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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ASCENSION & SAINT LUKE



And some saying of the temple that it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, He said: *These things which you see, the days will come in which there shall not be left a stone upon a stone that shall not be thrown down.* And they asked Him, saying: *Master, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when they shall begin to come to pass?* Who said: *Take heed you be not seduced: for many will come in my name, saying: I am he and the time is at hand. Go ye not therefore after them. And when you shall hear of wars and seditions, be not terrified. These things must first come to pass: but the end is not yet presently.*

Then He said to them: *Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be great earthquakes in divers places and pestilences and famines and terrors from heaven: and there shall be great signs. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and into prisons, dragging you before kings and governors, for My name's sake. And it shall happen unto you for a testimony. Lay it up therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before how you shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainsay. And you shall be betrayed by your parents and brethren and kinsmen and friends: and some of you they will put to death. And you shall be hated by all men for My name's sake. But a hair of your head shall not perish. In your patience you shall possess your souls.*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT LUKE PARISH
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 10:30AM

ASCENSION PARISH
SUNDAY: 8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SAINT LUKE PARISH
TUESDAY: 4:00 - 4:55PM (*with Adoration*)
SATURDAY: 3:15PM - 3:55PM
SUNDAY: 10:00AM - 10:25AM (*time permitting*)

ASCENSION PARISH
SUNDAY: 8:00AM - 8:25AM

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

Saturday, November 12th - Saint Josaphat

3:15 pm – 3:55 am Confessions at St. Luke

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Sharon Horr

by Bob Horr

Sunday, November 13th - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: For the people

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: Eulide, Florence and Mary

by Barb Young

Monday, November 14th

9:00 am - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 15th - Saint Albert the Great

4:00 pm - 4:55 pm - Adoration with Confessions at St. Luke

5:00 pm - St. Luke: Donna Varricchione

by Jim Varricchione

Bridget Morgan by the Redding family

Wednesday, November 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

9:00 am - Ascension: NO MASS

Thursday, November 17th - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

9:00 am - St. Luke: NO MASS

Friday, November 18th - The dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and

Paul and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

9:00 am - Ascension: NO MASS

Saturday, November 19th

3:15 pm – 3:55 am Confessions at St. Luke

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Jeannette Wills

by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Fr. Donald Ravey by Ali Redding

Sunday, November 20th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Mitchel Sturgeon

Joan Hahr by the Sturgeon family

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the people

Collective Masses

Due to the large volume of requested Mass intentions, more than one Mass intention per Mass will be permitted, as long as the persons requesting the intentions are in agreement with sharing the Mass intentions.

November 13, 2022

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, November 13th: Confirmation Class after 8:30am Mass

Friday, November 18th: Adoration at St. Luke 11am-5pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collections for the Weekend of November 6, 2022

St. Luke: \$ 2,482.00 Military Services \$636.00

Votive candles \$ 37.00

Ascension: \$ 1,594.31 Military Services \$322.61

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: www.stlukevt.org and click "Online Giving".

Second collection this weekend:

Stewardship Collection

Next week: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

BISHOP'S APPEAL

	Parish Goal	Amount Pledged	% of Goal
Ascension	\$ 16,371.35	\$ 17,403.00	108%
St. Luke	\$ 18,973.40	\$ 25,313.00	133%

Franklin Deanery Monthly Holy Hour

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival Initiative, the Franklin Deanery Priests will be hosting a monthly Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & confessions are available. The Monthly Holy Hour will be rotating between the churches in our deanery. This is a great opportunity to pray with out extended Faith Community and priests of our Deanery. The first Deanery Holy Hour went well with 55 in attendance. The schedule was discussed and is as follows:

November 16—Holy Angels, St. Albans

December 21—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A birthday gift for Jesus!

In preparation to bringing the gift of a Children's Christmas Pageant together, we are inviting children of all ages from both Ascension and St. Luke parishes to be a part of this beautiful event!

The Pageant will be at St. Luke at 3:45pm, Christmas Eve with the celebration of the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm. More information regarding rehearsals, etc. will be forthcoming. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

If interested please contact Sally at: sally.billado@gmail.com or (802)343-6435.

Companions with the suffering Christ: Please pray for the ill and those in need of healing: James Austin, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, George Bilodeau, Danielle & Pat Orioles, Clem Cardinal, Alice Collins, Buzz Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Sterling Coon, Charlotte, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Ronald Morin, Ronald Morin II, Daeton Orton, Lisa Ouimette, L Q., Joseph Q., Joan Richer, Mary St. Arnold, Georgette Seagal, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Fr. Maurice Roy, Inmates of the NW Correctional Facility.

