



MASSES

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

4 July 2021

THE SURPRISE OF JESUS

What surprised Jesus

...“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place, among his own kin, in his own house.” People say familiarity breeds contempt, but sometimes what familiarity breeds is blindness. In other words, we know something or someone so well in one way, or we think we know them better than we do, so that it becomes hard to really see and hear them. Sometimes a stranger sees and hears them better.

“We know this guy — the carpenter. Who does he think he is?” Jesus is always amazing people, but what’s really surprising, if we aren’t dulled by familiarity, is that in this Gospel the amazement is a two-way street. Not only are the people astonished at Jesus’ words, Jesus is amazed at their lack of faith.

Can you imagine Jesus being amazed? I’m not sure I can. It doesn’t happen often in the Gospels. Only twice we read that Jesus was amazed. The two things that amazed him were the unbelief of his neighbors at Nazareth and the faith of the Roman centurion with the sick servant.

You remember last week Jairus the synagogue leader asked Jesus to come to his house and lay his hands on his daughter and heal her. But do you remember what the Roman centurion said?

“Lord, I’m not worthy for you to enter under my roof — and you don’t have to. I know how authority works. When I tell one of my men to do something, I know it’ll be done. If you just say the word, my servant will be healed.”

That’s the faith that amazed Jesus, especially finding such faith in a foreigner, a commanding officer of the pagan Roman empire.

What surprised the Nazarenes

Today Jesus is amazed for the opposite reason, because of the unbelief of his fellow Nazarenes. And he knows how a prophet is never honored at home! He knows these people as well as they know him, or think they do. He grew up here! And yet he’s amazed.

Mark doesn’t tell us what Jesus said that caused such a stir, but Luke tells us that when Jesus went to Nazareth he announced the fulfillment of prophecy from Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord ... has anointed me to preach good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind ... liberty to the oppressed.”

Then he reminded them of two Old Testament stories about the prophets Elijah and Elisha miraculously helping two foreigners — the widow of Zarephath, who

was Phoenician, and Naaman the leper, who was Syrian. These weren’t God’s people, and there were lots of widows and lepers among God’s people, but God didn’t send Elijah and Elisha to them! Just these two foreigners.

This is what most outraged Jesus’ neighbors: this hometown boy telling them not only that the God of their people, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, loved and cared about foreigners too, but in some cases foreigners might be first with God, like the Roman centurion, and good Jews like them might be last....

Are we Nazarenes?

It’s easy for us to shake our heads at Jesus’ Nazarene neighbors and their unbelief. What’s wrong with these people? Hard of face and obstinate of heart, like the first reading from Ezekiel tells us.

Perhaps sometimes we’re more like them than we’d care to admit. We hear these Gospels week after week our whole lives. We aren’t often surprised by them, and sometimes we’re in danger of thinking we get them, thinking we get Jesus, better than we do...

Jesus and idols

Everywhere you turn people are claiming Jesus’ personal support for whatever it is they believe. Jesus is a Republican. He’s a Democrat. He supports gun rights. He supports gun control. He’s whatever I see when I look in the mirror.

You know what that is? That’s an idol. A false god, made in our own image. A mask for another idol: gay rights, border control, my party, my view on guns. We turn the Alpha and the Omega into a team mascot, a sock puppet who agrees with whatever we say. No wonder it never surprises us!

Sometimes you hear people say “God wouldn’t want me to suffer like this.” Tell it to St. Paul with his thorn in the flesh. Three times he prayed that it would be taken away. But God said, “My grace is sufficient for you. Power is made perfect in weakness.”

Lord, let us be weak before you. Make us willing to be surprised by you. Smash our idols. Break through our dull familiarity. Teach us to pray not to what we think you are, but to what you know yourself to be. Amen.

From *The Surprise of Jesus: A homily for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time* by Deacon Steven Greydanus, a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Newark, National Catholic Register, July 8, 2018

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Peter Queen, Fredrick Taggart, 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 [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

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will hold their next meeting on 17 July at 11 am. Interested in serving the poor and underprivileged in our area? Contact Diana Gritz at dmp1954@aol.com.

USHERS

We need more ushers for our Masses. If you can assist in this important ministry, please contact the office and let us know.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are finally ready to proceed with our photo directory for St. Ignatius and St. Luke's. Photos will be taken September 9th-11th. Every family photographed will receive a complimentary directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait. Families have the option of purchasing additional portraits.

1. Go to <https://ucdir.com/> and click on the box **Photography Appointment Scheduling Login** on the right side of the screen.
2. You will be prompted to give the *Church Code*, which is MD181, and the *Church Password*, which is photos.

Pick your day and time and you're done! So sign up today--it's easy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 3 July

Anticipated Mass for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm The Hickey family [George F. Hickey Jr]

Sunday, 4 July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity [OT 14]

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Edwin Smith Sr + [Edwin Smith]

11 am Marie Vaillant + [Edwin Smith]

Monday, 5 July

Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

Elizabeth of Portugal

9 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

Tuesday, 6 July

Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

Wednesday, 7 July

Feria

9 am Mary Elizabeth Jenkins Surratt +

Thursday, 8 July

Feria

9 am living and deceased benefactors

of the Madan-Casas family

Friday, 9 July

Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Our Lady of the Atonement

9 am those who have wronged the Madan-Casas family

Saturday, 10 July

Feria

10 am Lina Privitera + [month's mind]

Anticipated Mass for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Lina Privitera + [Rosemary Collier]

Sunday, 11 July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity [OT 15]

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Jane Logsdon [Jane Slattery]

11 am Lilian C. Madan

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