



### 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**

**3 October 2021**

## THE CHRISTIAN NOTION OF MARRIAGE

...For Christians, marriage is a sacrament; and you may almost say that for Christians it is *the* sacrament *par excellence*. Not in the sense that it is the most important on the list, obviously. No, but in the sense that it helps us, more than any of the others, to understand what the word “sacrament” means. Quite true, it is a sacrament with a difference; the matter of it is not what we ordinarily mean by matter, the form of it is nowhere laid down as of necessity, and the ministers of it are not at all the people you expect them to be. All that is true, but there’s this to be said on the other side; matrimony is the only sacrament which is *called* a sacrament in the Bible. A man will leave his father and mother, St. Paul says to the Ephesians, and will cling to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. Yes, those words are a high mystery—*sacramentum*, of course, is just a token-word used to represent the Greek *mysterion*. Those words, you see, go right back behind the Christian dispensation, go right back to the creation of man and woman, and yet they are sacramental. That is as much as to say that marriage is a natural sacrament; although it could not confer grace until the reign of grace had begun, it had all the characteristics of a sacramental transaction....

...You may almost say that matrimony, rather than baptism, is the gate of the sacraments. Baptism, after all, derives its efficacy from the Incarnation, from the act by which our Lord incorporates us into himself; the Mystical Body is the matrix of our spiritual rebirth. And the Church is the Bride of Christ, the wedding comes before the christening. But, you may say, that is only a metaphor. You know, I think St. Paul would have hated to hear you talk like that. Immediately after the words I quoted just now, about the great mystery, he goes on to the real point: “Those words are a great mystery, and I am applying them to Christ and his Church.” And in the same passage, “the man is the head to which the woman is united, just as Christ is the head of the Church.” St. Paul is always talking like that; in the Corinthians he makes it even more explicit: “The head to which a wife is united is her husband, just as the head to which every man is united is Christ; so too, the head to which Christ is united is God.” I don’t pretend that St. Paul is using very feminist language. You have to make allowance, I think, for the times in which he lived; you must remember the sort of position married women occupied in his day, remember the old Roman’s epitaph on his

wife, which runs, DOMI MANSIT LANAM FECIT VALE—“She stayed home and got on with her knitting: good-bye.” But, leaving all that controversial matter on one side, the point of what St. Paul is saying is that the bond which unites man and wife is the same bond which unites Christ and his Church; and therefore in a sense is the same bond which unites Manhood and Divinity in Christ himself. Marriage, Christian marriage, is the analogue and the extension of the Incarnation.

New Testament theology, you see, has that fearless mystical approach which always interprets the lower in terms of the higher; spirit, not matter, is the *reality*—you get it especially in our Lord’s discourses in St. John. And you get it in St. Paul; he refers to Almighty God as the Father from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth is named; you see what that means? We talk as if Mr. Jones was a father in the literal sense, and Almighty God could only be called the Father by a metaphor; no, says St. Paul, it’s Almighty God who is literally a father; it’s a kind of metaphor when we use the word “father” in relation to Mr. Jones. And so here; he doesn’t say that human marriage is a convenient illustration by which we can make it more clear to ourselves what the Incarnation means. No, we shan’t begin to understand human marriage until we realize that it is a kind of image of the Incarnation, an echo of the Incarnation. Contemplate the love of Christ for his Church, and then you may form some idea of what love between a Christian man and a Christian woman really means. For it is as an extension of the Divine love that human love exists.

*From The Hidden Stream: Mysteries of the Christian Faith [1953] by Msgr. Ronald Knox*



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Andy Luther, Paula Luther, Marie Norment, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, 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

This Saturday 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

CHORAL EVENSONG <i>on the Eve 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, 2 October

*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 +

### Monday, 4 October

*Francis of Assisi*

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

### Tuesday, 5 October

*Faustina Kowalska, Virgin*

*Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

9 am Carmen Delaney + [month's mind]

### Wednesday, 6 October

*Bl. Maris Rose Durocher, Virgin*

*Bruno, Priest*

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

### Thursday, 7 October

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

9 am Jeanne Lamontagne +

### Friday, 8 October

*Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs*

*John Leonardi, Priest*

9 am John Slattery [Jane Slattery]

### Saturday, 9 October

*John Henry Newman, Priest*

10 am Rev. Paul Herbert [Rosemary Coller]

Noon Charles Sommerkamp, Wanda Maske, Douglass Ruff,  
Doris Johnson, Russell Maske, and Carmen Delaney +

*Anticipated Mass for the 19th Sunday after Trinity*

4:30 pm James Hawkins + [Ladies of Charity]

### Sunday, 10 October

*The 19th Sunday after Trinity*

8 am pro populo

9:30 am Edwin P. Smith

11 am Paul and Helen Michalco + [Rebecca Michalco]

### St. Ignatius Finance Council

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