



MASSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am

Saturday at 10 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm

in the chapel

**ST IGNATIUS
& ST LUKE'S**

29 August 2021

MAN SEES THE APPEARANCE, THE LORD SEES THE HEART

Whoever today reads or hears proclaimed, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God," instinctively thinks of the virtue of purity almost as if this beatitude is the positive equivalent of the Sixth Commandment, "Do not commit impure acts." This interpretation, sporadically advanced in the course of the history of Christian spirituality, became predominant beginning in the 19th century....

What Jesus means by "purity of heart" is made clear by the context of the Sermon on the Mount. According to the Gospel, what determines the purity or impurity of an action—whether it be almsgiving, fasting or prayer—is the intention: Is the deed done to be seen by men or to please God? ...

Hypocrisy is the sin that is most powerfully denounced by God in the Bible and the reason for this is clear. With his hypocrisy, man demotes God, he puts him in second place, putting the creature, the public, in first place. "Man sees the appearance, the Lord sees the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7): Cultivating our appearance more than our heart means giving greater importance to man than to God.

Man, Pascal wrote, has two lives: One is his true life and the other is his imaginary one that he lives in his own opinion or in that of other people. We work hard to embellish and conserve our imaginary being and we neglect our true being. If we have some virtue or merit, we are careful to make it known, in some way or other, so as to attach these virtues to that imaginary existence. We would rather separate them from ourselves to join them to it; and we would willingly be cowards in order to acquire the reputation of being brave.

The tendency brought to light by Pascal has grown enormously in the present culture, dominated by the mass media, film, television and the entertainment industry in general. Descartes said: "Cogito ergo sum" (I think therefore I am); but today this tends to be substituted with "I appear therefore I am."

Originally the term hypocrisy was reserved for the theater. It simply meant to act, to represent in a scene. St. Augustine notes this in his commentary on the beatitude of the pure of heart. "The hypocrites," he writes, "are the creators of fiction in the sense that they present the personality of others in plays."

The origin of the term puts us on the way toward discovering the nature of hypocrisy. It is making one's life a theater in which one acts for an audience; it is to put on a mask, to cease to be a person and become a character.

"Hypocrisy is perhaps the most widespread human vice, and the least confessed."

I have never found in any aid to an examination of

conscience such questions as: Am I a hypocrite? Am I more concerned with how other people see me than with how God sees me? At a certain point in my life I had to introduce these questions into my examination of conscience myself, and rarely was I able to pass without a problem to the questions that followed these.

One day, listening to the parable of the talents read at Mass, I suddenly understood something. Between bearing fruit with what one is given and not bearing fruit, there is a third possibility: that of bearing fruit, not for the one who has given us what we have, but for our own glory or our own interest, and this is perhaps a graver sin than bearing no fruit at all. That day at Communion I had to do as certain thieves do when they are surprised in the act and, full of shame, empty their pockets and throw what they have stolen at the feet of the owner.

Jesus has left us a simple and unsurpassable means of rectifying our intentions at various times throughout the day, the first three questions of the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done." These can be said as prayers but they can also be declarations of intention: All that I do, I want to do it so that your name will be sanctified, so that your kingdom will come and your will be done.

It would be a precious contribution to society and the Christian community if the beatitude of the pure of heart would help us to maintain alive in us the nostalgia for a world that is clean, true, without religious hypocrisy or nonreligious hypocrisy; a world in which actions corresponded to words, words to thoughts, and the thoughts of man to those of God. This will only fully happen in the heavenly Jerusalem, the city made of crystal, but we must at least strive for it.

An author of fables wrote a fable called "The Glass Town." In the story a young girl ends up by magic in a town made of glass: glass houses, glass birds, glass trees, people who move like graceful glass statues. But nothing in this town breaks because everyone has learned how to move about in it with care so as not to do any damage. Upon meeting each other, the people answer questions before they are even asked them because even thoughts are evident and transparent in this town; no one tries to lie, knowing that everyone can read what is on his mind.

We shudder to think what would happen if this suddenly occurred here among us; but it is salutary to at least tend toward such an ideal. This is the road that will carry us to the beatitude that we have tried to comment on: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God."

Excerpted from a Lenten sermon "Blessed Are the Pure of Heart, for They Will See God" delivered by Capuchin Father Ramiero Cantalamessa in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI and officials of the Roman Curia on 9 March 2007.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, 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, 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 [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

PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you have not yet signed up for your photo session for the parish directory, take this bulletin home and do so today. Photos will be taken September 9-11. Every family photographed will receive a complimentary directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait.

1. Go to <https://ucdir.com/> and click on the box Photography Appointment Scheduling Login on the right side of the screen.
2. You will be prompted to give the Church Code, which is MD181, and the Church Password, which is photos.

Pick your day and time and you're done! So sign up today--it's easy.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: ST. MARY'S CHINATOWN

Join the St. Mary's Young Adults for a retreat led by Fr. Andrew Hofer OP, "Living Virtuously through Daily Decisions."

Friday September 10th, 6:45 pm-10 pm
Saturday, September 11th, 8:45 am-5 pm

\$20 per person

To register, visit <https://fb.me/e/72tPt0Ozw?ti=icl>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 28 August

Anticipated Mass for the 13th Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Lilian Madan Gamble +

Sunday, 29 August

The 13th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Judith Murphy + [month's mind]

11 am Dennis Rupp + [Jordan and Kelsey Bloom]

Monday, 30 August

Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

9 am Zito Alba + [Lily Quinones]

Tuesday, 31 August

Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

9 am Patricia Hickey Anderson + [George F. Hickey Jr]

Wednesday, 1 September

Feria

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

Thursday, 2 September

Feria

9 am Baraquiel A. Maraan + [Lily Quinones]

Friday, 3 September

Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9 am living and deceased relatives of the Madan-Casas family

Saturday, 4 September

Cuthbert, Bishop

10 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

Anticipated Mass for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Lina Privitera + [Lucia Ronka]

Sunday, 5 September

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Patricia Preil [Edwin Smith]

11 am J. Alberto Casas +

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