



*Assumption Grotto  
Parish - 1832 -*

# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

September 20, 2020



*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Shrine - 1881 -*

### A Vicarious Descant

It is not uncommon to ask an obvious question in order to point out an obvious error. Asking a question is a powerful way of teaching that goes back to the earliest use of language (eg. “And the Lord God called Adam, and said to him: Where art thou?” --Genesis 3:9). Sometimes the ones who are asked the question fall silent. Like the Apostles discussing on the way who was greatest among them (Mark 9:33). Or the parable of the man invited to the wedding banquet who did not have the proper wedding garment—he was “reduced to silence.” Here, in the house of the “chief of the Pharisees” on a Sabbath, while they watched the Lord, they remained silent when the Lord asked, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?” It was certainly a rebuke. For they knew well that the Sabbath was made for man, but instead taught the opposite.

Of the many miracles that our Lord performed, the miracle of the healing of the man with dropsy is quite unique. Dropsy is called edema today. It is a visible swelling that usually affects the legs or arms. The Gospels do not say how this man was cured or how severe his condition was. If his tissues had been visibly stretched and filled with excess fluid, were they instantly restored to normal or did the reduction of the swelling take place over time? We do not know. But what we do know, is that he was cured in front of the Pharisees and they remained silent.

I suspect that the cure was instantaneous, but the swelling disappeared after the man left the presence of the Pharisees. As the

Lord had denied the disbelievers from witnessing the restoring to life of Jairus’ daughter, so, too, our Lord may have denied his enemies the witnessing of what was a most unique and remarkable miracle. They had to remain silent because they could not see whether the Lord had actually healed the man or not—he probably didn’t look any different to them. They were blind to the miracle because they were blind to their visitation by the Messiah.

When we exclude ourselves from the presence of the Lord we exclude ourselves from seeing things as God intended them to be seen. But we also exclude ourselves from witnessing the spiritual miracles that do not end with death, but which last unto eternal life. Given the choice of receiving a miracle that will end at our death or one that will last unto eternal life, I suspect that we would all choose the latter.

But I also consider the many hidden possibilities of the Lord’s miracles: dropsy is usually caused by other more serious illnesses or ailments. Our Lord could have healed an infirmity that the man didn’t even know about which then would have subsequently led to the healing of the symptoms of it. By healing the man’s heart or liver, the edema would have also disappeared. Is a miracle any less miraculous if it takes place over a period of time? There are many miracles that have been going on for centuries—the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe is but one. Think of how many souls have benefited from witnessing that miracle? But there are also miracles wherein God

allows man to participate. I think good medicine is a good example of that.

Sometimes in our prayers of petition we are asking God to fix just the symptoms and not the deeper problems. It might be because we simply don’t know about the deeper problems. But our Lord may choose to answer those prayers by healing those deeper problems instead of simply taking the symptoms away. Such deeper healing can take time—just as the man with dropsy probably left the presence of the Lord healed of the infirmity and then was fully restored visibly over a miraculously short period of time. Or consider the ten lepers: they weren’t healed when our Lord sent them away. They left the presence of the Lord every bit as leprous as when they first called to Him and it was only on the way to the High Priest that they were cured. Some miracles are meant to be received through patience and obedience. And patience and obedience are wonderful expressions of trust in the Lord.

How often do we petition the Lord for something very apparent and instead our Lord heals the deeper cause and it is only over time that we become aware that our prayers have been answered? We see the effects of a defect—sometimes far removed from the actual cause—and pray for healing and our Lord answers that prayer in a greater way but over a longer period of time.

When we offer prayers of petition, we should conclude those petitions with thanks to God for having heard and answered our prayers—just as Blessed Solanus Casey recommended. Because wheth-

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, - September 21, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Charlie Sandberg

**Tuesday, - September 22, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Theresa Carp (D)

**Wednesday, - September 23, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Darlene Kucel (L)

**Thursday, - September 24, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Joseph Flores, Sr. (L)

**Friday, - September 25, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Cecelia Bustamante (L)

**Saturday, - September 26, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Joy Gosine (D)

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Sunday, - September 27, 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 26, 2020**

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

**Sunday, September 27, 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 20, 2020**

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

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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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.

