

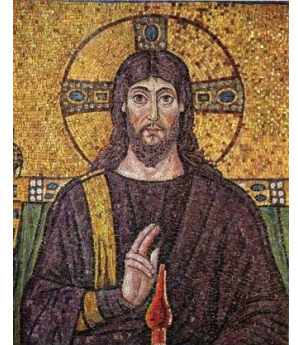


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Holy Land, Holy Spaces

The Rest of the Story

As you discipline your mind towards healthy thoughts and ideas, your body soon follows. You gain a fit, strong, and vigorous physique. As you bend your attention, thinking, and awareness towards God, your heart follows. Your soul becomes liberated, light and unbound.



As you practice love and the free conveyance of your blessings, your soul becomes consecrated with God's Love. It becomes a sanctified vessel within our human bounds. It is filled with Holy Grace and you become a temple of the Holy Spirit and source of life for others. You become in fact, a Holy Space.

This past February a group of over 50 people primarily from St. Hilary went to Israel to tour the Holy Land and experience the Gospel of St. Luke in the land and specific places where the events in it occurred.

Regarding St. Luke: he ties in the biblical history of God's dealings with humanity, specifically showing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Luke binds and connects how the salvation promised to Israel and accomplished by Jesus has been extended, broadened, and offered to the Gentiles.

It is essential to note that Luke's story of Jesus and the church is dominated by a historical perspective with emphasis on salvation history. The story as conveyed by St. Luke is set in, tied to and documented as part of Human History. These are Real events as seen and experienced by eyewitnesses.¹

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Angel Gabriel – Nazareth, Galilee

Thus upon arriving in Israel and starting in Nazareth, it soon became evident that something special was happening. The realization that Jesus Christ was not just some intellectual ascent, but a real human being with physical evidence of his existence began to seep into one's consciousness.

¹ Also important: Luke shows that the preaching and teaching of the representatives of the early church are grounded in the preaching and teaching of Jesus. Luke documents His historical ministry prepared His specially chosen followers and commissioned them to be witnesses to His resurrection and to all else that He did. This continuity between the historical ministry of Jesus and the ministry of the apostles is Luke's way of guaranteeing the fidelity of the Church's teaching to the teaching of Jesus.

One's awareness began to understand that Jesus was real, actual, factual, and tangible. He was made of flesh, blood, muscle, bone, sinew, and hair. Jesus walked the stone pavements, paths and roads. He breathed the air, drank the water and sat on the ground. Jesus became extant. Jesus became present.

Let us pay close attention to the Scripture and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the specific mission given to each one of us. Amen. And AMEN.

Luke 1:26-38 Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Catechism *Prayer Before Action* **2600**

The Gospel according to St. Luke emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of prayer in Christ's ministry. Jesus prays before the decisive moments of his mission: before his Father's witness to him during his baptism and Transfiguration, and before his own fulfillment of the Father's plan of love by his Passion.

He also prays before the decisive moments involving the mission of his apostles: at his election and call of the Twelve, before Peter's confession of him as "the Christ of God," and again that the faith of the chief of the Apostles may not fail when tempted.

Jesus' prayer before the events of salvation that the Father has asked him to fulfill is a humble and trusting commitment of his human will to the loving will of the Father.

Modern Comment
Holy Land, Holy Spaces - The Rest of the Story
RJ Bradner



God is with us. He moves Like A Silent Wind in our footsteps and thoughts and words. Amen Brothers. Amen.
RJ Bradner

Focus Questions:

1. What new things did you hear? What surprised you the most?

2. What resonated with you? Explain how.

3. Any ideas how you can take the scripture message and use it in your life?

It is NOT about us that counts.
It is the Spirit of God that speaks through us
that makes a positive difference in the world.
May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group

Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts. Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one another. It is not about us. It is about reaching out in love.

Men's Group Calendar

4/22/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
5/13/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
5/27/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
6/10/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass

You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.

