance in looking out proves that there was something to look out for.

Nor were the Apostles, after our Lord had come and gone, behind the Prophets in the keenness of their apprehension, and the eagerness of their longing for Him. The miracle of patient waiting was continued. When He went up on high from Mount Olivet, they kept looking up into heaven; and it needed Angels to send them to their work, before they

gave over. And ever after, still it was *Sursum corda* with them. "Our conversation is in heaven," says St. Paul; that is, our citizenship, and our social duties, our active life, our daily intercourse, is with the world unseen; "from whence, also, we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." And again, "If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth; for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with Him in glory."

So vivid and continuous was this state of mind with the Apostles and their successors, that to the world they seemed expecting the immediate reappearance of their Lord. "Behold, He cometh with the clouds," says St. John, "and every eye shall see Him, and they also that pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth shall bewail themselves because of Him. He that giveth testimony of those things, saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen, come, Lord Jesus." They forgot the long lapse of time, as holy men may do in trance. They passed over in their minds the slow interval, as the eye may be carried on beyond a vast expanse of flat country, and see only the glorious clouds in the distant horizon. Accordingly, St. Peter had to explain the matter. "In the last day," he says, "shall come deceitful scoffers, saying, Where is the promise of His coming? But of this one thing be not ignorant, my beloved, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Seeing all these things are to be dissolved, what manner of people ought you to be, in daily conversation and godliness, looking for and waiting unto the coming of the day of the Lord?"

You see the Great Apostle does not dissuade his brethren from anticipating the day, while he confesses it will be long in coming. He explains the mistake of the world, which understood their eager expectation of our Lord's coming to be a proof that they thought that He was to come in their day; but how intense and absorbing must have been their thought of Him, that it was so mistaken! Nay, it is almost the description which St. Paul gives of the elect of God. When he was in prison, on the eve of his martyrdom, he sent to his beloved disciple, St. Timothy, his last words; and he says, "There is laid up for me a crown of justice; and not only to me, but"—to whom? how does he describe the heirs of glory? he proceeds, "not only to me, but to those also who love His coming."...

(Excerpted from the sermon *Waiting for Christ*, preached by St. John Henry Newman on the 27th Sunday after Pentecost, 1856, in the University Church, Dublin.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick:*

Marie Norment, Andy Luther, Paula Luther, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person for a member of his family about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

If you would like to support the parish ministry of hospitality by cooking dinner or donating a takeout meal to new mothers, by preparing finger foods for after-service receptions, or by making food for funeral repasts, please contact the parish office at stlukesdordinariate@gmail.com or office@saint-ig.org; we will give your contact information to our hospitality organizers.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Wednesday is the patronal feast of the United States and a **holyday of obligation**. There will be Masses at 9 am and 7:30 pm in the church.

"JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

The Ladies of Charity will be selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Basket every Saturday and Sunday after Mass. The basket will include custom-made afghan and other handmade items, Christmas treats and decorations, and a \$50 gift card. The price is \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The funds will be distributed to our local nursing homes, Sacred Heart, Carroll Manor and Spring Grove for Christmas. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2021 and you do not have to be present to win. Please help us help others.

HELP THE FORESTVILLE PREGNANCY CENTER

Jackie & Joe Chancio will be collecting **new** baby items and monetary donations to support the Forestville Pregnancy Center, this weekend and next, before and after each mass. Items needed are: **new** girl and boy clothing 0-3 months; 3-6 months onesies (long sleeve); cotton booties, mitts, and caps; pacifiers, bibs, burp cloths, washcloths; diapers and baby wipes. Monetary donations should be made payable to Forestville Pregnancy Center.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Make plans to join us for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service Sunday, December 12th at 5:30 pm. The service will be followed by a reception in the school.

This service of Scripture readings and musical meditations will enrich your preparations for the Coming of the Lord. Don't miss it.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4 December

Anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 5 December

The Second Sunday of Advent
8 am Reynato and Harry Estropia + [Maria Estropia]
9:30 am Guadalupe Manlapaz + [Susie martinez]
11 am J. Alberto Casas +

Monday, 6 December

Nicholas, Bishop
9 am Edwin Smith, Jr + [Edwin Smith]

Tuesday, 7 December

Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9 am in thanksgiving [Rosemary Coller]

Wednesday, 8 December

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9 am pro populo
7:30 pm Rafael A. Madan

Thursday, 9 December

Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
9 am Charles Roland Sharretts IV + [Patricia Butler and family]

Friday, 10 December

Our Lady of Loreto
9 am Julia Watson [Edwin Smith]

Saturday, 11 December

Damasus I, Pope
10 am Anne Whelan
Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 12 December

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
8 am Beatrice Maunder + [month's mind]
9:30 am Mabel Ames +
11 am Rev. Arthur Woolley + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

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