St Ignatius & St Luke's

23 January 2022

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)

Fulfilled in your Hearing

He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."
Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

...Our Gospel reading...[speaks of]...the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He goes to Nazareth and reads from the Book of Isaiah, primarily Isaiah 61:1-2.

We must understand that after Jesus reads the scroll, he "sits down" to begin preaching. Rabbis preached sitting down, from the "seat of Moses," so to speak. This is contrary to our practice, where the celebrant rises to preach. For this reason, Christians typically misunderstand the passage. When Jesus sits down, they think he has decided not to preach.

But precisely the opposite is the case. Sitting down, he signals that he is about to begin his sermon. There is a great deal of anticipation, because Isaiah 61:1-2 was a "hot" text. There was a great deal of "end times" expectation associated with this passage.

Among the Dead Sea Scrolls, we discovered a sensational document, called by scholars "11QMelchizedek." From this document it has become clear that in the days of Our Lord, at least one sect of Jews (the "Essenes") were anticipating the return of a savior figure they called "Melchizedek," who was expected to proclaim a great Jubilee Year (see Lev 25:8-55) that would involve forgiveness of the debt of sin. The document 11QMelchizedek quotes from both Lev 25 and Isaiah 61.

In Isaiah 61:1-2, the prophet is indeed predicting that at some time in the future, a mysterious "servant of the LORD" will arrive, bearing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and will proclaim the "Year of the LORD's favor," that is, a great Jubilee Year (see Lev 25:8-17) involving debt forgiveness, freedom for slaves, and restoration of families.

The beginning of Jesus' sermon is sensational: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This amounts to a claim to be the "servant of the LORD" of whom Isaiah spoke, to be the "Melchizedek" that the Essenes were anticipating, the savior figure who would announce the great Jubilee.

But how did Jesus inaugurate this "Jubilee Year"? Through his ministry, which involved freeing people from the worst kinds of slavery: to disease and to the Devil. His healings and exorcisms are powerful testimonies to the Jubilee he has come to actualize. Furthermore, his bold declarations of forgiveness of sins—for example, to the paralytic in the very next chapter (Luke 5:20-24; see also 7:48)—are a release from the debt of sin, just as the Essenes had expected. The connection with "forgiveness" and the Jubilee Year was facilitated by the Greek language, because the rare Hebrew phrase *qara' derôr*, "proclaim liberty", was translated in Greek (the LXX) as *diaboaô aphesis*, "proclaim forgiveness." Leviticus 25 has the highest concentration of the term *aphesis*, "forgiveness," of any Old Testament chapter....

...So often the world hears the message of the Church as "bad news" about guilt and sin. Sometimes that's the fault of individual Christians who limit themselves to condemning evil, and sometimes that's the fault of those outside the Church, who distort or caricature her message, or willfully refuse to listen to it. Nonetheless, Pope Francis is doing an excellent job of cutting through the misinformation to stress that the Gospel proclaimed by the Church is the message of God's mercy. Now that necessarily entails the recognition of our wrongdoing, because one who has not done anything wrong has no need of mercy, but of justice. The whole idea that God offers us mercy implies we deserve something worse, but he refrains from administering it. Instead, he offers us undeserved forgiveness and reconciliation.

In a very real sense, as we participate in Mass this weekend, the Scriptures are "fulfilled in our hearing." The same Jesus who fulfills all the prophecies comes to us and is truly present to us in the Eucharist, the Word made Flesh. His healing power, and specifically his offer of forgiveness of sin and freedom for those held captive by evil, is still available to us, if we will have faith in Him and in his promises.

Excerpted from Jesus Proclaims Jubilee *by John Bergsma*

From thesacredpagearchive.blogspot.com/2016/01/jesus-proclaims-jubilee-2nd-sunday-in-ot.html

Remember in your Prayers *All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick:*
Ginger Allison +, Barbara Jo Russell, 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

Candlemas
We will hold a Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on the evening of Wednesday, February 2nd at 7 pm. Check the parish website for details.

Monthly Parish Meeting
We have resumed [after a lengthy pandemic hiatus] our monthly parish meetings on the second Saturday of the month
So join us in the school auditorium on Saturday February 12th following the 10 am Mass for coffee, doughnuts, and a discussion of the Synod questions for the universal Church.

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.

From Twitter:

Church Curmudgeon @ChrchC... · 1d
Turns out that asymptomatic Christianity doesn't spread either.
57 1,260 5,200

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 22 January
Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 23 January
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
8 am ancestors of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan +
9:30 am Donna Conlon + [Rosemary Coller]
11 am Lilian C. Madan

Monday, 24 January
Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9 am Rafael F. Madan +

Tuesday, 25 January
Conversion of Paul the Apostle
9 am J. Alberto Casas +

Wednesday, 26 January
Timothy and Titus, Bishops
9 am Gladys Upson + [Jane & Steve Lawrence]

Thursday, 27 January
Angela Merici, Virgin
9 am Teotimo Ritumban + [Susie Martinez]

Friday, 28 January
Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9 am Antonio Pérez Alcalá

Saturday, 29 January
Feria
10 am for parish growth

Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 30 January
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8 am living and deceased descendants of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan
9:30 am Paula Luther [Rebecca Michalco]
11 am the godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

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