OPERATION HAPPINESS

Would you or someone you know appreciate a food box before the Christmas holidays? Would toys be wanted too? If so, reach out to Operation Happiness. Call 802-849-6588 from November 7—16 between 8am and 7pm (these times only). Leave a message and Pastor Liz will get back to you. Pick up your box and your toys, Saturday, December 17 at the Fairfax Community Center (aka Baptist Building) Main Street, Fairfax, from 8:30–11:30am.

Why Is There A Crucifix in the Sanctuary?

The rubrics of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) mention four times the use of a cross with a figure of Christ crucified. First, GIRM 117 mentions that the altar is to have a crucifix on or close to the altar. Second, this paragraph also states that a crucifix may be carried in the Entrance Procession. Third, GIRM 122 says that the processional cross may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross or is otherwise "put away in a dignified place." Fourth, GIRM 308 unambiguously declares: "There is also to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, either on the altar or near it, where it is clearly visible to the assembled congregation. It is appropriate that such a cross, which calls to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord, remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations."

There are many loopholes that could be assumed in these rubrics if one does not read them within the appropriate context of liturgical tradition and theology. As with all things, when the Church does not specify with a precise degree of exactitude, we must always interpret through the lens of centuries-old practice, tradition, and teaching. Therefore, it is clear that the rubrics set forth by the GIRM are emphasizing the importance of a crucifix, not merely the cursory presence of a crucifix. In other words, having a crucifix in the sanctuary is not an arbitrary requirement to be fulfilled ... the rubrics consider the crucifix of enough vital importance for it to be "clearly visible to the assembled congregation." In other words, such a crucifix would visually dominate the sanctuary while still being in harmony with the other architectural elements of the church.

[Devotion to Christ crucified has always been present in the Church.] This depiction of our crucified Lord eventually made its way into the sanctuary of church buildings beginning in the eleventh century. By the thirteenth century, crucifixes were commonplace both as devotional art and as altar crosses. Eventually, the crucifix came to be regarded as "the principal ornament of the altar." Its placement in the sanctuary either on or above the altar was for the purpose to "recall to the mind of the celebrant, and the people, that the Victim offered on the altar is the same as was offered on the Cross" (Constitution, Accipimus of Pope Benedict XIV, 16 July, 1746). The Sacred Congregation of Rites in its September 1822 decree states "that it [the crucifix] be large enough to be conveniently seen by both the celebrant and the people." The modern rubrics of the Roman Missal have always treated the crucifix with this utmost importance ...

The placement of a prominent crucifix in the sanctuary reflects the reality of what is happening during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. ... Christ's death is redemptive. Our Savior's perfect sacrifice on the cross as both Priest and Victim is the supreme act of his Priesthood. This same perfect sacrifice is re-presented to us sacramentally through the Holy Mass. Indeed, as Blessed Columba Marmion observes: "At the consecration, under the veil of the sacrament, the cry of the blood of Jesus sounds forth anew, for at that moment all the love, all the obedience, all the sufferings of His oblation on the Cross are presented to the Father. The liturgy proclaims that 'every time the commemoration of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished anew'".

~ Fr. Andrew Galles

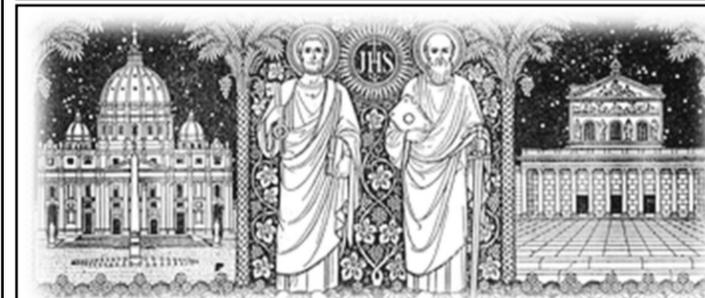
November 16th: Feast of St. Gertrude the Great

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Saint Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.

You can easily memorize this popular prayer and recite it any time you wish to remember the faithful departed among your family and friends. The Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying for the Holy Souls.



November 18th: Feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul

St. Peter's ... Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near ... where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

... From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

Reflection

Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen, and missionary to the gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end: both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days. ~ www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/dedication-of-churches-of-saints-peter-and-paul

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