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September 27, 2020



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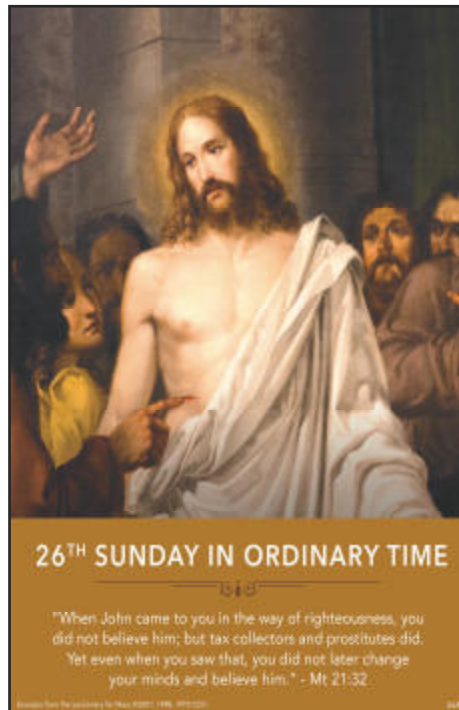
A Vicarious Descant

The Gradual today reads, “Blessed the nation, whose God is the Lord.” The idea is expressed in many patriotic hymns that were at one time taught to children, but now seem rarely uttered. The Psalm is a statement first: a nation whose God is the Lord will be blessed—that is the Word of God. It is likewise an admonition to those in that nation to honor the Lord so that the nation might be blessed.

In today’s Gospel, after having silenced the Sadducees, our Lord responds to the trickery of the Pharisees. Origen says, “Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, showing us that the brightness of truth will impose silence on the voice of falsehood... [nonetheless] it is ever the way of all teachers of error to be silent concerning the truth, but not to cease from talking.”

The tactics employed by the teachers of error haven’t really changed, as St. John Chrysostom says, “the Pharisees came together to defeat by numbers Whom they could not defeat by reason: arming themselves with numbers, they confess themselves naked of truth.” The truth is often outnumbered but it remains the truth.

Truth in the heart is meant to bring about truth in our society. There needs to be a return to the moral reasons for doing good and avoiding evil. For Christians, Our Lord gave the greatest reason for this in today’s Gospel: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two command-



ments depend all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). It is a commandment from God. Not a recommendation, not a good idea, but a commandment. Without truth, and especially as expressed in Divine Law, a person cannot have a properly formed conscience.

Why did our Lord suddenly ask the Pharisees “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” The commentators point out that it was because the Lord wanted His hearers to know that the Messiah was not a mere man, as the Pharisees believed and was shown by their answer, but rather the God-man, subsisting in the Person of the divine Word (Lapide).

The Lord then asks them, “If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” The

Gospel tells us, “And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.”

To the Scribes and Pharisee’s credit—they still had some principles and some sense of honor. They were reduced to silence because they could not answer a question that went to the heart of some of their fundamental beliefs. For the Sadducees, it was a lack of belief in the afterlife. For the Pharisees, who prided themselves in the interpretation of Scripture—especially the Psalms—the Lord points out to them the very verse that proclaims him the Messiah and with that truth, they were reduced to silence.

“On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets.”

“All the precepts of the law and the prophets are based on and supported by these two commandments of love. Indeed, they spring and grow out of them, just as many branches spring from and depend upon one tree and one root. Therefore, in these two precepts all are contained, just as conclusions are contained in their principles and premises” (Lapide).

St. Augustine says, “For this is the law of love, that the good things which a man wishes to come to himself, he should wish likewise for his neighbor. And the evils which he wishes not to happen to himself, he should be unwilling for them to happen to him. Thou dost not wish that thy property, thy honor, thy wife, thy life should be taken from thyself? Do not take them from others. Dost thou wish that they should be given and preserved to thyself?”

