



Assumption Grotto
Parish - 1832 -

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

July 12, 2020



Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine - 1881 -

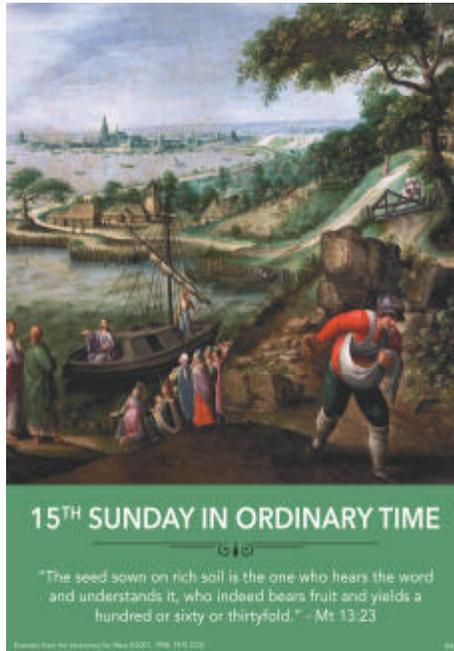
A Vicarious Descant

St. Ambrose said it is not “to lazy people, nor to them that live in the cities, nor to them that are great in worldly honors, but to them that seek Christ in the desert, that is given the heavenly nourishment: they alone who hunger after it are received by Christ into a participation of the Word and of God’s kingdom.”

St. Ambrose is not saying literally that living in the city or even laziness are impediments to heavenly nourishment, but that those who, in a spiritual sense, dwell more amidst the things of the world and in a spirit of torpor who deprive themselves of the heavenly nourishment. Such nourishment requires a soul to abandon the distractions and obstacles posed by the world and the flesh and actively seek the Lord in order to receive from Him the heavenly nourishment of His grace and sacred Body and Blood.

In the Book of Revelation the Lord says to the lukewarm of the church of Laodicea, “Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me” (Rev 3:19-20).

This reception of the “heavenly nourishment” requires preparation. The people in today’s Gospel who were fed by the miraculous loaves had been fasting for three days, even to the point of not having the strength to be able to return to their homes. We also are directed to fast before receiving the sacred Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, but the greatly relaxed



rules for fasting in our time should not diminish the “spiritual hunger” that Our Lord desires each of us to have for Him in the Holy Eucharist.

There are many similarities and remarkable differences that have been pointed out over the centuries between the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the Feeding of the Four Thousand. Several Fathers of the Church saw today’s Feeding of the Four Thousand as the greater of the two signs. The feeding of the five thousand was with five barley loaves—which was considered to be a less refined bread of the poor. The feeding of the four thousand was a smaller number, but with seven loaves (believed to be wheat) which represented the greater fullness and perfection. Dom Guéranger wrote, “In the beginning, God spent six days in giving to the universe he had

created its perfection and beauty: He consecrated the seventh to the enjoyment of His works. Seven is the number of the divine rest; it was also to be that of the fruitful rest of the sons of God, of perfect souls, in that peace which makes love secure, and is the source of the invincible power of the bride, as mentioned in the Cantic of Canticles.” Moreover, the seven baskets collected of fragments symbolizes that what has been received has been handed on in its fullness to all who follow. As our Lord said at the Sermon on the Mount, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied” (Matt 5:6).

A well-known bible scholar spoke once about the Exodus and commented how he had originally thought that Moses’ telling Pharaoh to let the Israelites journey into the desert to worship was just a ruse—an excuse to get the people out of Egypt. But he realized that it was no ruse at all, but a clear and specific command given by the Lord to Moses when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush: “when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain...you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God’” (Exodus 3:12,18).

The freedom from the slavery of Egypt was inseparable from the command that the people worship God. The liberation from slavery was to allow for the proper worship of God. This commandment to

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - July 13, 2020

7:30 a.m.— The Helpers of God’s Precious Infants

Tuesday, - July 14, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Paul Kroll (L)

Wednesday, - July 15, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Dorothy Henning (D)

Thursday, - July 16, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Theresa LaCroix (D)

Friday, - July 17, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Richard N. Decker (D)

Saturday, - July 18, 2020

7:30 a.m.— The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

Sunday, - July 19, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.— People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.—Special Intention

“The earth could exist more easily without the sun, than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” - St Pio of Pietrelcina

Mass Servers

Saturday, July 18, 2020

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

Sunday, July 19, 2020

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. &

M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

“
The things that we love tell us what we are.
”

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse. Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil. Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

****<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>**

ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH

13770 Gratiot Avenue
Detroit, MI 48205

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Eduard Perrone

Associate: Rev. Fr. John Bustamante

Deacon Rev. Mr. James Wilder

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

Evening hours by appointment

Rectory 313-372-0762, FAX 372-2064

website: www.assumptiongrotto.com

email: grotto Rectory@ameritech.net

Grotto Gift Shop 313-332-4432

Parish Council President

Anna Graziosi 313-423-6972

Organist Ray Long 313-372-0762

Email: grottomusic@ameritech.net

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00;

Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30

(Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday

7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30,

Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00

p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass.

Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT

MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the

first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call

for a form to be sent out to you.

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

worship remains to the present day. The Lord commanded things in the Old Testament that were a foreshadowing of what was to come. In today's Gospel we again hear how the people of the Law, journeying into the desert three days, were fed with miraculous bread, which was itself pointing toward the even greater miracle of the Lord's sacred Body and Blood offered for our salvation.

