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A Vicarious Descant

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches the right understanding of our obligations to our neighbor but also about the Redemption accomplished by Christ. St. Augustine commented on both the spiritual and symbolic teachings in this parable.

The man who fell in with robbers, St. Augustine said, is symbolic of mankind, of Adam, who fell into sin and lost God's protection. Man was stripped of his dignity and heavenly home and left for dead, far from the city of Jerusalem—a city on a hill—the city of God, while Jericho—a city in a valley—was a city of poverty, of sin, of bondage. It was the city that God had ordered Joshua to completely destroy.

Even the topography of that region adds to the teaching: Jericho is 846 feet below sea level, while the Mount of Olives is one of the highest points in Jerusalem at over 2700 feet above sea level. That's over two-thirds of a mile of difference in elevation. Remember: the mountain has always been a place where God has spoken with Man. The sea has always been a place of chaos, danger and fear. Recall the Psalms and the disciples on the boat with the Lord who woke up the Lord with the words, "We are perishing!" Today, at the top of the Mount of Olives is the Catholic church of *Dominus Flevit* (meaning "Jesus wept") and Jericho is predominantly Muslim.

St. Augustine taught that the Levite and Priest who passed by had nothing to offer. Bible scholars speculate that the two feared that the man was dead, and if the man was dead, then they were under the

Mosaic law that forbid them from going near a dead body. One might ask why they were on the road to or from Jericho in the first place?

It may sound unusual, but remember that the Law was always pointing toward what would come and contained in itself the limitations that God wanted His Chosen People to recognize when the fulfillment of the Law came about. In the parable there was nothing that the Levite and priest did for the man who fell in with robbers, because, symbolically, there was nothing the Mosaic law would do to save a soul. In Romans 3:20, St. Paul says that no man is justified in God's eyes by observing the Law. The Law was powerless to save man from the enemies of God, let alone rescue and redeem his soul.

The Good Samaritan—a man held in no esteem, acquainted with infirmity, one held in contempt—as we read in the passages of the suffering servant in Isaiah—saves the man who had been robbed. The oil and wine likewise symbolize the sacraments: of healing—the oil of anointing—and the Holy Eucharist. Even the order in which they are named is the logical order of administering those sacraments to the sick or dying today. Oil is a means of strength and healing. We are anointed with oil at our Baptism and when we receive the Anointing of the Sick. The wine symbolizes the Eucharist for strength and healing. In the ancient days, wine was used as a remedy against infection, just as the Eucharist strengthens a soul against the infection of sin.

The coins the Good Samaritan took out remind us that there we are obligated to provide spiritual help, but also, in some cases, material help. It is not enough, as St. James tells us, "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (Jas 2:14-17).

How do we find ourselves on the path to Jericho? By something as simple and practical as going to see or rent an objectionable movie. Or by turning on TV or cable. Or idly surfing the Internet. By not guarding our thoughts and eyes against temptation and sin. By being careless with the precious gift of Faith—the pearl of great price—the hidden treasure that requires we set aside all else that we might possess it. If we are not treasuring and strengthening our Faith daily, then we are digging a hole to put it in. If we are not praying each day with attention and love, then we are out in the marketplace looking for a buyer for a pearl of great price that we possess.

But we can also thoughtlessly wind up on the path to Jericho by being so distracted by what is all around us that we overlook our duties as Christians. These duties range from daily acts of charity, kindness and prayer to life-long obligations we have before God.

Each day on this earth is a day where we are tempted to journey away from our

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - August 24, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Robyn Sharp (L)

Tuesday, - August 25, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Jason & Jessie Zielinski & Family (L)

Wednesday, - August 26, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Monica Sharp (L)

Thursday, - August 27, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Kimberly Carp (L)

Friday, - August 28, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Gordon Flores Family (L)

Saturday, - August 29, 2020

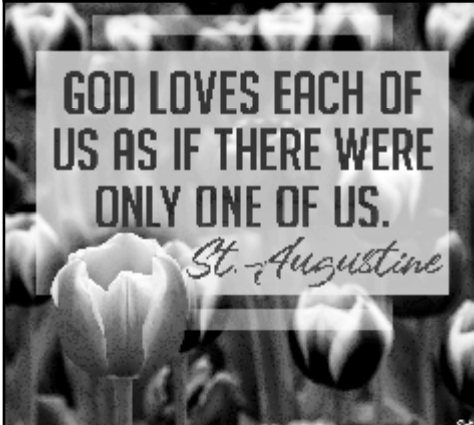
7:30 a.m.– Susan Lacy

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - August 30, 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 29, 2020

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

Sunday, August 30, 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 23, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

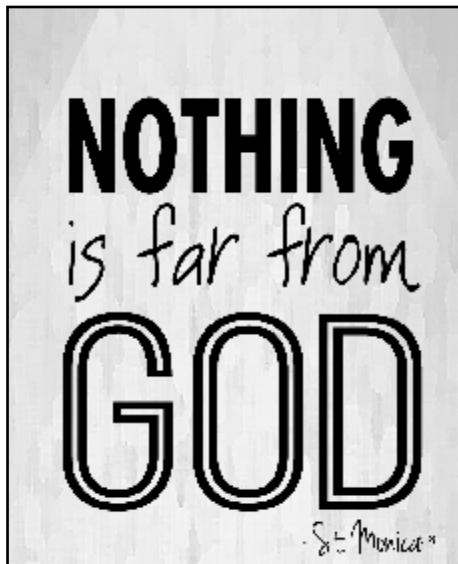
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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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.



SS-Pidan O'Connor

&

Maria Simpson, Grotto



SS-Zachary Feltes

&

Gabriella Rubino, Grotto

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

heavenly home—drawn through temptation deeper into sin and the things of the world. Each moment we stay on such a path away from the state of grace and headed toward the things of the world is a moment at risk of Satan and his minions. The attacks of the evil one are swift and powerful when we separate ourselves from God’s protective grace.

Christ is the answer to all things spiritual and temporal. To follow Christ’s law is to practice love of neighbor—something so frequently lacking in an increasingly pagan world. Let us be the faithful disciples God calls us to be that we may lead many souls by our example away from Jericho to the Sacraments.

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Please note that the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 5th will be a Tridentine Wedding Mass, with Wedding Mass Propers. This Mass does fulfill the Sunday obligation for all those in attendance.

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Assumption Grotto will be hosting the annual memorial for the **National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn** on September, 12 in the cemetery at the Tomb of the Aborted Children. The event will begin at 1 p.m. Please join us for prayer, song, and moving testimonies. At the conclusion, we will have a reception with drinks and snacks in the Lounge. If you have any questions, please call Tom Addis at 586-786-4880.

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The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all through November 23rd , 2020.

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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 suffer-

ings 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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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>



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