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ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

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October 04, 2020



Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine - 1881 -

A Vicarious Descant

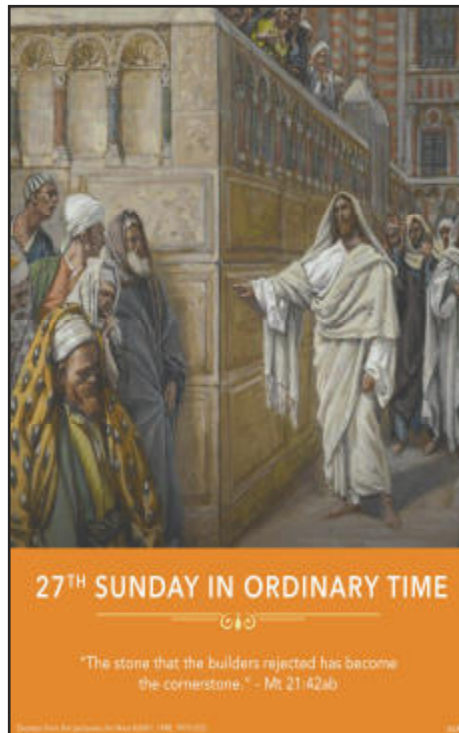
Today in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite the Mass and readings are taken from the External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, or, Our Lady of Victory. The Gospel for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost that would have been heard today is that of the healing of the paralytic in Carpharnaum.

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.’”

The Lord waited until he was in his own town—a place that did not accept him—to perform this miracle. Matthew tells us a few chapters later that these people “took offense at” Jesus and He therefore did not perform many miracles there.

So amidst the many disbelievers, there came a small band of believers who brought a paralytic to Jesus. Notice what St. Matthew recounts: “When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Courage, son, your sins are forgiven.’” It was the faith of those who brought the paralytic to the Lord which prompted first the spiritual healing of the paralytic and then the physical healing.

This tells us that the faith of a family, or a community or parish can effect good for individual members of that community, just as the faith of those who brought the paralytic helped the paralytic in a most marvelous way. This is true even when the person in need of spiritual or physical healing is not able or even willing to ask for himself. Faithfully bringing that soul before the Lord in prayer—especially with



the Rosary—can bring great healing in soul and body.

Jesus did not heal his physical infirmity first, but rather, he healed his spiritual infirmity—sin—first. Here is our Lord in a place of disbelievers, as the bible says of Capharnaum, and the disbelief is a spiritual infirmity in need of healing. When others bring a soul before the Lord in prayer and petition, there should always be that acknowledgement that the Lord may choose to heal the soul before healing the body and sometimes this is not evident or it may take a long time, but the faithful should persevere in prayer.

Notice the first word of the Lord to the paralytic: courage, or “be of good

cheer.” In the Latin Vulgate: *confide* “be confident.”

Why does the Lord tell the paralytic to have courage first, then tell him that his sins are forgiven? It is very helpful to see where else the Lord has used that word in Scripture and then where else in Scripture the word is found. Here, the word *tharseo* is used four other times by the Lord: when he healed the woman with the hemorrhage, when he assured the disciples when they were terrified at seeing Jesus walking on the water, when he tells the disciples “in the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,” and, lastly, when the Lord stood by St. Paul in Jerusalem and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also at Rome.” In the face of fear, the Lord reassures us that He is near and that the work of proclaiming the Good News is under His Providential care.

Sometimes in our spiritual life we need to be carried along by the prayers and efforts of those around us. A spiritual dryness or lethargy may keep us from hoping in the Lord as we ought. In such times it is very helpful to first examine our conscience and go to Confession. The graces of the Sacrament of Penance are often all that is needed to move us out of the difficulty. But God’s grace is already at work in such situations. We are already being prepared to encounter the Lord. When we are finally brought into the presence of the Lord, He will say to us first, “Courage!” As the psalmist says in Psalm 27, “I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - October 05, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Lawrence Graziosi (D)

Tuesday, - October 06, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Constance Verposon (D)

Wednesday, - October 07, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Sabah Yaladoo (D)

Thursday, - October 08, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Laura Netter (D)

Friday, - October 09, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Holy Souls

Saturday, - October 10, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - October 11, 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, October 10, 2020

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

Sunday, October 11, 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 October 04, 2020

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Requiescat In Pace

Sean Clougherty

May 10, 1964 -

September 27, 2020

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

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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).

