



ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

27 March 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)

2315 Brinkley Road ♦ Fort Washington, MD 20744

WHEN THE MANNA STOPPED FALLING

...There is poignancy about that scene from the book of Joshua we heard this morning. The children of Israel have just crossed the Jordan opposite Jericho. The 40-year wandering in the desert is over. They have finally entered the Promised Land. There is rejoicing in their hearts. But something is lost too. That close intimacy with God—that day-by-day reliance on the sustenance he gave. The manna stops falling -that miraculous food from heaven that could not be stored but which gave just enough strength for the next day's march. It is a signal that they have moved into the next stage of their life with God.

What do the children of Israel do to mark this transition? They have their own anniversary celebration—the Passover that commemorates the Exodus from Egypt. They eat for the first time the produce of the country, unleavened bread and ears of corn. But this is a sacrificial meal. It culminates in the eating of the paschal lamb.

As this celebration develops into a year-by-year festival of the Jewish people it acquires a remarkable feature in its way of thinking about time. As families and friends gather together for this domestic liturgy, with its rituals and set prayers around a special meal, they are seeking to enter in to the experience of those runaway slaves as they fled Egypt assisted by stunning miracles of deliverance. They have become contemporaneous with their ancestors in the faith in the events that gave birth to the faith of Israel. This is not just remembering - not just an edifying reflection on the symbols of a far off important event. It is about recalling certain key events in the past in such a way as to make them real and effective in the faith experience of the participants. What crossing the Red Sea meant for the children of Israel as they escaped into freedom must now come alive for Jews many years later as they open themselves up to what God given freedom would mean for them now in their present situation.

This way of thinking about time has immense significance for us. When Jesus transformed the Passover meal, by introjecting into it the events of Holy Week, he established the pattern for what we are doing this morning. *Anamnesis* is the technical name for what happens as we celebrate the Eucharist. These words, these ritual actions, these symbols, our movement towards God in love and praise, recall what Jesus did in such a way as to make the effect of them real in our lives....

...Worship is an encounter with events. The gospel is about unique events through which the human situation

has been changed. These events are not dead but alive. Christian worship has a unique character which operates on the principle of the incarnation. It is sacramental. In it the events of Christ's life, death and resurrection become truly present. Christ is not simply a human person present in our worship, he is the particular person of those events, and he is not simply present in our heads or in our feelings, but is sacramentally present.

This sacramental presence has significance for us too as in what the Church does in the ministry of healing. The laying on of hands and the anointing with oil is a sacramental act also. It connects us with the healing ministry of Jesus, those signs of the Kingdom that brought deliverance and relief to those who sought him out. As this community of faith focuses its collective spiritual energy in an appeal to God on behalf of those who come forward it is as though a bridge of faith spans the Jesus of the gospels and us now. Leo the Great expressed it in one sentence, "What was present in the Lord has passed into the mysteries."

When the manna stopped the children of Israel lost a tangible sign of God's presence that had been as real as the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Immediately, in the celebration of the Passover they connected themselves to the power of the Exodus events. Here, this morning, we are doing the same as we link ourselves in a powerful act of recalling with all that Jesus did to heal, to save and to raise up.

The great biblical scholar C H Dodd...as he read deeply in to the Scriptures...came to some conclusions about the Eucharist that will resonate with us. He saw how each celebration of the Eucharist carries us right into the heart of the central events of Holy Week, which we are about to commemorate and recall in the most solemn and impressive Services of the year, what we call the Paschal Triduum. This is how C H Dodd put it:

In the Eucharist the Church perpetually reconstitutes the crisis in which the Kingdom of God came into history. At each Eucharist we are there - we are in the night in which he was betrayed, at Golgotha, before the empty tomb on Easter day, and in the upper room where he appeared, and we are at the moment of his coming, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump. Sacramental communion is not purely a mystical experience, to which history would be in the last resort irrelevant; it is bound up with a corporate memory of real events.

—from a homily given by Fr. Hugh Bowron, 10 March 2013, St. Peter's Caversham

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

Richard Thompson, Barbara Jo Russell, Marie Norment, 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, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerrianna Prather, Cullen Creel, 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 for 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

FRIDAY LENTEN DINNERS

Join us for our meatless Pasta Bar Dinner every Friday in Lent from 5-7 pm. Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 pm.

There will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday in Lent, in the chapel following the 9 am Mass and every Friday evening at 7 pm in the Church.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. David Ousley leads a Bible Study session *every Wednesday at 10 am*. You can join in person in the parish house meeting room, following the 9 am Mass in the chapel. Or join us on Zoom! Email the office for the Zoom link that will be used for every meeting.

WEEKLY EMAILS Would you like to receive weekly email reminders of news and events in the parish?

Contact the office at StLukesDCordinariate@gmail.com to sign up.

THE POOR BOX

The Ladies of Charity support local non-profit agencies for the poor all year round, including the Missionaries of Charity, Christ House, Shepherd's Cove, St. Ann's Center for Children, and Forestville Pregnancy Center. A few dollars in the poor box every week or every month goes a long way toward helping do God's work.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday *Mass of the Lord's Supper* **7pm**

Good Friday *Commemoration of the Passion And Death of our Lord* **3 pm**

Holy Saturday *Easter Vigil* **8:15 pm**

Easter Sunday *normal Sunday schedule*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 26 March

Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 27 March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent [Rose Sunday]

8 am peace in the Ukraine

9:30 am Megan Scott

11 am Brian White +

Monday, 28 March

Monday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9 am John Lawson +

Tuesday, 29 March

Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9 am Russell Maske + [anniversary commemoration]

Wednesday, 30 March

Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9 am G. Gordon Liddy + [anniversary commemoration]

Thursday, 31 March

Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent

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

Friday, 1 April

Friday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9 am Madeline's intentions [George Hickey Jr]

Saturday, 2 April

Saturday in the Fourth Week of Lent

Francis of Paola, Hermit

10 am Joham Celusma + [anniversary commemoration]

Anticipated Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 3 April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent [Passion Sunday]

8 am Donald Loney + [month's mind]

9:30 am Anna Luther [Rebecca Michalco]

11 am Matthew Rarey +

St. Ignatius Finance Council

Jackie Chancio ♦ Deacon Clark Glenn
Joseph Somerville ♦ Clifford Woods

office@saint-ig.org
SAINT-IG.ORG
301-567-4740

historic
ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. John Vidal, pastor
Rev. Jason Catania, parochial vicar
Rev. David Ousley, assisting priest

Joint Pastoral Council

Joseph Chancio ♦ Rosemary Collier
Michael Taylor ♦ James Guinivan
Ada Okafor ♦ Elizabeth Shivone
Connie Somerville
Patrick Delaney - *ex officio*
Susan White - *ex officio*

St. Luke's Finance Council

Patrick Delaney - *Co-chair*
Nicole Crawford ♦ Dave Hoppe
David Lewis ♦ Franco Madan

stlukesdcordinariate@gmail.com
STLUKESORDINARIATE.COM
202-999-9934

Saint Luke's at
IGNATIUS CHURCH