



Assumption Grotto Parish - 1832 -

ASSUMPTION GROTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTO CHURCH

September 06, 2020



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine - 1881 -

A Vicarious Descant

In the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today's Gospel speaks about the degrees of correction, with each increasing level of correction revealing more and more the heart of both the offender and the offended.

In the passage immediately preceding today's Gospel, our Lord speaks of the greater joy in heaven over the one lost sheep that strayed and was found than the ninety-nine who did not stray, for "is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish" (Matthew 18:14).

The teaching of Our Lord is about the sin of one person against another person. Our Lord is calling us never to harbor resentment or hatred in our hearts. We must do what is not easily done: "go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." It is an act of charity and it is how St. Peter understood the teaching since he asks in the following verses: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (Matthew 18:21). Our Lord's answer is meant to teach us to never grow weary of forgiving those who repent.

The correction is understood to be made over something definitively sinful according to the law of the Church, since the Lord has given the Church the authority to declare what is sinful and what is not. It is an act of charity and a "spiritual work of mercy" to admonish the sinner.

"If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you so that every fact may



be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses." Be mindful that here, too, "where two or three are gathered in my Name, I am in their midst" (Matthew 18:20). We must always bring Christ into situations of conflict and error.

Correcting your brother who is in error does not always require a great deal of patience and charity—it can be spontaneous and even well-received. But as the unwillingness to listen to the correction increases, so should the patience and charity increase. In the end, such a correction is done out of love and concern for that soul. What appears judgmental and harsh and uncharitable is anything but that when the matter is grave and

one in which the Church has reserved judgment to herself. Such matters require the intervention of the Church, either through the Sacrament of Confession or the application of Canon Law. When someone is concerned for a soul enough to bring a matter all the way to the Church to resolve, that is not empty charity, but rather a desire for the salvation of a soul and a hope for reconciliation.

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church." The Lord is teaching us that there are things corrected out of charity between individuals and there are things that require the Church. This is very much part of the Church's teaching on subsidiarity, where matters are always addressed at the lowest possible level before moving it to a higher authority.

The Commentators note that the correction made of one's brother is done more out of charity than out of obligation to enforce divine or positive law. This is why Our Lord commands we approach our brother in secret first, and only when we are unable to win our brother over and away from the offense, do we take the matter to the next level.

The further we venture out of the Church and the sacraments and into the circumstances of the secular world, the more confusing things are going to become. Yet our Lord's words ought to be the sure guide even in the most secular of situations.

Our Lord's words apply at all levels, but the most proximate application is our day-to-day efforts to help win souls for Christ. And the most powerful witness we make is when others can see how we not only love

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - September 07, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Michael & Katie O'Donnell & Family

Tuesday, - September 08, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Patrick Doneth (L)

Wednesday, - September 09, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Margaret Hernalsteen (D)

Thursday, - September 10, 2020

7:30 a.m.– John Buszek

Friday, - September 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Amy Holmes

Saturday, - September 12, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - September 13, 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, September 12, 2020

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

Sunday, September 13, 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 September 06, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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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.

IT IS WITH THE SMALLEST BRUSHES THAT THE ARTIST PAINTS THE BEST PAINTINGS.

—St. André Bessette

"THE CHURCH DOES NOT OFFER TO THE [PEOPLE] OF TODAY RICHES THAT PASS, NOR DOES SHE PROMISE THEM A MERELY EARTHLY HAPPINESS. BUT SHE DISTRIBUTES TO THEM THE GOODS OF DIVINE GRACE."

ST. JOH-N XXIII

FREE WILL, THOUGH IT MAKES EVIL POSSIBLE, IS ALSO THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES POSSIBLE ANY LOVE OR GOODNESS OR JOY WORTH HAVING.

—C.S. LEWIS

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, but how we love our neighbor as our self. The Commentators point out that it is not our duty to be outraged at the offenses against God and take matters into our own hands to punish those who we believe are offending God. Our obligation is to find a way to love, to correct with love, and to either win souls back to Christ or to bring the message of the Gospel to them for the first time.

May the daily living of our Catholic faith and God's mercy bring ourselves and those around us to everlasting life.

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Please note that the Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 7th. Thank you.

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Adult Catechism classes will resume on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 PM in the school lounge. **Sunday Children's Catechism** classes will begin at the end of September. Contact the rectory for more information.

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Homeschool Wednesday has been moved to Friday this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jean Reilly (jeanreilly17@ymail.com) or the rectory. More information will be available in the coming week.

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There will be a wrap-up meeting for August 15th on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm in the school.

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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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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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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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~ Father Perrone

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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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