We worship God not solely because we have a right to, but more importantly because God has commanded that we worship Him. The people were so drawn to the Lord's words and presence, that they remained three days away from their homes and even food itself so that they would not miss anything that the Lord would say or do.

May we follow their example and journey ever closer to God into that interior desert to be fed by the Word made Flesh and by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.

-----*****-----

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful through Sunday, September 6, 2020.

-----*****-----

Call to Holiness Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin July 29 to August 1, 2020

This opportunity is for a limited number of people who will spend special time with Cardinal Burke at the beautiful and holy Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. CTH chaplain, Fr. Charles White and Fr. Robert Slaton will join us in La Crosse. Wednesday, July 29—Travel by car or fly; arrive at La Crosse with special hotel group rate. Thursday, July 30—Tour the Shrine; group luncheon at Culina Mariana Café; Rosary Walk; Mass; Private dinner with His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke <https://www.guadalupeshrine.org/>

[wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/GROUP-PLANNING-GUIDE-2020.pdf](https://www.wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/GROUP-PLANNING-GUIDE-2020.pdf) Friday, July 31—Reserved seating at Noon Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke for the Anniversary of the Shrine dedication Saturday, August 1—Return travel to Michigan Group lunch and dinner Thursday; Other meals on your own. Transportation to be arranged. Call Debbie Bloomfield for more details: 313-451-4659 or email: us at calltoholinessdetroit@gmail.com

-----*****-----

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus our three parish Seven Sisters groups renewed their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Peronne, and our Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The day began with a Holy Mass offered for all the Seven Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass, the renewal of the prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto, where we requested the help of our Lady to persevere in our commitments. We also placed the priests for whom we are praying into her protection.

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests, as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church. Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sis-

ters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

-----*****-----

The Marian Catechist 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet on alternate Saturdays at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. For more information on Marian Catechist Basic or Advanced Home Study Courses leave your name at the rectory.

-----*****-----

Susan B. Anthony List is hiring! Earn \$10-\$15/hour with possible raises and bonuses · Work 4 – 40 hours/week. You make your own schedule! We are a Pro-Life Organization, and we are here in Michigan to make a difference FOR LIFE! Since it is safe outside, we have begun hiring temporary Field Representatives in Michigan to work through the first week of November. If you have the heart for the Lord FOR LIFE, a cell phone to download our i-360 Walk app and are at least 16 years of age, let's talk! Field Representatives are being hired all around Michigan to educate voters with a simple survey. We NEED to reach out to and educate Michigan voters at the doors. PLEASE CONTACT ME TODAY: Anna Marie Danyko, Michigan Field Director, Susan B. Anthony List, (734) 284-5226, or at anna@sbalistfield.org.

-----*****-----

Morning Offering

“O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).

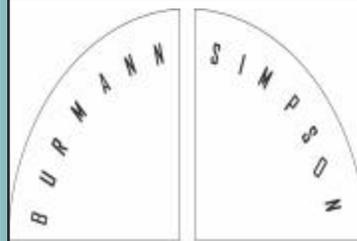


ADVANTAGE
LIVING CENTERS
REHABILITATION • SKILLED NURSING
SAMARITAN
5555 CONNER STREET, 4TH FLOOR
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48213
Tel: 313-344-4100 • Fax: 313-499-5260

Plumbing? Sewer? Drain Problems? ... We Can Help



\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE
(313) 558-8757
WaterWorkPlumbing.com
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
Licensed & Insured Master Plumber



**ARCHITECTS
ENGINEERS
HOME
INSPECTIONS**
119 W. ST. CLAIR
ROMEO
586.752.5010

BAGNASCO & CALCATERRA
FUNERAL HOMES

We're in YOUR neighborhood...

13653 E. Fifteen Mile Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (586) 977-7300
25800 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 (586) 777-0557
www.bcfh.com



*"I would like all men of the parish to join our KofC Council."
~ Father Perrone*

JOIN THE GROTTO KNIGHTS!
Contact Grand Knight
Jeff Parlow to join.
(248)-894-0608



Te Deum Laudamus!
A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner
DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI
Photos from liturgical events at Grotto; select topics in Catholicism; useful links
<http://te-deum.blogspot.com>



Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, Inc.

PLEASE ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO
"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death." - Proverbs 24:11
For more information call
(313) 530-4539



CATERING NOW AVAILABLE
23447 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe
586-773-4244
Great Food ~ Great People
www.andarysgrill.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized Provider SafeStreets 1-855-225-4251

DOWNEY'S PLUMBING
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING REPAIRS

- Sewers Cleaned Electrically
- 24-Hour Service
- Visa/MC/Disc Accepted
- 10% Senior Discount

586.775.2441



St. Ephrem Parishioner Discount
Licensed Master Plumber

catholicmatch[®] Michigan

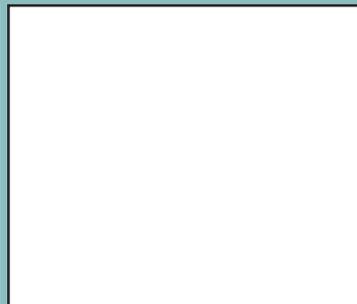


CatholicMatch.com/MI

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Catherine Gurgul** to place an ad today!
cgurgul@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2496



OTTO SCHEMANSKY SONS
MONUMENTS AND GRAVE MARKERS
GRANITE & BRONZE
Phone: (313) 365-5390
www.schemansky monuments.com
13702 Van Dyke Ave. • Detroit
Since 1883