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September 13, 2020



*Our Lady of Lourdes
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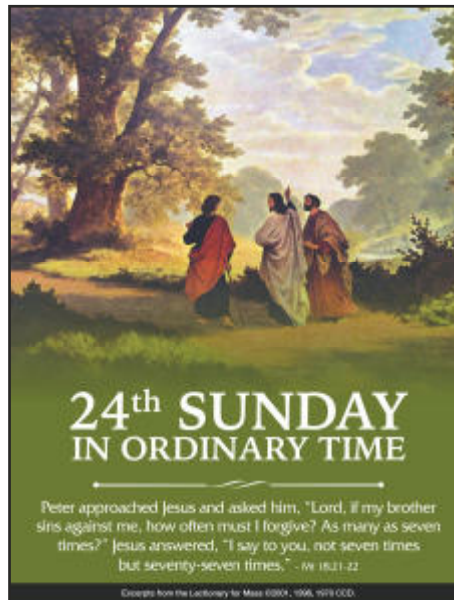
A Vicarious Descant

Today's Gospel in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is a powerful account of God's merciful plan of salvation.

The funeral procession was an act of obedience. It was taking place to fulfill the obligations a family had under the Law. Although the Law in itself could not save, as St. Paul says, it still was a participation in the greater plan of salvation that would be revealed by Christ. Now, in this particular event, those who are fulfilling the precepts of the Law encounter the Messiah face-to-face. Had they not carried out what they were obliged to do, then they would not have encountered Christ. But, by their fulfilling the Law, they encountered the Messiah.

Our Lord had compassion on the helplessness of all of mankind, but here, particularly the widow. The sorrow and sufferings of individuals on behalf of others moves the merciful Heart of Jesus. Our Lord is not detached and simply overseeing a perfect plan as it unfolds across time. He is present and active and intervening, especially in those things over which we ourselves are most helpless to remedy or even change. "Weep not" is the Lord's command to the widow: her cause for sorrow at the death of her son is about to be taken away and the cause for the sorrow of all mankind over death will likewise be soon taken away.

Our Lord touches the funeral bier—something that was not done according to the Law. Yet the Creator and Giver of Life is not limited by the Law that He, Himself,



had given in preparation for His coming into the world and bringing about the fullness of Redemption.

The procession stops. The rite that was being carried out comes to a halt. The Law was being fulfilled and the centuries of its observance was now ending. That procession would not be resumed. Neither on that day nor on any other day thereafter, since those present likely became disciples of the Lord Jesus and when their earthly life was complete, they would entrust the soul of their loved one to the Lord as the Church would instruct them to do.

"The Virgin shall bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" This is what the people in today's Gospel say: "God has visited his people."

Now think of a soul that is dead in mortal sin. A mother, to whom God has en-

trusted the care of that person in life, may see that person as spiritually dead and far from salvation. Yet she prays. She carries that person in prayer before the Lord. She continues to fulfill the obligations which the Church has called her to follow. She does not wait for what might appear to be a chance encounter that today's Gospel might be misunderstood to be—but carries that dead soul to the Lord in prayer. She brings that soul in her heart to Mass, Adoration, and the many prayers offered day and night. She does not stop trusting that the compassion of God will restore that soul to health and lead it safely to eternal life.

These are the prayers of the faithful especially for those souls whom God has placed in our lives. How many of us would truly believe that the reason we are here is because someone is in need of our prayers and to omit those prayers would be to neglect what God has asked of us. Thus St. Paul's words today, "Whilst we have time, let us work good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of the faith." We might add, "and especially those who have an obligation before God but are not fulfilling it." And also, "Bear one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ."

The name of the place, "Naim" itself has special meaning. It is nearly the same word as Nahum, the name of one of the minor prophets, which means "God comforts." The purpose of that book in the bible is to remind the people that God does not leave his chosen people in the hands of evil, but will rescue them and that God's promises are irrevocable.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - September 14, 2020

7:30 a.m.– John & Shelly Ulrich (L)

Tuesday, - September 15, 2020

7:30 a.m.– For Peace in Our Country

Wednesday, - September 16, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Holy Souls

Thursday, - September 17, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Teresa Clara Vitti (D)

Friday, - September 18, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Thomas Szumplawski (D)

Saturday, - September 19, 2020

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

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - September 20, 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 19, 2020

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

Sunday, September 20, 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 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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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.

