

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

2 January 2022



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)

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself. Isaiah 45:15

...God hides himself in his creation. That sounds an extraordinary thing to say; for it is in his creation that God reveals himself...Yet, so revealing himself to those who patiently seek for him, from those who indolently ignore the message he conceals himself....Man has the fatal power of not thinking. So God allows himself to be blasphemed by those who deny his existence; he, whose very nature it is to exist. From millions of mankind he hides the very principle of his nature.

God hides himself in his governance of the world, in the process of history. The Jews knew that; their bewilderment over it runs through the whole of the Old Testament like a plaintive refrain: "Why standest thou so far off, O Lord, and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?" Dominated as they were by the notion of strict justice, of an exact proportion between sin and suffering as punishment for sin, they were baffled by a spectacle of a world in which they, God's chosen people, were condemned to defeat and to captivity, while the bloodthirsty heathen flourished. And we too, after all these centuries are not exempt from the same misgivings....do we find the most devoted and unselfish characters of our acquaintance rewarded, in this world, with prosperity? Do we find that scheming wickedness always defeats its own ends?...We know that it is not so; God will not make the riddle of existence as easy for us as that. He hides himself; he bids his sun shine upon the evil and the good; sends rain upon the just and the unjust.

The time came, in God's mercy, when he would make a fuller revelation of himself to man. Now at last, we thought, all would be plain; there can be no more concealment, when God himself comes down to live amongst his creatures....If we thought that, we were doomed to disappointment. He came, and the world missed the portents of his coming. The stars could not keep his secret, they blurted it out to the wise men, their cronies; the angels could not keep the secret, they sang it to the shepherds over the fields of Bethlehem. But the world, the world of fashion and intelligence, was looking the other way. What, after all, was there for it to see? A baby, crying at its mother's breast; a boy working in a carpenter's shop; a street-corner orator, producing a nine-days' wonder among the fisher-folk at Capernaum; a discredited popular leader, ignominiously put to death; a corpse lying in a tomb--and this was God! He rose

again, but in doing so he showed himself to none but a handful of chosen witnesses; the world looked to find him and he was gone. Would you know that Jesus Christ is divine? Then see how he imitates, in his humanity, the reticence of the God who created the world and left it to forget him, the God who rules the world, yet rules it imperceptibly; and recognize, in the masterpiece of his Incarnation, the touch of the same artist's brush....

...If, in his Incarnation, God stooped toward us and condescended to our own level by uniting his divine nature with a human nature, which, though created, was yet created in his own image, possessing intellect and will, how much lower he stoops, how much more he condescends, when he hides himself in the Holy Eucharist, veiled under the forms of material, insensible things! If in his Incarnation he gave himself up into the hands of men, allowed them to overpower and control his movements, how much more generously does he give himself into the priest's hands and expose himself to outrage from his enemies!....

God hides himself; it is by that sign that we are to recognize him. Look up, then, Christian hearts, and see God enthroned in the monstrance; for here, hidden more than anywhere else, more than anywhere else he is revealed.

From
*The
Hidden
God*,
one of the
sermons
preached
annually
from 1926
to 1956
by Msgr.
Ronald
Knox
on the
Feast of
Corpus
Christi
at
Corpus
Christi
Catholic
Church,
Maiden
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[London].



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

Barbara Jo Russell, Marie Norment, Andy Luther, Paula Luther, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whitaker, 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

LOC CHRISTMAS BASKET WINNER

The winner of the first LOC Christmas raffle basket was Diana Terry from a ticket sold by Tom and Nancy Andracsek. Thanks to your support the Ladies of Charity raised \$2,125 to be distributed to the Sacred Heart, Spring Grove, and Carroll Manor nursing homes.

MANY THANKS

Thank you to all who gave to the drive to support the work of the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Through your generosity, Joe and Jackie Chancio were able to deliver to the Center well over 100 pieces of baby clothing, a lot of diapers, and almost \$500.

EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANY

Join us this Thursday night at 7 pm for Evensong for the Epiphany, a perfect conclusion to the Twelve Days of Christmas. Come before at 6 pm for a light supper in the school auditorium.

MONTHLY PARISH MEETING

We will be resuming [after a lengthy pandemic hiatus] our monthly parish meetings on the second Saturday of the month.

So join us on Saturday January 8th at 10 am in the school auditorium for coffee, doughnuts, and a discussion of what we can do to grow as a parish.

PARISH CALENDARS

The parish calendars for 2022 are here. Pick one up in the narthex on your way out of Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1 January

Mary, Holy Mother of God and Anticipated Mass for Sunday
4:30 pm Yolande Caron +

Sunday, 2 January

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [observed]
8 am Rev. Michael Birch +
9:30 am Rev. Lowell Andrews +
11 am pro populo

Monday, 3 January

Christmastide Feria
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

Tuesday, 4 January

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
9 am special intention [Rosemary Collier]

Wednesday, 5 January

John Neumann, Bishop
9 am Helen Macko Michalco + [Rebecca Michalco]

Thursday, 6 January

Christmastide Feria
Bl. Andre Bessette, Religious
9 am Ovide Lamontagne +

Friday, 7 January

Christmastide Feria
Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
9 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

Saturday, 8 January

Christmastide Feria
10 am Will Hofer
Anticipated Mass for Sunday [the Baptism of the Lord]
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 9 January

The Baptism of the Lord
8 am Anne Philpott
9:30 am special intention [Rosemary Collier]
11 am Kenneth Lewis +

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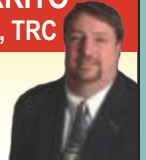


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