



# ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

4 September 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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## EMBRACING THE CROSS

Pope Francis [asked in an Angelus meditation several years back]. “What do we see, then, when we turn our gaze towards the Cross where Jesus was nailed? We contemplate the sign of the infinite love of God for each and every one of us and the roots of our salvation. From that Cross flows the mercy of the Father who embraces the whole world. Through the cross of Christ, evil is overcome, death is defeated, life is given to us, hope is restored.”

... On Good Friday, as you know, we all process up the nave humbly without shoes, genuflect and venerate the Cross with a kiss. In order truly to venerate the Cross, however, we need to do more than just kiss it. We need to embrace it as a way of life. That’s what Jesus clearly wants us to do and calls us to do. He never said to us, “I’m taking up the Cross so that you don’t have to.” Rather he said, “If you wish to be my disciple, you must deny yourself, pick up your Cross every day, and follow me” and “whoever does not pick up the Cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” We’re here because we want to be the disciples of the Lord. We want to follow him all the way to heaven. But to do this, we need to follow him to Calvary; we need to walk the Way of the Cross. As St. Rose of Lima told us earlier, there is no other ladder to heaven but the ladder of the Cross. To be a disciple means to embrace the Cross.

To embrace the way of the Cross means first to forsake the way of sin because we see what our sins have done. ... We need to come face-to-face with our own sins, seeing what they did to Jesus, and then with real contrition turn to the Lord for salvation. ... To embrace the way of the Cross means to reject the life of sin and commit ourselves to following the life of grace.

The second thing that embracing the Cross means is that it commits us to the path of self-sacrificial love. Many Catholics when they hear Jesus’ command to deny ourselves, pick up our Cross and follow Jesus think that it means “offering up” their hardships, their difficulties, their pain, and bearing with peaceful resignation the contradictions of the day. That is part of it, but, actually, a small part of it. To embrace the Cross means to kiss Christ’s love and to imitate it. Jesus said, in the greatest of all commandments, “Love one another as I have loved you.” Picking up our Cross and following the Lord means following him down the path of selfless self-giving love. Jesus, in fact, gives us the Cross so that we, like him, might die on it, die to ourselves for others, so that

he might live fully in us and love others through us. That point is a crucial one, so I’ll repeat it: the Lord gave us the Cross so that we might die to ourselves on it and allow him to live in us so that his self-sacrificial love might reign in us. This is exactly what St. Paul pointed to when he wrote to the Galatians, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” We want Christ to live in us and Christ himself wants to live in us, but the only way that happens is to be crucified with him through the gift of the Cross....

The greatest way for us to be strengthened in living the mystery of the Cross is here at the Mass, in which we share live in the sacrifice of Christ that began at the Last Supper and was consummated on the Cross, when he gave his body and his blood for us and our salvation.

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...The connection between the Cross and the Mass indelibly impressed upon a priest on the day of his priestly ordination. Right after he has become a priest by the bishop’s laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the new priest kneels in front of his bishop, who puts in his hands the chalice and paten with bread and says: “Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s cross.” The latter part of that prayer is an instruction applicable to each of us. Know what you are doing — we’re about to enter into the greatest reality a human being can share, as we prepare to receive the fruit of the Tree of the Cross, Jesus himself. Imitate the mystery you celebrate — which is the call to live the Eucharist, to become whom we eat, to emulate the self-giving love enfleshed in the Eucharist. And finally: model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s Cross. Today God wants to give us the help he knows we need to base our entire existence on the love we celebrate on the Cross, so that we may not only experience in this world a foretaste of Christ’s victory upon this new Tree of Life, but come by his grace to be exalted together with him upon it eternally. ...

*“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!”...*

*From the homily Picking Up Your Cross and Following Jesus by Fr. Roger J. Landry to the Visitation Mission of the Sisters of Life, Manhattan on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14, 2019*

**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 [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.**

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**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.

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE THURSDAY SEWING CIRCLE?**

Knitting, crocheting, and other needle work!  
The Circle meets in the parish house meeting room on 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm, making baby goods for local pregnancy centers and items for Sacred Heart nursing home.  
So bring your project and a lunch/snack and join them.  
*Don't know how to wield needles but wish you did?* Learn from the masters! They are happy to teach you the skills.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 3 September**

*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]

**Monday, 5 September**

*Feria*  
9 am Leslie Lee +

**Tuesday, 6 September**

*Feria*  
9 am Elena Wanner

**Wednesday, 7 September**

*Feria*  
9 am Quintin Paredes +

**Thursday, 8 September**

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
9 am Rev. Paul Herbert + [anniversary commemoration]

**Friday, 9 September**

*Peter Claver, Priest*  
9 am Alexandra Pimentel

**Saturday, 10 September**

*Feria*  
10 am Russell White  
*Anticipated Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
4:30 pm pro populo

**Sunday, 11 September**

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
8 am Rafael Madan y Diago +  
9:30 am those who have died unprepared +  
11 am Harry J. Guinivan +

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