



ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

17 April 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

MASSSES

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)

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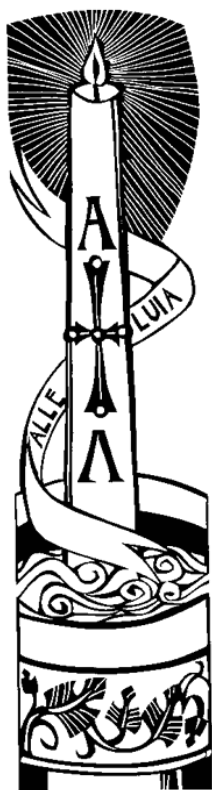
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

...During the two great holy nights of the Church year, Christmas and Easter, the symbolism of light fuses with the symbolism of night. On both occasions the Church uses the interplay of night and light to show in a symbolic manner what the content of the feast in question is: the encounter of God and the world, the victorious entry of God into a world that refuses him room and yet in the end cannot prevent him from taking it...

...On Easter, the drama reaches its central act and climax. The darkness has used its ultimate weapon, death. In neat judicial fashion it has declared Truth and Love to be the chief criminal of world history and has condemned the light-bringer. But the Resurrection effects the great reversal. Light has won the victory and now lives on unconquerably. Most important of all, it has made a bit of the world its own and transformed it into itself.

Of course, this is not the end of the drama. The end is still awaited; it will arrive with the second coming of the Lord. At present, night continues, but it is a night in which a light has been lit. When the Lord comes again, the day will dawn and last forever.

This great drama of history, in the course of which we live out our own lives, is the context for the liturgy of the paschal candle that opens the celebration of the



Easter vigil. The church building, where the darkness of night reigns and where people stumble and bump into one another, is an image, is it not, of our world? A world which, despite all our scientific knowledge and all our social progress, is still in deep darkness. In fact, it often seems even darker than ever. We have gained knowledge of details but the meaning of the whole has only become ever more incomprehensible, even for the believer who often enough is dismayed by the seeming absence of the God who refuses to show himself amid the hustle and bustle of the world...who can deny that amid all the everyday securities which draw a veil of comfortable assurance over all questions, he suddenly senses from time to time

something of this eclipse of God that seems at a single stroke to call everything into question? Who is there who is not forced like Cardinal Newman to utter a plea into the night around him: "O God, you can bring light into the darkness! You alone can do it!"? And who does not experience how human beings come into conflict and are stumbling blocks to one another in this night that covers the world and so often conceals not only the ultimate, the far-distant, but even what is near at hand (our neighbor!)? As we wait in the night-dark church for the Easter light to be struck, we should experience the consoling realization that God is fully aware of the night by which we are surrounded. In fact, he has already struck his light at the heart of it. "The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!" The night enables us to appreciate what the light really is. It is brightness or luminousness that enables us to see; that shows the way and gives direction; that helps us to know both others and ourselves. It is warmth that strengthens and brings mobility; that consoles and gladdens. Finally, it is life, and this tiny quivering flame is The Mystery of the Easter Vigil, an image of the wonderful mystery that we call "life" and that is in fact profoundly dependent on light.

Soon the entire church is radiant with the bright light of the candles everyone is holding. At this moment we are not only celebrating the Resurrection; we are also being given a distant glimpse of the second coming of the Lord, whom we are advancing to meet with lamps lit. It is a glimpse of the great eschatological feast of light, an anticipation of the wedding feast of God that is illumined by the gleam of countless candles. Something of the joy that marks a wedding should be ours on this night so bright with candles.

We should also ask ourselves the question: "Will I be one of those who sit at God's table? Will my lamp have enough oil for the everlasting wedding feast?" But perhaps it is even more Christian to ask ourselves the right questions about the present. The world is indeed dark, but even a single candle suffices to bring light into the deepest darkness. Did not God give us a candle at baptism and the means of lighting it? We must be courageous enough to light the candle of our patience, our trust, our love. Instead of bewailing the night, we must dare to light the little lamp that God has loaned us: "The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!"

Excerpt of *The Mystery of the Easter Vigil*, from *Dogma and Preaching* by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger [1985]

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, 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, Kerianna 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 [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

PARISH-WIDE POTLUCK

We will hold our parish-wide Easter celebration next Sunday April 24th, the Octave Day of Easter [Divine Mercy or Low Sunday], with a potluck Lunch at 12:30 pm and an Easter Egg Hunt.

All parishioners—both St. Ignatius and St. Luke's—are encouraged to bring a dish to share. It is vital that we gather as a complete community to rebuild ties after the separation of the last two pandemic years.

EASTER EGG HUNT There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children next Sunday, April 24th, following the 11 am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

There is no Bible Study this Wednesday in observance of the Easter Octave.

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 to God's work.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 16 April

Holy Saturday

THE EASTER VIGIL

8:15 pm pro populo

Sunday, 17 April

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

8 am Rafael Madan y Diago +

9:30 am Theresa Koshut [Rebecca Michalco]

11 am Steven Frantz +

Monday, 18 April

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Donald Loney + [St. John Fisher Council KOC]

Tuesday, 19 April

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am The Moran family [George Hickey Jr]

Wednesday, 20 April

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am living & deceased friends and beloved of the Madan-Casas family

Thursday, 21 April

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Teresa Dannemiller + [St. John Fisher Council KOC]

Friday, 22 April

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Will Soza +

Saturday, 23 April

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10 am Anne Whelan

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 24 April

OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

Low Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

8 am living & deceased benefactors of the Madan-Casas family

9:30 am Gary Clarke + [Rosemary Collier]

11 am Deirdre McQuade [Rebecca Michalco]

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