



ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

13 November 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 SECOND COMING OF THE LORD AND THE LAST JUDGMENT

The New Testament has various references to the second coming of our Lord and the last judgment. Immediately one thinks of the Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse, which focuses on those "end times" but employs cryptic symbolism and imagery. In all, the various signs predicting the Second Coming and the depictions of it can easily cause confusion. Perhaps this is why different cults have emerged over the centuries which isolated themselves from the rest of society in preparation for an imminent Second Coming.

As Catholics, we are mindful and profess in our Creed that Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. The Second Vatican Council's "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church" states, "Already the final age of the world is with us and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real though imperfect" (No. 48). To try to grasp the when, what and how of this Second Coming and last judgment, we really need to glean the various passages in Sacred Scripture to see how our Church has interpreted them. They are united in one drama.

Our Lord in the Gospel spoke of His second coming. He indicated that various signs would mark the event. Mankind would suffer from famine, pestilence and natural disasters. False prophets who claim to be the Messiah will deceive and mislead people.

Nations will wage war against each other. The Church will endure persecution. Worse yet, the faith of many will grow cold and they will abandon the faith, even betraying and hating one another. (Confer Mt. 24:4-14; Lk 17:22-37) St. Paul describes a "mass apostasy" before the Second Coming, which will be led by the "son of perdition," the "Man of Lawlessness," the "adversary who exalts himself above every so-called god proposed for worship." This "lawless one" is part of the work of Satan, and with power, signs, wonders and seductions will bring to ruin those who have turned from the truth. However, "the Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth and annihilate him by manifesting His own presence." (Cf. 2 Thes 2:3-12) The Catechism affirms, "God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the last judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world" (No. 667).

Our Lord will come suddenly. "The Son of Man in His day will be like the lightning that flashes from one end of the sky to the other" (Lk 17:24). St. Peter predicts, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief and on that

day the heavens will vanish with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire and the earth and all its deeds will be made manifest" (2 Pt 3:10).

Death will be no more. The dead shall rise and those souls who have died will be united again to their bodies. All will have a glorious, transformed, spiritualized body as St. Paul said, "He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body..." (Phil 3:21).

At this time, the final, or general judgment will occur. Jesus said, "Those who have done right shall rise to life; the evildoers shall rise to be damned" (Jn 5:29). Our Lord described this judgment as follows: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, He will sit upon His royal throne and all the nations will be assembled before Him. Then He will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separated sheep from goats" (Mt 25:31-32).

Here each person will have to account for his conduct and the deepest secrets of his soul will come to light. How well each person has responded to the prompting of God's grace will be made clear. Our attitude and actions toward our neighbor will reflect how well we have loved our Lord. "As often as you did it for one of My least brothers, you did it for Me" (Mt 25:41).

Our Lord will judge us accordingly. For those who have died and already have faced the particular judgment, their judgment will stand. Those living at the time of the Second Coming will receive judgment. Those who have rejected the Lord in this life, who have sinned mortally, who have no remorse for sin and do not seek forgiveness, will have condemned themselves to hell for all eternity. "By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love (Catechism, No. 678). The souls of the righteous will enter heavenly glory and enjoy the beatific vision and those who need purification will undergo it.

We do not know when the Second Coming will occur. Jesus said, "As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven nor even the Son, but only the Father. Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come" (Mk 13:32-33).

Given the world situation and event the explosion of reported apparitions and messages of our Blessed Mother, we better stay awake and keep watch.

This article by Fr. William Saunders, pastor of St. Agnes Church (Arlington VA), first appeared in the December 1, 1994 issue of *The Arlington Catholic Herald*.

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

Easter Thompson, Finn Prada, Fr. Gus Peters, Cate Mueller, Don Seward, Chelsea Ransom, 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, 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, Kerianna Prather; 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

THE MASS OF THE FIVE WOUNDS

We will be offering prayers for our beloved dead throughout the month of November, but particularly during the week of November 14-19, when we will be offering the Votive Mass of the Five Wounds five times for the repose of their souls. Join us at 9 am Monday–Wednesday November 14-16 and Friday November 18 for Masses of the Five Wounds, and then at 10 am on Saturday November 19th for the closing Mass.

Taken directly from the Sarum Missal into the Divine Worship Missal, the Votive Mass of the Five Wounds, whose origin legend contained the assurance that any soul for whom five Masses of the Wounds were celebrated would be freed from his purgation, was during the Middle Ages one of the most requested masses to be specified in wills requesting prayer for the deceased.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE The Ladies of Charity will be selling tickets before and after Masses for their annual Christmas Basket Raffle. The basket includes custom made afghan and other custom homemade items, sparkling drinks, Christmas treats & decorations, goodies and \$100 gift card. Proceeds will go to our local nursing homes and other charitable organizations. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20; the drawing will be Sunday, December 18, 2022--You need not be present to win!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12 November

Anticipated Mass for the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 13 November

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
8 am Lilian Madan Gamble +
9:30 am Daniel Brennan +
11 am Adebisi Onakoya + [month's mind]

Monday, 14 November

Votive Mass of the Five Wounds
9 am our beloved dead +

Tuesday, 15 November

Votive Mass of the Five Wounds
9 am our beloved dead +

Wednesday, 16 November

Votive Mass of the Five Wounds
9 am our beloved dead +

Thursday, 17 November

Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
9 am Roberto Lavin +

Friday, 18 November

Votive Mass of the Five Wounds
9 am our beloved dead +

Saturday, 19 November

Votive Mass of the Five Wounds
10 am our beloved dead +
Anticipated Mass for the Feast of Christ the King
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 20 November

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8 am James Wallace +
9:30 am Jack Figel
11 am Marian and Andy Luther

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