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# ASSUMPTION GROTTA NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTA CHURCH

August 02, 2020



*Our Lady of Lourdes  
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### A Vicarious Descant

In today's Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the Gospel reading speaks about the destruction of Jerusalem. Our Lord spoke literally and spiritually of what was to come. It was a literal warning of what was to come beginning in the year 66. In that year, Cestius Gallus's Roman army encamped under the walls of Jerusalem and it appeared that the city would be taken and destroyed. But then, inexplicably, the general withdrew and the Christians who knew our Lord's words had a chance to leave the city, which they did. They sought refuge in the mountains away from Jerusalem. Here was a pagan army fulfilling the prophecy of the Lord without knowing it. It was soon afterward that another army arrived following another rebellion in the city and that army completely destroyed the city. Historians of the time recorded that a million inhabitants of the city were put to the sword.

But as St. Paul says "these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come." We understand these words to be about our salvation from eternal destruction in hell. It is through the Church that we can avert the eternal punishment. As St. Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

St. Cyril comments on the sellers and buyers in the temple saying that it was in ac-

cordance with the Law that animals were to be sacrificed in the temple. But the time was now at hand when what the Law accomplished "in figure" would come to an end: the one, true sacrificial victim drove out what no longer had meaning, since the time of the visitation was at hand.

The buying and selling of the animals in the Temple signified the loss of reverence and fidelity—having reduced something sacred to something profane. St. Gregory accounts the blame for this saying, "the destruction of the people was in great part the fault of the priests" (Ignatius, Sermons of the Fathers, Vol. 3, p. 344). St. Ambrose says that God "does not wish His Temple to be a place for buying and selling, but an abode of holiness. Neither does He intend the exercise of the priestly ministry to be an act of religion that is bought, but rather a service freely given" (ibid). As the Lord had said, "You have received without pay, give without pay" (Mt. 10: 8).

On July 12 each year the Church honors a Saint not on the new calendar—St. John Gualbert. He was a Benedictine hermit in Italy who was born around the year 1000. In that time in Italy, simony—the crime of buying and selling of bishoprics and even sacraments—was common throughout Italy and other countries. As a hermit he fought vigorously against this grave sin, seeking the sanctification of the clergy and restoration of just fruits of the vineyard due to God. At his death he was called "The Liberator of Italy." It is curious that it

was the monks of St. John Gualbert who first planted vineyards in a small region of Italy named Chianti.

The Epistle of St. Paul reminds us that the punishments of the Israelites of the Old Testament, "happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come." St. Paul warns us against self confidence, but also tells us "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor 10:11, 13). Like the Christians who heeded our Lord's warning, we have a way out of danger.

The order established by St. John Gualbert flourished in his time and for a time thereafter. But by the 1800s it, too, was in need of great reform. The zeal of the founder inspired many, but, as with our faith, too, the burden must be taken up by those who come after the founder lest that zeal wane and the love of God and neighbor grow cold.

In our own lives, many, if not all of us, have not only seen such zeal in others, but have possessed it ourselves. Our prayers were offered with great devotion and love. Our sacrifices and offerings to God were plentiful and joyfully given. But it is easy to lose that devotion. It is hard to maintain that fervor. We come to understand more powerfully our Lord's words that the gate is narrow, and few find it, few are strong enough to enter into it.

Yet St. Paul's words today give us courage—"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, - August 03, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— The Decker Family (D)

**Tuesday, - August 04, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Anna Sharp (L)

**Wednesday, - August 05, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Mary Reilly(D)

**Thursday, - August 06, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Cathy Durso (L)

**Friday, - August 07, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Poor Souls

7:00 p.m.— Sharon Flora (L)

**Saturday, - August 08, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

**Sunday, - August 09, 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, August 08, 2020**

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

**Sunday, August 09, 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



*J-Ray Katanbafnezhad &  
Geneva Bellows, Grotto*

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point. Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children. Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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**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 August 02, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it” (1 Cor 10:13). Just as the faithful Christians were able to escape the destruction, so, too, we can escape the sin that would otherwise put us in hell. Nothing is hidden, nothing is impossible with God.

When the Lord asks will he find faith when he returns, it is in the context of perseverance. Those who persevere to the end will win the crown.

Our perseverance can only be maintained through prayer. The greatest prayer of the Church—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and our private, mental prayer that should be part of every day. Moreover, the grace of the sacraments that allows us to drive out sin from our lives and flee from that which is mortal to our souls must always be sought with a pure heart.

We must also take upon ourselves the welfare of others by teaching them the commandments of Christ that they too may escape eternal punishment. How many are the ways in which this must be done—from admonishing family members to return to the practice of their faith, to participating in our society and government to promote justice and respect for human life. All we do must be done with eternal salvation as our goal. Let us never grow weary of doing good (Gal 6:9).

Let us continue to call upon our Blessed Mother’s intercession for the Church, our nation, our families and our soul.

Our Patronal Feast Day is nearly here. Each year we have many familiar helpers and some new. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact the rectory. Although the numerous Governor’s Orders make it impossible to predict what restrictions will be in effect then, the day will be focused entirely on prayer and worship. Please continue to pray for our country and leadership.

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**The dispensation from the Sunday**

**obligation to attend Mass is granted to all through Sunday, September 6, 2020.**

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**The final planning meeting for August 15<sup>th</sup> will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

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**Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments**

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. The Holy hour may be done in a parish church near you, anytime on the day you are assigned. 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 Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

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**The 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course** will meet on alternate Saturdays Saturday’s 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.

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**Election Prayer** Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

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**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).

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**Act of Contrition** O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



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