

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

19 December 2021



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)

HE HATH PUT DOWN THE MIGHTY FROM THEIR SEAT

*When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,
the babe leaped in her womb;
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and she exclaimed with a loud cry,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"*

*And Mary said,
My soul doth magnify the Lord;
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden. Luke 1: 41-42, 45-48*

...When God chooses Mary as the instrument, when God decides to come in person into this world, in the manger in Bethlehem, this is not an idyllic family occasion but rather the beginning of a complete reversal, a new ordering of all things on this earth...

...The judgment and redemption of the world—that is what is happening here. For it is the Christ Child in the manger himself who will bring that judgment and redemption. It is he who pushes away the great and mighty of this world, who topples the thrones of the powerful, who humbles the haughty, whose arm exercises power against all who are highly placed and strong, and whose mercy lifts up what was lowly and makes it great and glorious. So we cannot come to this manger in the same way as we would approach the cradle of any other child. Something will happen to each of us who decides to come to Christ's manger. Each of us will have been judged or redeemed before we go away. Each of us will either break down or come to know that God's mercy is turned toward us....

...For those who are great and powerful in this world, there are two places where their courage fails them, which terrify them to the very depths of their souls, and which they dearly avoid. These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ. No one who holds power dares to come near the manger; King Herod also did not dare. For here thrones begin to sway, the powerful fall down, and those who are high are brought low, because God is here with the lowly. Here the rich come to naught, because God is here with the poor and those who hunger. God gives the hungry plenty to eat, but sends the rich and well-satisfied away empty. Before the maidservant Mary, before Christ's manger, before God among the lowly, the strong find themselves falling; here they have no rights, no hope, but instead find judgment.

And even if today they think nothing will happen to them, it will come tomorrow or the next day. God puts down the tyrants from their thrones; God raises up the lowly. For this Jesus Christ came into the world as the child in the manger, as the son of Mary....

...[And] there are many more people with small amounts of power, petty power, who put it into play wherever they can and whose one thought is: keep climbing higher! God, however, thinks differently, namely, keep climbing down lower, down among the lowly and the inconspicuous, in self-forgetfulness, in not seeking to be looked at or well regarded or to be the highest. If we go this way, there we will meet God himself. Each of us lives among persons who are the so-called higher-ups and others who are the so-called lowly. Each of us knows someone who is lower in the order of things than we ourselves. Might this Christmas help us learn to see this point in a radically different way, to rethink it entirely, to know that if we want to find the way to God, we have to go, not up to the heights, but really down to the depths among the least of all, and that every life that only wants to stay up high will come to a fearful end?

God is not mocked [Gal. 6:7]. It does not escape God's notice that we celebrate Christmas from year to year without taking it seriously. And we can count on God's word. At Christmas, when the Holy One, full of power and glory, lies in the manger, the mighty will be brought down from their thrones if they do not at last turn again and repent....

...Who among us will celebrate Christmas rightly? Who will finally lay down at the manger all power and honor, all high regard, vanity, arrogance, and self-will? Who will take their place among the lowly and let God alone be high? Who will see the glory of God in the lowliness of the child in the manger? Who will say with Mary: The Lord has looked with favor on my lowliness. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Amen.

Excerpted from *My Soul Praises the Lord*, a sermon given on December 17, 1933 (Third Sunday in Advent) by German Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was one of the first of the German theologians to speak out clearly against the persecution of the Jews and the evils of the Nazi ideology. He was arrested by the Gestapo in April 1943, and on April 8, 1945 he was hanged as a traitor to the Nazi regime.

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

Barbara Jo Russell, Marie Norment, Andy Luther, Paula Luther, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whitaker, 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

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 stlukesdcordinariate@gmail.com or office@saint-ig.org; we will give your contact information to our hospitality organizers.

THE WEEKLY EMAIL

Are you interested in receiving our weekly email bulletin? It hits your inbox every Thursday morning at 9 am. Email the office at stlukesDCordinariate@gmail.com, and we will put you on the email list.

If you thought you had already signed up but you don't see it, drop a line to the office and we will help you figure it out.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 pm *Roman Missal*

10:30 pm *Divine Worship*

Christmas Day Masses

9 am *Roman Missal*

11 am *Divine Worship*

SATURDAY, THE 1ST OF JANUARY, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Because it falls on a Saturday in 2022, it is *not* a holyday of obligation this year. We will observe the usual Saturday Mass schedule, with Masses at 10 am and 4:30 pm. Because it is a first Saturday there will be the 9 am holy hour before the 10 am Mass. All of these liturgies are in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 18 December

Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 19 December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Radix Jesse)

8 am Marcella Pe +

9:30 am Emily Roszak +

11 am Carmen Delaney +

Monday, 20 December

O Clavis David

9 am Judy Murphy + [Karen Lanetti]

Tuesday, 21 December

O Oriens

9 am Rafael Madan y Diago +

Wednesday, 22 December

O Rex Gentium

9 am Kenneth Doyle +

Thursday, 23 December

O Emmanuel

9 am June Coles +

Friday, 24 December

O Virgo Virginum

9 am deceased religious of the parish +

Christmas Eve

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

4:30 pm [Vigil Mass] Mary Thompspn +

10:30 pm [Mass at Night] pro populo

Saturday, 25 December

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

9 am [Mass on the Day] Maria Cacas +

11 am [Mass on the Day] Eunice Gilbert +

Sunday, 26 December

The Feast of the Holy Family

8 am pro populo

9:30 am Bernice Newman + [anniversary commemoration]

11 am Carmen Delaney + [St. John Fisher Council KOC]

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