

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

30 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)

SCANDAL IN NAZARETH

What was the response to the tidings of God's kingdom proclaimed in the superabundance of the Holy Spirit? How did people receive the revelation of that mystery...?

... Luke points out that all " marvelled at the words of grace that came from his mouth." ...The words amaze and delight his hearers with their power and charm. Yet, swift as an adder, the objection strikes: "Is not this Joseph's son?" Into the moment, luminous with the beauty and holiness of Jesus' message, darts something malignant. It comes from the blackest, basest dregs of human nature. The Lord recognizes it at once: the enemy. Deftly he forces him out into the harsh light: "but only Naaman the Syrian."

"And all in the synagogue, as they heard these things, were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put him forth out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill, on which their town was built, that they might throw him down headlong." (Luke 4: 28-30).

Here counter-revelation—revelation of scandal and hate. Outburst of man's irritation against God and the essence of God: holiness. Scandal is revolt against the living God. At the bottom of the human heart, side by side with longing for the eternal source and fulfillment of all things, lurks resistance to that source: elementary sin in its lair. Seldom does it confront holiness openly; almost always it strikes at the bearer of holiness: at the prophet, the apostle, the saint, the confirmed believer. Such people do irritate. Something in us finds the very presence of one dedicated to God unbearable. We revolt against him, 'justifying' our distaste with his shortcomings (naturally, there are always shortcomings) or with his sins. How could such a person be a bearer of sanctity! Or perhaps it is only his weaknesses (which from our dour viewpoint of rejection immediately swell perniciously), or his eccentricities that are so maddening—nothing is more trying than the eccentricities of a saint! In short, the fact that he is a human, finite being is too much to bear.

And the sharper criticism, the most impatient rejection of holiness is always to be found in the prophet's own home. How can we admit someone whose parents we know, who is 'exactly like anybody else' to be allied with holiness? What? So-and-so, whom we've known all our lives, a chosen one! This is scandal, Jesus' most powerful adversary. It closes people's ears and hearts to his message, however joyful; arms men against the kingdom

for which he stands. Danger of such scandal was closely allied to the person of Jesus. When John the Baptist sent his disciple to him from the dungeon to inquire whether he was the Messiah, the Lord answered with the same words he had used at Nazareth to identify himself and to proclaim the nearness of the kingdom: "...the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalized in me" (Matt. 11: 4-6 and Is. 61:1-4).

Tidings of God's kingdom, confirmed by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed by human lips? There lies the root of the offense. That is what irritates to the point of murderous violence. Blessed is he who does not succumb to this unholy irritation.

In Nazareth, scandal, flickering since Jesus' very first words, now flares up. Then it glimmers hidden under the ash. At the end, its roaring conflagration closes over Christ's head: eternal revolt of the human heart against the bearer of its own salvation.

Scandal—source of the power that Jesus' enemies organize against him. They use any 'reasons' for their hatred that they can find: that he heals on the Sabbath; that he dines with people of ill repute; that he does not live as an ascetic, and so on. The real reason is never given; invariably it is this mysterious, inexplicable impulse of the fallen human heart revolting against the holiness that is God.

Thus into the hour glowing with the fullness of holy beauty and truth slash the words: "Is this not Joseph's son?" and Matthew adds "Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Jude? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Then where did he get all this?" (Matt. 13: 55-56)...

...From those who had just witnessed, amazed and moved, the grace and beauty of Jesus' words, a paroxysm of rage breaks loose...Rejection of the kingdom's eternal inexpressible abundance has become a living possibility. Already the cross stands waiting...

*Excerpted from "Scandal in Nazareth", Chapter VIII of *The Lord*, by Romano Guardini [1885-1968], a German Catholic priest and scholar of great importance in the Catholic intellectual life of the 20th century.*

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

Richard Thompson, Barbara Jo Russell, 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

CANDLEMAS

We will hold a Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this Wednesday evening, February 2nd at 7 pm. There will be a light supper following the Mass.

MONTHLY PARISH MEETING

We have resumed [after a lengthy pandemic hiatus] our monthly parish meetings on the second Saturday of the month

So join us in the school auditorium on Saturday February 12th following the 10 am Mass for coffee, doughnuts, and a discussion of the Synod questions for the universal Church.

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.

Though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him.

—C. S. Lewis

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 29 January

Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 30 January

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8 am living and deceased descendants
of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan

9:30 am Paula Luther [Rebecca Michalco]

11 am the godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

Monday, 31 January

John Bosco, Priest
9 am Rev. Arthur Woolley +

Tuesday, 1 February

Feria
9 am Joseph O'Hare [Edwin Smith]

Wednesday, 2 February

Presentation of the Lord
9 am Candido Mercado + [Susie Martinez]

Thursday, 3 February

Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Ansgar, Bishop
9 am Robin Cuffe +

Friday, 4 February

Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious
9 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

Saturday, 5 February

Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
10 am deceased of the parish + [George F. Hickey Jr]
Anticipated Mass for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 6 February

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
8 am Richard Hagenbuch +
9:30 am for the end of the pandemic
11 am special intention [Rafael A. Madan]

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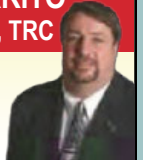


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