

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

31 October 2021



MASSES

4:30 pm [anticipated] Saturday
8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am Sunday

Daily Mass *in the chapel*
Monday-Friday at 9 am
Saturday at 10 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm
in the chapel

Saturday 9-9:45 am
in the chapel

3:30-4:15 pm
in the church

HEAR, O ISRAEL!
Keeping the Great Commandment

Hear O Israel! Most have heard of the Great Commandment – to love God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself. But if God is just and salvation depends upon perfect obedience to this command, who can be saved?

A nice hotel in Jerusalem looks much like a nice hotel in just about any other city in the world but for one thing. At the entrance of each room there is a small metal cylinder called a mezuzah that protrudes from the doorjamb. It contains a tiny scroll containing a verse from Deuteronomy: “Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” (Deut. 6:4-5).

The great commandment

A few verses later, the author of Deuteronomy says that this command is so important that it should be repeated constantly, hung as a pendant from our foreheads, even inscribed on our doorposts. Hence the mezuzahs in the Jerusalem hotel, and the phylactery boxes containing the same text which pious Jews strap to their forearms and foreheads, even to this day, as they pray at Jerusalem’s western wall.

So the Lord Jesus was not doing anything particularly new when he underlined this famous verse as the most important commandment. True, he did connect this with a verse from Leviticus 19:18 “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” It may be, though, that another rabbi paired these two commandments before him.

But there is something that Jesus did regarding these commandments that no one managed to do before him. He actually kept them.

Sins of commission

Some, like the rich young man, had managed to keep a good many of the other commandments, like thou shalt not steal or thou shalt not commit adultery. These commandments prohibit a certain kind of evil activity. They set limits that cannot be transgressed, boundaries that are well-marked. To violate these commandments mean stepping over the line, transgressing, trespassing. To do so is to be guilty of a *sin of commission*.

Sins of omission

In the case of the two commandments in today’s gospel, however, Jesus is not prohibiting a forbidden activity or telling us to avoid a “border violation.” He is talking

about a positive command of loving like God loves, wholeheartedly, completely, every minute of every day. The sin forbidden here is a *sin of omission*, of failing to carry out a positive obligation that binds us at every moment. It’s not just about some visible activity, but the hidden motivation of each and every activity. For a sinful human being, fulfilling this commandment is much more difficult than refraining from larceny, fornication, or pork sausage. In fact, it is positively impossible.

Strict justice & salvation

So forget about the nonsense that “I deserve to go to heaven—I love God and am a decent enough person.” Sorry, but God has given you everything. Justice requires that you should not just give a “nod to God” in weekly church attendance and grace before meals, not just avoid murder and burglary. You are obliged to ardently love and serve God 24/7. Neglect to do so for a moment and you’ve done an injustice to God and deserve to pay the consequences.

Fortunately, however, Jesus lived every moment motivated by perfect love—for us and for God. He even preferred torture and death to reneging on his commitment to fulfill these two commandments. By his obedience, he won eternal life for himself and all who belong to him, crediting to their account what he himself earned by his own blood, sweat, and tears.

Loving with his heart

And this perfect yet merciful high priest continues to live for us, ever at the Father’s right hand interceding for us. He prays for mercy, that the Father would look not at our sins and the consequences that they deserve, but rather at the cross which Jesus endured that those sins would be wiped away forever. Yet He also prays that His Spirit would be poured out on us ever anew, empowering us to love with greater and greater intensity, with fewer and fewer interruptions, exceptions, and limitations.

For He did not die simply that His love would be credited to our account. He poured out his blood so that it would run in our veins, that we could love with His heart. For man it is impossible. But with God, all things are possible.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Pamela Taggert, 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 [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

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Monday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. Because it is on a Monday this year, it is not a holyday of obligation. There will be Mass *in the church at 9 am.* Tuesday November 2nd, we will have two Masses to commemorate the dead. There will be a Mass at *9 am in the church* and another Mass at *7:30 pm in the chapel.*

PRAYING FOR OUR DEAD

Today is the last day for submitting the names of your beloved dead to offer prayers for them throughout the month of November, but particularly on All Souls' Day, and during our five-day series of the Votive Mass of the Five Wounds.

THE MASS OF THE FIVE WOUNDS

During the week of November 15-20, we will be offering the Votive Mass of the Five Wounds five times for the repose of their souls. Taken directly from the Sarum Missal into the Divine Worship Missal, the Mass of the Five Wounds, whose origin legend contained the assurance that any soul for whom five Masses of the Wounds were celebrated would be freed from his purgation, was during the Middle Ages one of the most requested masses to be specified in wills requesting prayer for the deceased.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 30 October

Anticipated Mass for the 222nd Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm Lina Privitera + [Louise Lyon and family]

Sunday, 31 October

The 22nd Sunday after Trinity

8 am pro populo

9:30 am Pat Alfredson + [Rosemary Coller]

11 am Jose A. Trujillo, Jr.

Monday, 1 November

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

9 am Teresa Horan [Jane Slattery]

Tuesday, 2 November

Feast of All Souls [Commemoration of the Faithful Departed]

9 am the faithful departed

7:30 pm the faithful departed

Wednesday, 3 November

Martin de Porres, Religious

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

Thursday, 4 November

Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9 am Maureen Elia [Edwin Smith]

Friday, 5 November

Feria

9 am Elizabeth White

Saturday, 6 November

Feria

10 am Madeline's intentions [George Hickey]

Anticipated Mass for the 23rd Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Jose Manlapaz + [Susie Martinez]

Sunday, 7 November

The 23rd Sunday after Trinity

8 am pro populo

9:30 am deceased members of the Ladies of Charity +
[Ladies of Charity]

11 am Rev. Arthur Woolley + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

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