



MASSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Mass Tuesday-Friday in the chapel at 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 3-4 pm

in the chapel

& ST IGNATIUS ST LUKE'S

24 January 2021

COME, FOLLOW ME

"...Samuel was from a child brought to the house of the Lord; and in due time he was called to a sacred office, and made a prophet. He was called, and he forthwith answered the call. God said, 'Samuel, Samuel.' He did not understand at first who called, and what was meant; but on going to Eli he learned who spoke, and what his answer should be. So when God called again, he said, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.' Here is prompt obedience...

...we read of the Apostles, that 'Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. *And they straightway left their nets and followed Him.*' [Matt. iv. 18-20.] Again; when He saw James and John with their father Zebedee, 'He *called* them; and they *immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed Him.*' And so of St. Matthew at the receipt of custom, 'He said unto him, Follow Me; and he left all, rose up, and followed Him.'...

Such are the instances of Divine calls in Scripture, and their characteristic is this; to require instant obedience, and next to call us we know not to what; to call us on in the darkness. Faith alone can obey them.

But it may be urged, How does this concern us now? We were all called to serve God in infancy, before we could obey or disobey; ... having been brought into it in infancy through Holy Baptism, by the act of our parents. Calling is not a thing future with us, but a thing past.

This is true in a very sufficient sense; and yet it is true also that the passages of Scripture which I have been quoting do apply to us still...For in truth we are not called once only, but many times; all through our life Christ is calling us. He called us first in Baptism; but afterwards also; ... If we fall from our Baptism, He calls us to repent; if we are striving to fulfil our calling, He calls us on from grace to grace, and from holiness to holiness, while life is given us. ... we are all in course of calling, on and on, from one thing to another, having no resting-place, but mounting towards our eternal rest, and obeying one command only to have another put upon us. He calls us again and again, in order to justify us again and again,—and again and again, and more and more, to sanctify and glorify us....

And these Divine calls are commonly, from the nature of the case, sudden now, and as indefinite and obscure in their consequences as in former times. The accidents

and events of life are, as is obvious, one special way in which the calls I speak of come to us...A man is going on as usual; he comes home one day, and finds a letter, or a message, or a person, whereby a sudden trial comes on him, which, if met religiously, will be the means of advancing him to a higher state of religious excellence, which at present he little comprehends...

Perhaps it may be the loss of some dear friend or relative through which the call comes to us; which shows us the vanity of things below, and prompts us to make God our sole stay....

Or again, perhaps something occurs to force us to take a part for God or against Him. The world requires of us some sacrifice which we see we ought not to grant to it. Some tempting offer is made us; or some reproach or discredit threatened us; ...

Or again, we may have a resolution grow on us to serve God more strictly in His house and in private than heretofore. This is a call to higher things; let us beware lest we receive the grace of God in vain. ...

Nothing is more certain in matter of fact, than that some men do feel themselves called to high duties and works, to which others are not called. Why this is we do not know; whether it be that those who are not called, forfeit the call from having failed in former trials, or have been called and have not followed; ...yet He really does call some men by His free grace to higher things than others; ... If God calls us to greater renunciation of the world, and exacts a sacrifice of our hopes and fears, this is our gain, this is a mark of His love for us, this is a thing to be rejoiced in. Such thoughts, when properly entertained, have no tendency to puff us up; ... We need not fear spiritual pride then, in following Christ's call, if we follow it as men in earnest. Earnestness has no time to compare itself with the state of other men; earnestness has too vivid a feeling of its own infirmities to be elated at itself.... It simply says, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth,' 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' Oh that we had more of this spirit! Oh that we could take that simple view of things, as to feel that the one thing which lies before us is to please God! What gain is it to please the world, to please the great, nay, even to please those whom we love, compared with this?"

From Divine Calls, a sermon by St. John Henry Newman

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, 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, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; 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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are looking for men 18 years old and older that are in good standing with the Catholic Church to join the parish's own St John Fisher Council 16499. If you are interested, please contact brother Knight Joe Chancio at 301-751-2368 or email jchan319@comcast.net.

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23 January

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm Lilian C. Madan

Sunday, 24 January

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Larry Fine +

11 am Soren Hansen

Monday, 25 January

Feria

9 am *no public mass*

Tuesday, 26 January

Timothy and Titus, Bishops

9 am Bernice Newman + [month's mind]

Wednesday, 27 January

Angela Merici, Virgin

9 am Teotimo Ritumban + [Susie Martinez]

Thursday, 28 January

Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9 am Jeannette Arechavaleta +

Friday, 29 January

Feria

9 am living and deceased benefactors
of the Madan-Casas family

Saturday, 30 January

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm those who have wronged the Madan-Casas family

Sunday, 31 January

Septuagesima

8 am Patricia Brown + [Joe Chancio]

9:30 am Pro populo

11 am María López +

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