



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

12 September 2021

YOU MUST TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DAILY

... "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Lk 9:23). These words denote the radicality of a choice that does not allow for hesitation or second thoughts. It is a demanding requirement that unsettled even the disciples and that, throughout the ages, has held back many men and women from following Christ. But precisely this radicality has also produced admirable examples of sanctity and martyrdom that strengthened and confirmed the way of the Church. Even today these words are regarded as a stumbling block and folly (cf. *1 Cor* 1: 22-25). Yet they must be faced, because the path outlined by God for his Son is the path to be undertaken by the disciple who has decided to follow Jesus. There are not two paths, but only one: the one trodden by the Master. The disciple cannot invent a different way.



Jesus walks ahead of his followers and asks each one to do as he himself has done. He says: I have not come to be served, but to serve; so, whoever wants to be like me must be the servant of everyone. I have come to you as one who possesses nothing; for this reason, I can ask you to leave all riches

behind which prevent you from entering the Kingdom of Heaven. I accept denial and rejection by most of my people; therefore I can ask you to accept denial and opposition from wherever it comes.

In other words, Jesus asks that we courageously choose the same path. We have to choose it from our hearts, because external situations do not depend on us. In so far as it is possible, the will to be as obedient as he was to the Father and to be ready to accept the plan which he has for each person right to the end depends upon each of us.

"He must deny himself". To deny oneself is to give up one's own plans that are often small and petty in order to accept God's plan. This is the path of conversion, something indispensable in a Christian life, and that led Saint Paul to say, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal* 2:20).

Jesus does not ask us to give up living, but to accept a newness and a fullness of life that only He can give. The human being has a deep-rooted tendency to "think only

of self", to regard one's own person as the centre of interest and to see oneself as the standard against which to gauge everything. One who chooses to follow Christ, on the other hand, avoids being wrapped up in himself and does not evaluate things according to self interest. He looks on life in terms of gift and gratuitousness, not in terms of conquest and possession. Life in its fullness is only lived in self-giving, and that is the fruit of the grace of Christ: an existence that is free and in communion with God and neighbour (cf. *Gaudium et spes*, 24).

If to live as a follower of the Lord becomes the highest value, then all other values are given their rightful rank and importance. Whoever depends solely on worldly goods will end up by losing, even though there might seem to be an appearance of success. Death will find that person with an abundance of possessions but having lived a wasted life (cf. *Lk* 12:13-21). Therefore, the choice is between being and having, between a full life and an empty existence, between truth and falsehood...

...There is a widespread culture of the ephemeral that only attaches value to whatever is pleasing or beautiful, and it would like us to believe that it is necessary to remove the cross in order to be happy. The ideal presented is one of instant success, a fast career, sexuality separated from any sense of responsibility, and ultimately, an existence centred on self affirmation, often bereft of respect for others.

Open your eyes and observe well, my dear young people: this is not the road that leads to true life, but it is the path that sinks into death. Jesus said: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Jesus leaves us under no illusions: "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" (*Lk* 9:24-25). With the truth of his words that sound hard but fill the heart with peace, Jesus reveals the secret of how to live a true life (cf. *Talk to the young people of Rome*, 2 April 1998).

Therefore, do not be afraid to walk the way first trodden by the Lord.... Mary the Mother of the Lord always walks with you. She was the first of the disciples, and she remained faithful at the foot of the Cross where Christ entrusted us to her motherly care.

by Pope Saint John Paul II

The Holy Father's Message of February 14, 2001 to the Youth of the world on the occasion of the 16th annual World Youth Day.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, 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

NOVENA OF THANKSGIVING

The 9th of October marks the tenth anniversary of the entrance of the parish of St Luke's Episcopal Church [Bladensburg] into the Roman Catholic Church. We celebrate this happy event annually with a Novena of Thanksgiving that runs from October 9th [the Feast of St. John Henry Newman] to October 18th [the Feast of St. Luke].

We will be celebrating our tenth anniversary with especial jubilation:

CHORAL EVENSONG Friday, October 8th at 7 pm
on the Vigil of the Feast of St. John Henry Newman Fr. Mark Lewis, preacher
Reception following

FESTAL MASS Saturday, October 9th at noon
on the Tenth Anniversary of the Reception of St. Luke's Rt. Rev. Steven Lopes, celebrant
Pig roast following

SOLEMN MASS Sunday October 17th at 11 am
for the Feast of St. Luke Coffee hour following

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 11 September

Anticipated Mass for the 15th Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm those who have died unprepared +

Sunday, 12 September

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am David Lamdin [Edwin Smith]

11 am Paul Michalco +

Monday, 13 September

John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday, 14 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9 am special intention [Rafael A. Madan]

Wednesday, 15 September

Ember Wednesday in September

Our Lady of Sorrows

9 am Kenneth Doyle + [anniversary commemoration]

Thursday, 16 September

Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9 am Rafael Madan y Diago +

Friday, 17 September

Ember Friday in September

Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9 am the needs and concerns of visitors to our parish

Saturday, 18 September

Ember Saturday in September

10 am Anne Whelan

Anticipated Mass for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

4:30 pm Lina Privitera + [Paula Sutphin]

Sunday, 19 September

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

11 am Rev. Arthur Woolley + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

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