CHARITY IS THE MEASURE BY WHICH OUR LORD JUDGES ALL THINGS.

—St. Padre Pio

THE ROSARY IS THE "WEAPON" FOR THESE TIMES.

ST. PADRE PIO

PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY!

Padre Pio

er we know it or not, or see it or not, we can be assured that our prayers were heard and good will come of them.

This year, given the disruption caused by the lockdowns and cancellations of so many things, the Catholic Service Appeal is being handled by the Archdiocese. This offloads the parish's burden of collecting the monies, but it does not diminish the significance of the campaign to the parish and Archdiocese. The CSA is an obligatory tax that each parish must pay every year. This year Grotto's assessment is \$55,600. Any shortfall in the CSA collection each year is simply billed to the parish at the end of the campaign. As many of the parishioners have done in the past, I encourage you to direct a greater portion of your parish contributions to the CSA so that we pay off our assessment before the end of the campaign next year. Any amount collected above what we owe is returned to the parish. Many parishioners have expressed deep disappointment over what has happened over the past year and that is understandable. Nonetheless, we continue to be a part of this Archdiocese and should shoulder our share of the burdens both spiritually and financially. The beneficiaries of the CSA collection are our brothers and sisters who have real needs and your contributing is a share in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy which are carried out through the CSA. In the meantime, please continue to pray for a complete resolution to the many problems that are causing so much sorrow for our parish, our Archdiocese and our country.

Our Tuesday Evening Adult Catechism is underway and open to parishioners interested in an hour of catechesis and matters spiritual and temporal. A chapter or two from the Baltimore Catechism #3 serves as the guide for each class. Class begins at 6:00 PM.

This year our Homeschool Wednesdays are being moved to Friday. Our first gathering will a short meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 to get an idea of who will be participating and to review

the schedule. Classes will begin the following week. We will conclude this first day and each Homeschool Friday with a short period of Adoration followed by Benediction at noon.

Children's Sunday Morning Catechism begins next Sunday and takes place between the 9:30 AM and Noon Masses. It is a wonderful program for children not enrolled in a catechetical program either at their school or through homeschool. Please complete the registration form and return it to the rectory before the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** 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. For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

**The 2020 Life Chain across America** Assumption Grotto Parish will host a Life Chain from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 4th in front of the Church on Gratiot Avenue. For 33 years, pro-life Christians all across the United States and Canada have publicly, prayerfully, and peacefully stood in prayer and repentance on behalf of legalized abortion each Fall. . Mark your calendars and join the Life Chain at Assumption Grotto Sunday, October 4th. Signs will be provided.

**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.

**St. Michael Feast Day "Blue" Mass**

A special "Blue" Mass in honor of St. Michael the Archangel will be offered for all police and law enforcement officials at St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit (located near Eastern Market) on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 PM. The celebrant will be Reverend Canon Michael Stein. The Rosary will begin at 6 PM. St. Michael is not only patron of police officers, but also soldiers, doctors, grocers, mariners, and paratroopers. St. Michael is also invoked for protection against sickness. For more information, please visit [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com) or contact Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005.

**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.

**Assumption Grotto Parish Picnic** Weather permitting, the Knights will be hosting the parish picnic on October 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 and 12 o'clock masses.

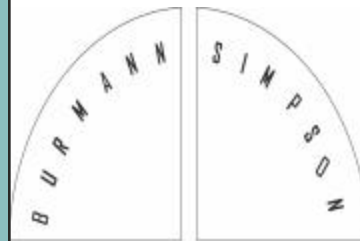


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~ Father Perrone*

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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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