



ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

28 August 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)

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The Scriptures this Sunday call all Christians to greater humility. We can learn this by reflecting on Christ's humility in the Eucharist.

An excerpt from

IMITATING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

...We commonly associate the imitation of Christ by following the example He gave us during His mortal and visible stay in Palestine two thousand years ago.

However, as the great Eucharistic saints make clear, we are also to imitate Christ in the Holy Eucharist. After all, that is one reason why He instituted this sacrament. By reflecting on the virtues which the glorified Savior manifests in the Eucharist, we are inspired to imitate Him now living on earth in the sacrament of His love....

... Humility is the one virtue that Christ most stressed in teaching us to follow Him. "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." During His whole visible stay on earth, Jesus practiced humility to a degree beyond our comprehension. A good definition of the Incarnation is the humiliation of God. The Creator of the universe, without losing His infinity, assumed our humanity. The Creator became a creature.

Now we turn to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. During His visible stay on earth, the Savior concealed His divinity so that only His humanity could be seen. But in the Holy Eucharist, He hides not only His divinity but His humanity as well.

No one has improved on the hymn, *Adoro Te*, of St. Thomas in which we pray: "Only the Godhead was hidden on the cross, but here the humanity is hidden as well. Yet I believe and acknowledge them both, and make the same request as did the repentant thief. I do not see the marks of the wounds, as Thomas did, yet I too own You as my God. Grant me to believe in You always more and more."...

Where do we obtain the grace to be truly humble, which means never to exhibit, never to display, never to show off who we are or what we have in order to be praised by others? Where do we obtain this grace? From Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist. The almighty God who became the Son of Mary appears now on earth only as what seems to be a piece of bread. We must beg Him, and I mean beg Him in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the humility, without which we cannot reach our heavenly destiny.

In the Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus offers Himself to His heavenly Father just as truly as He offered Himself on the Cross. On Calvary, He offered Himself by shedding His blood and thus merited the salvation of the world. In

the Mass, He continues to offer Himself just as truly as He did on the first Good Friday. But now, He confers the graces that He won for us on Calvary. What are these graces? In one sentence, they are the graces we need to surrender ourselves to the will of God.

The Church defines sacrifice as the voluntary surrender of something precious to God. That is why Christ continues to sacrifice Himself to His heavenly Father in every Mass that has been offered for the twenty centuries of Christianity. In every Mass, Jesus Christ is present in the fullness of His human nature and therefore with His human will. That is what the double consecration at Mass is all about. It signifies that Jesus is just as willing to shed His blood for our salvation as He willingly and actually shed His blood on Calvary. As the glorified Redeemer, He can no longer die. But He is willing to die.

It is from the Sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world that we obtain the strength we need to surrender ourselves to the divine will in this valley of tears.

As we all know from personal experience, God can make heavy demands on our generosity. He will send us trials and difficulties and sufferings. Why? In order that we may prove our submission to His divine will. God will take away so many things, dare I say everything that we consider precious in this world. Again why? In order that we may recognize Him as our Lord and ourselves as His servants.

No words can describe the depth of this necessity to surrender our created wills to the divine will of the Creator. Where, where can we obtain the courage we need to make this self-surrender? Where, except from the God who died on the Cross for our salvation and continues to offer Himself in every Mass.

The lesson this should teach us is obvious. We must assist at Mass as often as we can. We must learn to live the Mass by putting into practice the graces which the Savior gives us through the Holy Sacrifice....

by Servant of God John Hardon SJ [+ 2000]. Fr. Hardon wrote over forty books on religion and theology, including Catholic Catechism: A Contemporary Catechism of the Catholic Church (1975) which served as the official codified teaching of the Catholic Church until the 1992 Catechism of the Catholic Church promulgated by Pope John Paul II. Hardon also served as a consultant for the drafting of that document.

Fr. Hardon was known to be devoted to the Catholic practice of Eucharistic adoration, spending at least three hours a day praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Lorraine Killion, Marie Norment, Theresa Koshut, Jackie Windsor, Jack Figel, Sonya Estrada, Dave Hoppe, Barbara Manning; Andy, Paula, and Marian Luther; Jackie Chancio, Carolyn Grimm, Mark Mangione, Richard Thompson, Barbara Jo Russell, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, 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, Keriana Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., and 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU KNOW anyone in the parish who has been unable to resume going out since the pandemic or is now a shut-in due to illness, disability, or lack of transportation? Please contact the parish office.

We are here to serve ALL our parishioners.

AUGUST SCHOOL DRIVE The St. Ignatius & St. Luke's Ladies of Charity are collecting school supplies during the month of August for one of our local schools in need, J. Frank Dent Elementary. There is a box near the entrance door for you to place your items. Please be generous to help needy children be prepared for learning with backpacks, note books, crayons, pens and pencils, etc. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, place your checks to the Ladies of Charity in the Poor Box or in the collection plate, and put *School Drive* on the memo line.

IS YOUR CHILD IN NEED OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION?

Email the parish office with your name and contact information and DRE Megan Scott will get in touch

A SODALITY OF ST. MONICA Do you have family members and friends who have left the practice of their faith, or who have never found a home in Christ's Church? Join the Sodality in prayer! Prayer cards are available in the narthex for daily petition, and the Rosary will be offered for this intention at the 1st Saturday Holy Hours.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 27 August

Anticipated Mass for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 28 August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am Emmett Till +

9:30 am Pedro Navarro +

11 am Lilian Madan Gamble +

Monday, 29 August

The Passion of John the Baptist

9 am in thanksgiving for Nora Rose

Tuesday, 30 August

Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

9 am Rev. Arthur Woolley +

Wednesday, 31 August

Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

9 am Patricia Hickey Anderson +

Thursday, 1 September

Feria

9 am Deirdre McQuade + [*Votive of the Five Wounds*]

Friday, 2 September

Feria

9 am Madeline's intentions

Saturday, 3 September

Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

10 am John W. Hill III +

Anticipated Mass for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Marjorie Mastrangelo + [*Frank & Melaine Privitera*]

Sunday, 4 September

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 am pro populo

9:30 am Robert Jones Jr +

11 am Carmen Delaney + [*anniversary commemoration*]

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