A Man who never quits is Never Defeated. We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

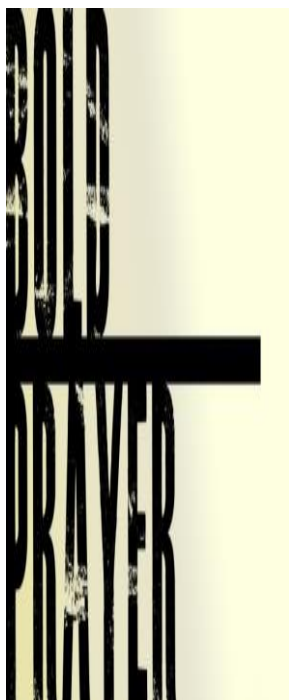


DAILY EXAMEN OF CONSCIOUSNESS

How Aware am I of God's Presence

Modern Exercise – Twice Daily

- 1. Practice Gratitude of some current Blessing.**
- 2. Offer Petition or Prayer to God.**
- 3. Discern whether you are in Consolation (with) or Desolation (without) God.**
- 4. Forgive someone.**
- 5. Make Resolution for rest of Day.**



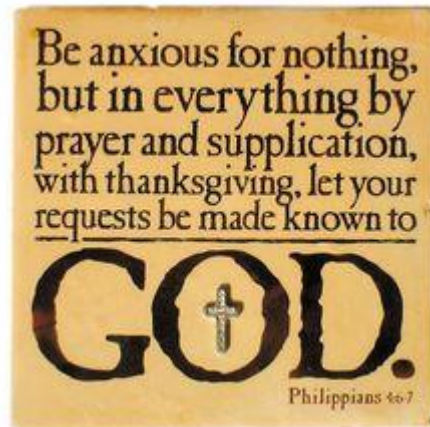
Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

**You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.
Amen. And AMEN.**





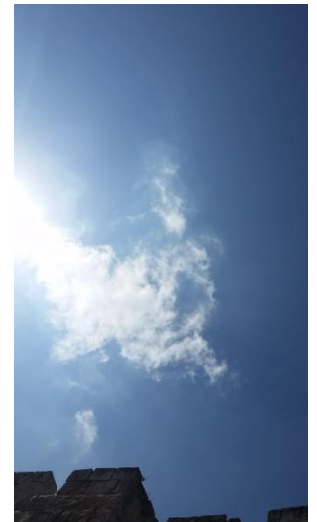
“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Mark 11:24

Act of Contrition

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins not merely because of the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offended thee my God who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen



ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

- Creating a daily prayer practice.
- Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
- Paying more attention to God's Blessings in my life.
- Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.
- Use Every Moment to see Jesus in all things.

Litany of Saints

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Holy Mary: Pray for us.
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Pray for us.
Angels of God: Pray for us.
Abraham, Moses, and Elijah: Pray for us.
Saint Joseph: Pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist: Pray for us.
Holy prophets: Pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul: Pray for us.
All Holy Apostles: Pray for us.
Saint Mary Magdalene: Pray for us.
All disciples of the Lord: Pray for us.
Saint Stephen: Pray for us.
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity: Pray for us.
Saint Agnes: Pray for us.
Saint Boniface: Pray for us.
Saint Thomas More: Pray for us.
Saint Hilary: Pray for us.
All Holy Martyrs: Pray for us.
Saint Augustine: Pray for us.
Saint Basil and Saint Gregory: Pray for us.
Saint John Chrysostom: Pray for us.
Saint Catherine: Pray for us.
Saint Teresa d'Avila: Pray for us.
Saint Patrick and Saint Barbara: Pray for us.
Saint Benedict: Pray for us.
Saint Ignatius: Pray for us.
Saint Clare and Saint Ann: Pray for us.
Saint Francis Xavier: Pray for us.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Pray for us.
Saint Elizabeth: Pray for us.
Saint Therese & Saint Joan of Arc: Pray for us.
Saint John Vianney: Pray for us.
All holy men and women: Pray for us.
Lord, be merciful: Lord, save your people.
From all harm: Lord, save your people.
From every sin: Lord, save your people.
From all temptations: Lord, save your people.
From everlasting death: Lord, save your people.
By your coming among us: Lord, save your people.
By your death and rising to new life:
Lord, save your people.
By the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Lord, save your people.
Be merciful to us sinners: Lord, hear our prayer.
Guide and protect your holy church:
Lord, hear our prayer.
Bring all peoples together in trust and peace:
Lord, hear our prayer.
Strengthen us in service: Lord, hear our prayer.
Jesus, Son of the living God: Lord, hear our prayer.
Christ, hear us: Christ, hear us.
Praise the Lord, who is so good: God's love endures forever.
Praise the God of gods: God's love endures forever.
Praise the Lord of lords: God's love endures forever.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer:
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen. And AMEN.

**Road to Heaven
Five Crucial Steps**

1. Repentance
2. Atonement
3. Forgiveness
4. Reconciliation
5. Redemption

