



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**

26 September 2021

IN WHICH WE DO NOT SEE

I've been thinking lately how very often the physical plane belies the spiritual plane. Far too often we only recognize the spiritual plane when it is embodied in the physical. We recognize the bravery of the soldier, the selflessness of the firefighter, the charity of the martyr, because the physical and spiritual are united in those actions. I think though that when, at the end of time, we see each life played out, we will marvel to find that some of earth's greatest acts of true charity were seen at the time as utterly unremarkable. They were seen, but not seen. That is to say, we saw the physical, but could not pierce the veil of the spiritual.

We say to ourselves, "I am not doing great things for God." But St. Therese has taught us nothing if not that we are to do small things with great love. In every day, at every moment, Christ desires *something* from us. In almost every moment, what he desires of us is completely mundane: working, cleaning, talking to someone, waiting in line. And yet, in that moment, that is God's will for us. "I am not doing great things for God?" On the contrary, *all* we can do is His will for us. That is the great thing. It's *how* we act in that moment that determines the greatness.

As St. Therese relates, "...I was working in the laundry, and the Sister opposite, while washing handkerchiefs, repeatedly splashed me with dirty water. My first impulse was to draw back and wipe my face, to show the offender I should be glad if she would behave more quietly; but the next minute I thought how foolish it was to refuse the treasures God offered me so generously, and I refrained from betraying my annoyance. On the contrary, I made such efforts to welcome the shower of dirty water, that at the end of half an hour I had taken quite a fancy to this novel kind of aspersion, and I resolved to come as often as I could to the happy spot where such treasures were freely bestowed...[Y]ou see that I am a very little soul, who can only offer very little things to Our Lord."

A "little thing" and yet the result is a "treasure." Yet what would our earthly eyes see in this scene? Two women washing dishes. Completely unremarkable. We do not see, truly, many such scenes: a man offering a word of encouragement though he himself is saddened; a mother with eyes closed, rocking her child; two women washing dishes. In the end, when the veil between physical and spiritual is finally rent, and we witness these scenes in eternity, we will gasp and weep to behold their true beauty.

"...I had offered myself to the Child Jesus to be His little

plaything. I told Him not to treat me like one of those precious toys which children only look at and dare not touch, but to treat me like a little ball of no value, that could be thrown on the ground, kicked about, pierced, left in a corner, or pressed to His Heart just as it might please Him...In Rome Jesus pierced His little plaything. He wanted to see what was inside . . . and when satisfied, He let it drop and went to sleep. What was He doing during His sweet slumber, and what became of the ball thus cast on one side? He dreamed that He was still at play, that He took it up or threw it down, that He rolled it far away, but at last He pressed it to His Heart, nor did He allow it again to slip from His tiny Hand."

St. Therese, pray for us!

From *the blog Between the Paws*, by Tim Clark, September 27, 2019, betweenthepa.ws/p/in-which-we-do-not-see

"Sometimes it may seem to us that there is no purpose in our lives, that going day after day for years to this office or that school or factory is nothing else but waste and weariness. But it may be that God has sent us there because but for us, Christ would not be there. If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile."

"We do not have to discover in which of several people Christ is to be found; we must look for Him in them all. And not in an experimental spirit, to discover whether He is in them . . . but with the absolute certainty that He is. . . . Christ does not choose to be known through outward appearances—even the appearance of virtue."

"... those who seek the lost Lord will find traces of His being and beauty in all that men have made, from music and poetry and sculpture to the gingerbread men in the pâtisseries, from the final calculation of the pure mathematician to the first delighted chalk drawing of a small child."



From *The Reed of God* by Caryl Houselander

Caryl Houselander (29 September 1901 – 12 October 1954) was a lay Roman Catholic ecclesiastical artist, mystic, popular religious writer and poet.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Paula Luther, 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 <i>on the Vigil of the Feast of St. John Henry Newman</i>	Friday, October 8th at 7 pm Fr. Mark Lewis, preacher Reception following
FESTAL MASS <i>on the Tenth Anniversary of the Reception of St. Luke's</i>	Saturday, October 9th at noon Rt. Rev. Steven Lopes, celebrant Pig roast following
SOLEMN MASS <i>for the Feast of St. Luke</i>	Sunday October 17th at 11 am Coffee hour following

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 25 September

Anticipated Mass for the 17th Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm Pro populo

Sunday, 26 September

The 17th Sunday after Trinity
8 am Lorraine Killion [Edwin Smith]
9:30 am John Donovan [Jane Slattery]
11 am Clay Saunders +

Monday, 27 September

Vincent de Paul, Priest
9 am Lorraine Killion [Jane Slattery]

Tuesday, 28 September

Wenceslas, Martyr
Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
9 am Michael Slattery [Jane Slattery]

Wednesday, 29 September

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
9 am Rafael A. Madan

Thursday, 30 September

Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9 am Russell Maske +

Friday, 1 October

Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9 am the Guinivan family

Saturday, 2 October

Holy Guardian Angels
10 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]
Anticipated Mass for the 18th Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm Pro populo

Sunday, 3 October

The 18th Sunday after Trinity
8 am Guy Caron +
9:30 am Jane Donovan [Jane Slattery]
11 am the ancestors of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan +

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