



Assumption Grotto
Parish - 1832 -

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

August 16, 2020



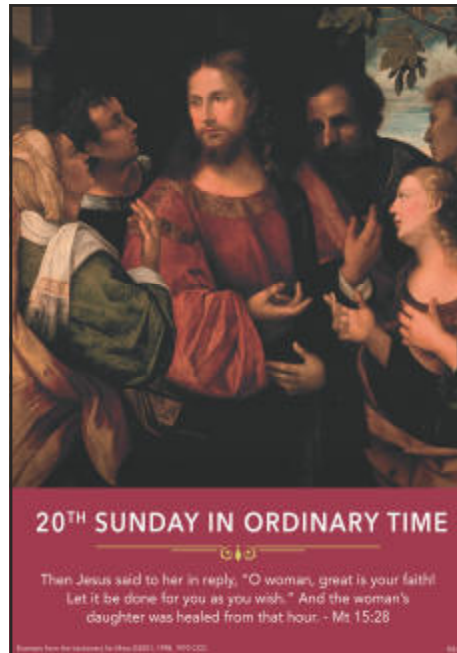
Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine - 1881 -

A Vicarious Descant

“God in his holy place who makes men of one mind to dwell in a house; He shall give power and strength to His people.” This is the introit of today’s holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form. It is a beautiful and lofty reminder of Holy Mother Church and even our parish church: it is God’s house and a place of prayer and a place of healing. The second half of the Introit is the beginning of the psalm prayed frequently by those who seek to drive out evil from their midst: “Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered: and them that hate Him flee from before His face (Psalm 68).

It is noted by the commentators on the Holy Mass that the past Sundays of summer are gathered into threes—three of these Sundays after Pentecost focused on the calling of peoples to follow Christ. Then three Sundays focused on sin through the parables of the unjust steward, faithless Jerusalem and the humble tax collector. Now three Sundays focus on the sacramental graces received through the Church—baptism in the opening of the ears and loosening of the tongue of the deaf mute, next week, the healing mission of the Church as expressed in the parable of the Good Samaritan. And, thirdly, the gratitude we should express to God for these gifts as expressed by the one leper who returned and gave thanks to God for being healed.

Those who brought the deaf mute asked Jesus to lay his hands on him only—that is how he healed so many others. Yet this is



not what Jesus did. He put His fingers in the man’s ears and He took his saliva and touched it to the man’s tongue. He then “groaned” the same word St. Paul uses in Romans chapter 8 when he says: “...the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings” *gemitibus*, in Latin. It is a reminder to us that the Lord may choose to answer our petitions in a way or even at a time we did not expect.

St. Gregory says of today’s Gospel: “Why was it that God, the Creator of all things, when He sought to cure the deaf and dumb man, put His fingers into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue with spittle? Simply because the Redeemer’s fingers represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On another occasion he

said, after casting out a devil: ‘If I cast out devils by the finger of God, evidently the kingdom of God has come to you.’ This same passage is given by another evangelist in these words: ‘If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, the kingdom of God must therefore have come to you.’ By comparing these two text we see that finger and Spirit are equivalent terms” (St. Gregory).

St. Gregory goes on, saying, “Therefore, to put His fingers in the man’s ears means to open the mind of the deaf person to obedience by means of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But what is the implication of spitting and then touching the tongue with spittle? That spittle from the mouth of the Redeemer symbolizes the wisdom that comes to us through divine teaching. For it is from the head that saliva flows into the mouth. Now when His wisdom, and He is Wisdom Itself, touches our tongue, then our tongues immediately become fashioned to preach His word.” Lastly, in groaning, the Lord taught us to petition Him who is in heaven to likewise open our ears and loose our tongues for proclaiming the Good News.

So, how does God put his finger in our ears? How does God touch our tongue to preach His word?

When you put your fingers in your ears, you can’t hear what is around you very well. In this sense, the blocking out of the noise and distraction of the world opens your ears to hear the voice of God. Likewise, was the leading the man away from the crowds—withdrawing from others and

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - August 17, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Deborah Moss-Capaldi (D)

Tuesday, - August 18, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Andrew Sharp (L)

Wednesday, - August 19, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Decker Family (L)

Thursday, - August 20, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Tom Rudnik (D)

Friday, - August 21, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Ann Laise (D)

Saturday, - August 22, 2020

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

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - August 23, 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 22, 2020

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

Sunday, August 23, 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

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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.

WHERE THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED
THERE WILL
BE DAYS OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.

-ST. JOHNS BOSCOP

"WITHOUT
LOVE, DEEDS,
EVEN THE MOST
BRILLANT, COUNT
AS NOTHING."

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

THE GOD OF ALL GRACE ...
WILL HIMSELF RESTORE,
CONFIRM, STRENGTHEN,
AND ESTABLISH YOU
AFTER YOU HAVE
SUFFERED A LITTLE.

1 PETER 5:10



J. Aidan O'Connor

&

Maria Simpson, Grotto

JJ-Zachary Fettes

&

Gabriella Rubino, Grotto

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

placing oneself in the presence of God—this is very much what we do before we pray and especially when we withdraw from the world and pray in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The deaf mute’s first sound he heard was likely the voice of the Lord Himself. So, too, in our prayers of Adoration. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us to pray as we ought.

That the deaf mute in today’s gospel account understood the words and was able to speak plainly is what some would consider the greater miracle—that he would not only have the physical defect healed, but would instantly be imparted the knowledge of how to speak and understand what he now hears through words—something that children spend years practicing before being able to do it even simply.

This too, mirrors the greater miracle that takes place spiritually among those who seek the Lord. Externally, there may be little difference, but in the heart, there can be all the difference between salvation and condemnation. The humble prayer of a penitent sinner is not rejected by the Lord.

This is the kind of miracle we should seek. The miracle of the heart that lasts an eternity, not just until death. The miracle of salvation that is simply impossible apart from the grace of God.

The Lord chose that the deaf mute bear that cross for the exact number of moments that God had ordained before being healed by God Himself. When we experience trials and tribulations, let us recall St. Rose’s words, whose feast day is a week from today, that without trials and tribulations, we cannot gain Divine Grace. And if we knew the beauty of Divine Grace, we would heap up trials and tribulations for ourselves knowing that we were actually “storing up treasure for ourselves in heaven.”

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

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>

-----*****-----
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.
 -----*****-----

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! 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. Contact Anna Marie Danyko, (734) 284-5226, or at anna@sbalistfield.org.
 -----*****-----

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.
 -----*****-----


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).
 -----*****-----

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.




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



ADT 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 **Tim Griffith** to place an ad today!
tgriffith@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6441



BUYING/SELLING
RealEstateForLife.org
donates to support Assumption Grotto!
FAITHFUL AGENTS WORLDWIDE
877-LIFE-US1

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