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - September 28, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Betty Murphy (D)

Tuesday, - September 29, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Mariam Ayar (D)

Wednesday, - September 30, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Fr. David Pellican (L)

Thursday, - October 01, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Hudson Buszek

Friday, - October 02 2020

7:30 a.m.– Poor Souls

6:00 p.m.– William Scott DeKeyser

Saturday, - October 03, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m.– St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, - October 04, 2020

6:30 a.m.– Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.– People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.–Richard & Mary Beckhold (L)

“The earth could exist more easily without the sun, than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” - St Pio of Pietrelcina

Mass Servers

Saturday, October 03, 2020

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

Sunday, October 04, 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 27, 2020

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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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.

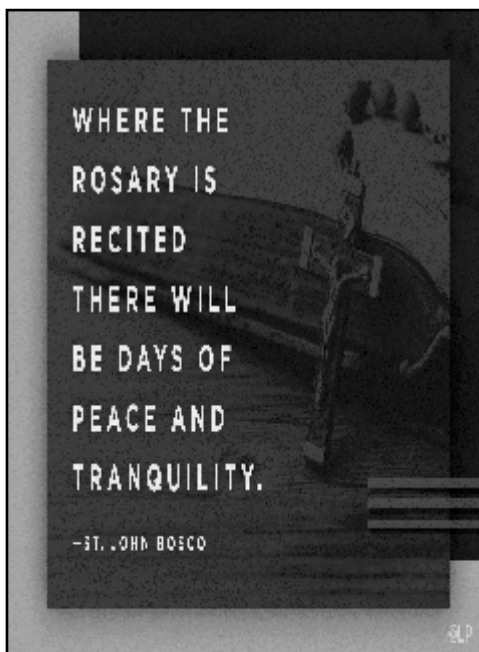
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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.

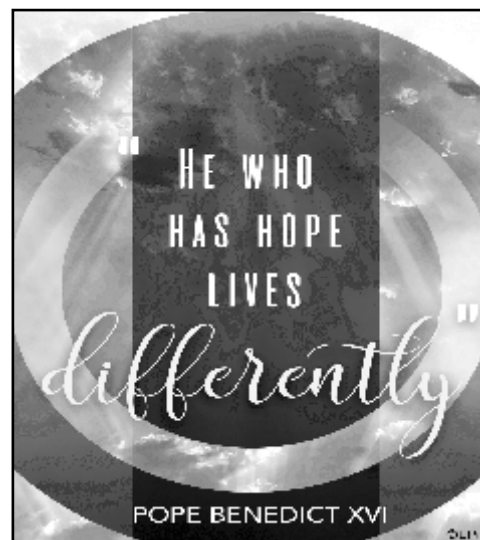


Requiescat In Pace

Anne Claypole

September 12, 2020

“Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

Do thou likewise preserve them for others” (On True Religion, 46).

Let us continually increase our prayers and petitions before God, all the while looking for opportunities to speak the truth and desire the good of our neighbor. Let us ask God to grant abundant graces to our nation that the law of love may be the desire of every heart.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME

The evening Mass for First Friday, October 2nd, will be at 6:00 pm. Benediction will be at 5:20 pm with Confessions immediately following.

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

Come and Visit the Assumption Grotto Secular Carmelites. If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call *Paula Zurawski* (586.463.1770) and leave a message **to schedule a visit with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars**, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 am. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord. We look forward to meeting you!

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 Arch-

bishop 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 St. Monica Sodality's monthly mass for conversion will be offered on First Saturday, October 3rd at 4 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, Rosary, and St. Monica Prayer for conversions start in the church at 3:15pm. St. Monica Prayer cards and prayer-petition forms are located on the tables at the side entrances in the church. Write the names of those for whom you are praying, and deposit them into the box provided. Petitions forms are strictly confidential, and will be placed on or near the altar during the Mass. Call 313.885.6910 for more info.

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.

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 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.

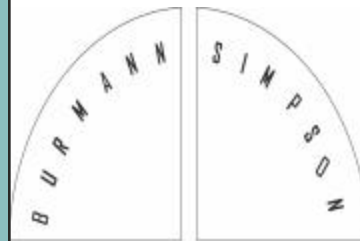


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~ Father Perrone*

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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
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