



### MASSSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

*Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am*

*Saturday at 10 am*

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm

*in the chapel*

# & ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

9 May 2021

## ROGATIONTIDE

*Traditionally observed with processions and the Litany of the Saints, Rogation Days are days during which we ask God to avert the chastisements He makes manifest through natural disasters, and to bestow His blessings, particularly with regard to farming, gardening, and other agricultural pursuits. These days leading up to the Feast of the Ascension are set aside to remind us how radically dependent we are on God through His creation, and how prayer can help protect us from nature's often cruel ways. It is a good time to reflect on our relationship to the rest of God's creation.*

48. ...The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole....In nature, the believer recognizes the wonderful result of God's creative activity, which we may use responsibly to satisfy our legitimate needs, material or otherwise, while respecting the intrinsic balance of creation. If this vision is lost, we end up either considering nature an untouchable taboo or, on the contrary, abusing it. Neither attitude is consonant with the Christian vision of nature as the fruit of God's creation.

Nature expresses a design of love and truth. It is prior to us, and it has been given to us by God as the setting for our life....It is destined to be "recapitulated" in Christ at the end of time (cf. Eph 1:9-10; Col 1:19-20)....Nature is at our disposal not as "a heap of scattered refuse", but as a gift of the Creator who has given it an inbuilt order, enabling man to draw from it the principles needed in order "to till it and keep it" (Gen 2:15)....

50. ...Human beings legitimately exercise a responsible stewardship over nature, in order to protect it, to enjoy its fruits and to cultivate it in new ways, with the assistance of advanced technologies, so that it can worthily accommodate and feed the world's population....At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it. This means being committed to making joint decisions "after pondering responsibly the road to be taken, decisions aimed at strengthening that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying"....One of the greatest challenges facing the economy is to achieve the most efficient use — not abuse — of natural resources, based on a realization that the notion of "efficiency" is not value-free.

51. The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa. This invites contemporary society to a serious review of its life-style, which, in many parts of the world, is prone to hedonism and consumerism, regardless of their harmful

consequences. What is needed is an effective shift in mentality which can lead to the adoption of new life-styles "in which the quest for truth, beauty, goodness and communion with others for the sake of common growth are the factors which determine consumer choices, savings and investments". Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment, just as environmental deterioration in turn upsets relations in society. Nature, especially in our time, is so integrated into the dynamics of society and culture that by now it hardly constitutes an independent variable. Desertification and the decline in productivity in some agricultural areas are also the result of impoverishment and underdevelopment among their inhabitants. When incentives are offered for their economic and cultural development, nature itself is protected. Moreover, how many natural resources are squandered by wars! Peace in and among peoples would also provide greater protection for nature. The hoarding of resources, especially water, can generate serious conflicts among the peoples involved. Peaceful agreement about the use of resources can protect nature and, at the same time, the well-being of the societies concerned.

The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere. In so doing, she must defend not only earth, water and air as gifts of creation that belong to everyone. She must above all protect mankind from self-destruction. ...

In order to protect nature, it is not enough to intervene with economic incentives or deterrents; not even an apposite education is sufficient. These are important steps, but the decisive issue is the overall moral tenor of society. If there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology. It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational systems and laws do not help them to respect themselves. The book of nature is one and indivisible: it takes in not only the environment but also life, sexuality, marriage, the family, social relations: in a word, integral human development. Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. Herein lies a grave contradiction in our mentality and practice today: one which demeans the person, disrupts the environment and damages society.

*From the 2009 encyclical letter Caritas in Veritate, Chapter Four [third section] —The Environment, by Pope Benedict XVI*

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Gary Schenk, 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, 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 [for 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**

**ASCENSION THURSDAY** is this Thursday, May 13th. It is a **holyday of obligation** for members of the Ordinariate. Masses will be at 9 am and 7:30 pm.

**THE LADIES OF CHARITY** wish to thank all those who contributed to the Lenten Virtual Food Drive. Because of your generosity, more than \$6400 was raised to assist local food banks. May God bless you for your charity.

## **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, 8 May**

*Anticipated Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

4:30 pm Dallas Willard +

### **Sunday, 9 May**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, *called Rogation Sunday*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Doris Parker + [Diana Gritz]

11 am Anne White

### **Monday, 10 May**

*Rogation Day*

*Damien de Veuster, Priest*

9 am Sonja Benesha White + [Ladies of Charity]

### **Tuesday, 11 May**

*Rogation Day*

9 am Douglas Adams +

### **Wednesday, 12 May**

*Rogation Day*

9 am Joan Gamba + [Rosemary Coller]

### **Thursday, 13 May**

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9 am Paul Michalco +

7:30 pm Pro populo

### **Friday, 14 May**

*Matthias, Apostle*

9 am the godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

### **Saturday, 15 May**

*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

10 am Irene Skoff + [Rosemary Coller]

*Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension [RM]*

4:30 pm Karis Lim

### **Sunday, 16 May**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter [DW]

The Solemnity of the Ascension [RM]

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Joseph Fourier +

11 am James Maury Hensen +

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