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ASSUMPTION GROTTA NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTA CHURCH

October 18, 2020



Our Lady of Lourdes
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A Vicarious Descant

Today's readings and antiphons in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite reflect our exile on earth. The Epistle tells us how we are to live our lives while we are in exile—while the Master is absent from our sight. We should not live foolishly, like those who are drunk, but wisely, making the most of the opportunity we have been given. We should not be uttering songs of drunkenness, but “singing and playing to the Lord in our hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.” This is most perfectly accomplished in the holy Mass, but also the Liturgy of the Hours and the many opportunities for adoration, devotion and prayer.

Likewise, in the gospel, the Lord worked mighty deeds even in distant places. While the Master is away, we must be about the work of the Lord, knowing that he is accomplishing things even though we do not necessarily see them.

The royal official came to Jesus seeking one thing—that Jesus would accompany him back to his house to heal his son. He left not having obtained what he intended, but he left—as the gospel tells us—believing the word spoken to him by Jesus. And in leaving with what he hadn't expected but believing Jesus had answered his request, he found that not only was his son healed, but he and his household came to believe.

Yet, even after the royal official left, believing the word Jesus had told him, he still did not fully believe in Jesus. Before he believed, he first *inquired* of his serv-

ants the *time* when the child was healed—he wanted to make sure it was the same moment as when Jesus told him that his son was healed. He had believed without seeing, but he still lacked the faith that God called him to have. He still wanted evidence that it had been Jesus who accomplished this work of healing.

Jesus' words to the royal official, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe” were not simply a mild rebuke for his lack of faith, or a generalization spoken to the crowd, but a statement of fact.

In the Vulgate and Greek New Testament translations we read that Jesus “turned to *him*”—the royal official – “and said to him” not to “you people” (as the NAB translates), “Without signs and *your* perceiving of miracles, *you* will not believe.” The end of the Gospel says that when the father realized that it was the very hour when Jesus had said to him “Your son will live” that his son was healed, only *then* did he and his household come to believe. *Credidit ipse* are the words which means “he, himself then believed.” Our Lord had told him this: “Without signs and without perceiving miracles, you—personally—the royal official—would not believe.” And he didn't.

The royal official wasn't present for the miracle, yet his request was granted. Do we need to be present for all the miracles we pray for to believe that our prayer has been answered? Do we thank God

for granting our prayers only *after* we have seen it granted? Do we need to see a healing for which we have prayed take place? Do we need to see a family member or friend who is separated from the Church return according to our timetable or God's? Do we pray repetitively as the pagans and with anxiety or uncertainty? Or do we pray with faith—expressing our trust in God that He has heard our prayer and will grant it according to His holy will? Do we need to test whether it was God who answered our prayers or was it just the effects of modern medicine, or persistence, or merely coincidence? Can we not attribute all things as having been allowed by God for our good?

God has ordained that some things be prayed for over long periods of time—sometimes a lifetime—the request is that great. And sometimes we will see the fruits of our prayer the moment we finish our prayer, but many other times we will not.

On the way to chapel on January 8, 1937, St. Faustina said to our Lord, “Jesus, I beg You, by the inconceivable power of Your mercy, that all the souls who will die today escape the fire of hell, even if they have been the greatest sinners. Today is Friday, the memorial of Your bitter agony on the Cross; because Your mercy is inconceivable, the Angels will not be surprised at this.” She writes that Jesus pressed her to His Heart and said, “My beloved daughter, you have come to know well the depths of My mercy. I will do what you ask, but unite yourself continually with my agonizing Heart and make reparation to My justice. Know that you have asked Me for a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - October 19, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Jessie Zielinski (L)

Tuesday, - October 20, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Michael Eyed (D)

Wednesday, - October 21, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Andre Chatman (D)

Thursday, - October 22, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Sr. Regina Doelker (D)

Friday, - October 23, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Daniel Chambers (D)

Saturday, - October 24, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Mary Santine (L)

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

Sunday, - October 25, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.— People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.—Nicole Oesterle (L)

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

"We need no wings to go in search of God, but only to find a place where we can be alone and communicate with Him, who dwells within us." - St Teresa of Avila

"If you see a person sin, do not judge yourself to be better than him because you know not how long you shall persevere in goodness". -Thomas a Kempis (The Imitation of Christ)

"Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words." -St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Work hard every day at increasing your purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will."— St. Francis de Sales

Mass Servers

Saturday, October 24, 2020

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

Sunday, October 25, 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 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Requiescat In Pace

Yolanda Walker

October 5, 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."

ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH

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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.

"Love proves itself by deeds, and how shall I prove mine? ... I can prove my love only by scattering flowers, that is to say, by never letting slip a single little sacrifice, a single glance, a single word; by making profit of the very smallest actions, by doing them all for love. I want to suffer and even rejoice for love, for this is my way of scattering flowers."— St. Therese of Lisieux

"The Rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth" -St. Therese of Lisieux

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

great thing, but I see that this was dictated by your pure love for Me; that is why I am complying with your requests” (Diary, 873). Later that very day, St. Faustina had the opportunity to make that reparation as her own heart was torn in pain and sorrow over something that she was made aware of during a visit from the other sisters. She offered the suffering for the sake of poor sinners.

Would that we could offer our petitions with the trust and love of St. Faustina and all the saints! How do we spend the time between making a petition and giving thanks to God for having heard and answered that prayer? Is that time spent in sorrow and doubt, or in peace, thanksgiving and a childlike confidence?

In her reflections and visions on the unrecorded events in Jesus’s ministry in Galilee, Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich says that it was the royal official’s son who believed in Jesus. He sent his father to Jesus knowing that the Lord would not only heal him, but lead his unbelieving father to believe in Jesus. The faith of the child, united with the father’s love for the child, leads to not only the healing of the child, but the conversion of the father and of the entire household. The father made a pilgrimage without realizing it.

How many families come to Mass on Sunday without the father? How many fathers should be present but, Sunday after Sunday, are not? Maybe they have never asked to be Catholic or maybe they have stopped practicing their faith. The rest of the family needs to send their father to the Lord. First, spiritually bringing him to the Lord through their prayers at Mass. Then, practically, by asking him to come—pleading, if necessary. Conversion is not diminished by time and some of the greatest conversions have come late in life.

And those who suffer, physically or spiritually, can lead others to Christ by making their suffering the means to draw

others to Christ. This is what St. Faustina and all the saints did. This takes place through not only prayer, but the practical invitation we could make to those who are not in the state of grace: “pray for me,” “take me to church,” “go to Confession,” “please call a priest to see me.” Sending a Mass card or enrollment to someone who is away from the faith is a powerful way both spiritually and practically to help a soul return to the faith.

Our petitions should be simple, humble and prayed with confidence. We should begin with the important ones—the ones that are about the salvation of souls—then include all the other intentions.

May each prayer we offer be offered with ever greater trust in God’s love and mercy.

The Collection amount from Sunday, October 11th was \$7,891.00.

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.

Come and Visit the Assumption Grotto to 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*

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-Our Lady to St. Dominic



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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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