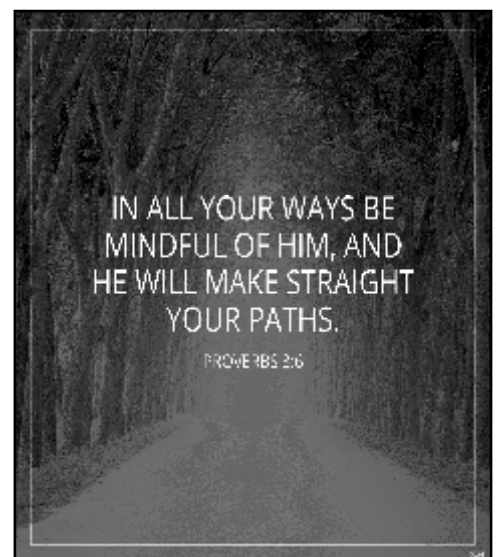
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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.

THE GREAT THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT, THOUGH OUR FEELINGS COME AND GO, GOD'S LOVE FOR US DOES NOT.
C.S. LEWIS



IN ALL YOUR WAYS BE MINDFUL OF HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS.

PROVERBS 2:6

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

of the living. Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord!”

How many of us bring others to the Lord in a spiritual sense, with prayer, asking God to help them—help them recover from an illness, help them recover their faith and return to the Church, help them overcome an addiction or resolve a sorrowful situation. We are like those who brought the paralytic to the Lord and whose faith Jesus sees. He can heal those for whom we pray. He can accomplish all things when he sees a soul surrounded by the faith of others. This is true for the living and for those in Purgatory.

Jesus looked into the paralytic’s heart, knew his sins and also knew his sorrow and contrition, and then absolved him at once. This absolution happens in the Confessional, except the Lord has not given all priests the power to read souls in the Confessional like St. John Vianney or St. Padre Pio.

We should resolve to be the faithful bearers of those in need of spiritual and physical healing. These faithful bearers of the paralytic remained silent the whole time. The work they performed did not take a great deal of skill or talent: they carried a stretcher. I doubt any of them were perfect saints or perfect sinners. They did the work that God wanted them to do. They had to find a way through the crowds and in St. Mark’s account we learn that they had to open up the roof to let down the paralytic. But they were not deterred nor were they disappointed in the end.

Let us carry out the work the Lord has called us to. Let us pray together for those who are in great need of any kind of healing. Let trust that our prayers to God, especially the Holy Rosary, can and will accomplish great miracles in our midst.

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Assumption Grotto Parish Picnic: Weather permitting, the Knights will be hosting the parish picnic today after the 9:30 and 12 o’clock masses.

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The 2020 Life Chain across America Assumption Grotto Parish will host a Life Chain from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. today 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. Signs will be provided.

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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* at 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!

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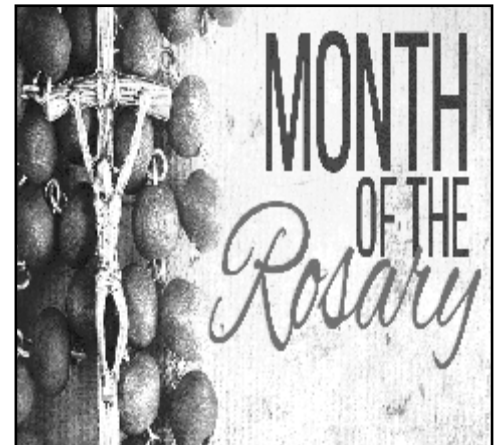
Seven Sisters Apostolate

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>

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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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~ Father Perrone*

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Contact Grand Knight
Jeff Parlow to join.
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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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