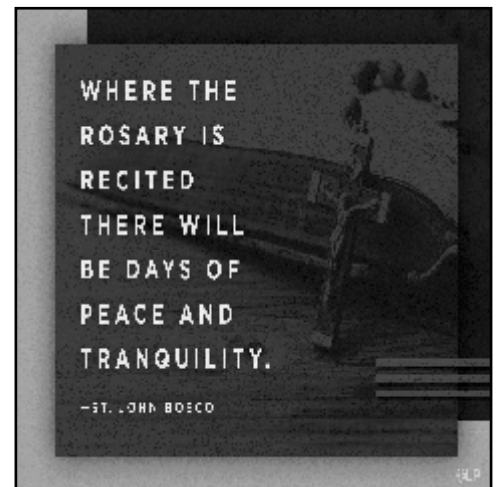
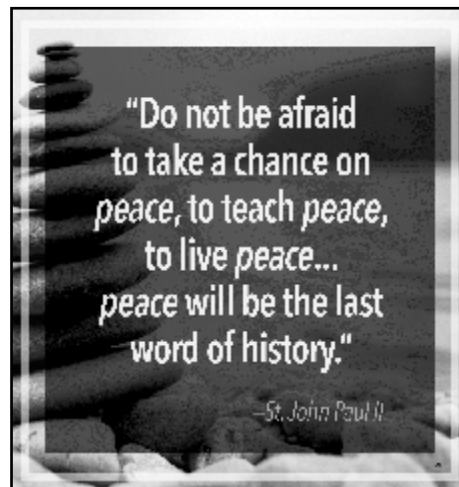
REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Baptism

Lilliana Marie Sharp
September 06, 2020

“Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God”.

- St. Vincent Ferrer



We, too, bring many petitions and needs before the Lord here and throughout our days. Once the people realized what had happened, the first thing they did was praise and glorify God. We would do well to do the same: praise, glorify and give thanks to God.

Part of what makes Grotto exceptional is that we faithfully carry out our duties before the Lord whether it is done joyfully or with some sadness. And while we carry out these duties, we don't just hope to encounter Christ: we expect to. And whether it be at the daily holy Mass or the other Sacraments, or in Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament or in the Rosary or our novenas and devotions, or even in the unexpected person in need: we bring our petitions, our joys and sorrows, our thanksgiving and disappointments to place before the Lord and know that we are honoring Him who sustains us amidst our day-to-day trials and tribulations and one day will raise us up from death itself.

Let us seek always to be those faithful, joyful disciples of the Lord in everything we do. Let us ask ourselves in every event of the day: "Am I honoring the Lord? Am I building up His Church? Am I bearing *true* witness to my neighbor out of the joy that God wants me to always have in my heart?" Let us look to our Blessed Mother to be the "Cause of our joy," and our Refuge and Hope.

CCD classes will begin on Sunday, September 27th from 11:00am to 11:45am. Classes will be offered at no cost to families, however the cost of the necessary books for classes are the responsibility of the student/parents. Books are available at the Gift Shop. The books needed are as follows: Kindergarten through 2nd grade-The New St. Joseph First Communion Catechism (blue book); 3rd and 4th grade- The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism #1 (pink book); 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade- The New St. Joseph's Baltimore Catechism #2 (grey book). Registration forms can

be found in this week's bulletin. If additional forms are needed, and for any other questions, please contact the Rectory. Please pre-register if possible.

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.

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

Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, in conjunction with St. Basil the Great Parish, will hold a formal Pro-Life prayer vigil on Saturday, September 26, 2020. The vigil starts with Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron and Fr. Fedewa at St. Basil the Great in Eastpointe at 7:30 AM followed by a Rosary procession from St. Veronica's Church at 8:45 AM to pray in front of two E 8 Mile Rd abortion clinics, then returning to St. Basil's at 10:15 AM for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments

"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>

Generous University Scholarships & Opportunity for a Free College Visit: Attention high school seniors! **Ave Maria University** (near Naples, FL) is offering the **Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000** over 4 years) and

the **Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000** over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. Additional institutional and federal aid are available. You are also invited to participate in the **2020 AMU Michigan Fly-In**, a **free college visit to AMU TH, Oct. 29 – SUN, Nov. 1**, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.

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.


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.

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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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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