



MASSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Mass Tuesday-Friday in the chapel at 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 3-4 pm

in the chapel

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

17 January 2021

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

"In antiquity, a kind of superstition about the use of the right name is part of man's approach to the supernatural. ...For the Jewish people, the divine Name was a thing of mastery and of mystery,—the name revealed to Moses at the burning bush, HE WHO IS... 'Our help', they told themselves, 'is in the name of the Lord.' ...

"To the Christians of the first age, the name of Jesus could have no mysterious associations. It was a name in common use, the Greek equivalent of Joshua....But the name did not often stand in isolation; much more commonly, the New Testament authors refer to our Lord by the title of 'Jesus Christ'; and liturgy, as we know has preserved that tradition. And then suddenly, in the Middle Ages, something happens: preachers like St Bernard and St Bernardine of Siena begin to single out the holy name of Jesus for special veneration. But they...approach the subject...with a sense of intimacy. The holy Name is...something that makes them feel at home.

"You see, the use of a personal name has a fresh kind of magic about it; it creates familiarity. And when we fall in love, and all our experience takes on a sharper edge, and little things mean much to us, there is one Christian name in the world which casts a spell over eye or ear when we see it written on the page of a book, or overhear it mentioned in conversation. We are thrilled by the mere encounter of it. And it was with the sense of personal romance that people like St Bernard invested the holy name of Jesus. 'Nor voice can sing, not heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest name ...' And it is no longer to us, as it was to the Jews a name of unapproachable majesty — 'no name in all the world so terrible'. It produces in us a sudden lightening of the heart, because we are in love.

"But we are sometimes asked whether this devotion to the holy Name is altogether a healthy development. It has been criticized by non-Christians; you will remember Thomas Huxley's indignant outburst: 'The power that made the stars and the tiger, to be called by a pet name!' And Christians, too, have had their doubts about it. After all, isn't there something presumptuous about isolating the humanness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this way, and treating him as if he were a friend sitting in the room with you, who would look up at the sound of his name? True, he is everywhere present, but he is present as God — the God who created us, the God who will judge us. Ought we not to be falling down at his feet?

"In the *Imitation of Christ*..., you will find a whole chapter about what the author calls 'familiar friendship with Jesus'. There are souls whose characteristic approach to the unseen is personal romance, with our Incarnate Lord for its object; so real to them that the very mention of his name sets them off day-dreaming into eternity. You will find nothing like it in any other religion; you may take Mohammed for your prophet, Buddha for your teacher — only Jesus invites you to be his friend. This attitude is encouraged and sanctioned by the Church. There are people who never lost their childhood's instinct to turn to Jesus Christ as a Friend close at hand. For souls like this, it is as if the Resurrection had happened, but not the Ascension; he still stands beside them in the garden, and calls them by the way; as they sit at table, he comes to them breaking through the closed barriers of the centuries; still, on the mountain side they hear his voice asking, 'Do you love me?'"

excerpts from The Divine Name, a sermon by Msgr. Ronald Knox [26 August 1956]



The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church, at least at local levels, since the end of the fifteenth century. The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, often in

connection with the Feast of the Circumcision. Franciscans, Carmelites, and Augustinians kept the feast on 14 January; Dominicans on 15 January; in some localities the date was 8 January, in others 31 January, in some localities in Great Britain on 7 August. The date of the second Sunday after Epiphany was chosen by the Carthusians, then by Spain. The celebration was placed on 3 January as an optional memorial by the present General Roman Calendar. And the entire month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The belief in the power of the Holy Name has had a strong visual component and the IHS monogram is widely used along with it.

In the 16th century, the Jesuits made the IHS monogram the emblem of their society, by adding a cross over the H and by showing three nails underneath it.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, 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, Victoria P.; 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 [or 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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are looking for men 18 years old and older that are in good standing with the Catholic Church to join the parish's own St John Fisher Council 16499. If you are interested, please contact brother Knight Joe Chancio at 301-751-2368 or email jchan319@comcast.net. Wives, mothers, sisters, fiancées, and girlfriends: please encourage the men you know to consider joining.

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 16 January

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm Christopher Tolkein +

Sunday, 17 January

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am Mary Anne Smith [Edwin Smith]

9:30 am Pro populo

11 am Robert Depew + [Mr. and Mrs. Luke Maschue]

Monday, 18 January

Feria

9 am *no public mass*

Tuesday, 19 January

Feria

9 am Hedy Kiesler +

Wednesday, 20 January

Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Sebastian, Martyr

9 am Audrey Ruston +

Thursday, 21 January

Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9 am ancestors of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan +

Friday, 22 January

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9 am the victims of abortion, living and dead

Saturday, 23 January

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm Lilian C. Madan

Sunday, 17 January

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Larry Fine +

11 am Soren Hansen

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