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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

October 25, 2020



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### A Vicarious Descant

If you read the next verse after today's Gospel of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, you will read the passage where Pilate asks the Lord "What is truth?" but then does not remain to receive an answer.

Remember, Christ preached the Gospel perfectly in a doubly-repressive political environment: the Roman Empire, where the Emperor was worshiped as a god, and a Judean theocracy, where death sentences could be handed down under the loose interpretations of the Law by the religious leaders.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI issued an encyclical titled *Quas Primas—On the Feast of Christ the King*. With this encyclical, the Feast of Christ the King was established on the Liturgical calendar. It is celebrated today on the old calendar, the last Sunday of October, and was moved to the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year immediately before the First Sunday of Advent on the new calendar.

Pope Pius XI saw the rise of secular humanism in the form of communism as a pernicious threat to the salvation of souls. *Laicism*, as it would be called, was a refusal to recognize the one true God and Christ and the authority of His Church over not just Catholics or Christians, but all nations and peoples. It was an organizing of all levels of society as if God did not exist. This is a fundamental principle of socialism and communism.

Pope Pius XI promulgated *Quas primas* 43 years after Nietzsche had written his fa-

mous words, "God is dead" in a collection of essays that proposed that the world would be so much better off to cast off religion and morality and thereby be open to new possibilities that could not be achieved as long as man observed some ancient law of a hidden and increasingly unknown God. Incidentally, Nietzsche's 1882 work was titled, "The Gay Science."

The ancient commentator Lactantius said that regarding religion there are three degrees of truth: first, to know what religions are false, and cast aside the worship of that made by human hands; second, to perceive with the mind that there is but one supreme God whose power created the world and now governs it; and third, to recognize Jesus Christ whom He sent to earth and whose teaching shall set us free from the error and since we were created for the worship of the true God, that we might learn justice. Our Lord taught this when He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

The Catholic writers through the ages have confessed that the world itself bears witness to the Truth and that it consists in the knowledge of true blessedness, that is, not wealth, honors, pleasures, knowledge or earthly kingdoms, nor in the elevation of man above God, but in the kingdom of heaven--the vision and possession of God (Lapide).

The first lie spoken in the Garden of Eden did not diminish the truth, but it made it harder for man to grasp. But God had already foreseen and provided

for the Fall and all that followed. We need to simply ask how we know, love and serve Him in this life, that we might be with Him in the life to come. The Church has answered in every age.

An author once lamented that Pilate did not remain to receive an answer to his own question. But every Christian should know that no answer needed to be spoken. The answer *was standing* before Pilate. Truth is not *something*, it is a Person: Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

It is fitting to conclude with paragraph 24 from *Quas primas*:

24. If We ordain that the whole Catholic world shall revere Christ as King, We shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, Venerable Brethren, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, - October 26, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Caleb Arnold (L)

**Tuesday, - October 27, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Brian & Valarie O'Donnell & Family (L)

**Wednesday, - October 28, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Theresa Marie DeKeyzer (D)

**Thursday, - October 29, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Maria Santine (L)

10:00 a.m.-Funeral Mass-William

Jurewicz

**Friday, - October 30, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– The Unborn Child of Steve Sawacki

**Saturday, - October 31, 2020**

7:30 a.m.– Edward Toporek (D)

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Sunday, - November 01, 2020**

6:30 a.m.– Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.– People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.–Special Intention

*"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" -St. Pope John Paul II*

*"In the first place it should be known that if anyone is seeking God, the Beloved is seeking that person much more."-St John of the Cross*

*"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection."— Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

*"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."— St. Gianna Molla*

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**

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

**Sunday, November 01, 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 25, 2020**

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

**Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc -2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

*Requiescat In Pace*

**William Jurewicz**

**October 21, 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.

*"Whoever does not meditate, is like someone who never looks in the mirror before going out, doesn't bother to see if he's tidy, and may go out dirty without knowing it. The person who meditates and turns his mind to God, who is the mirror of his soul, seeks to know his faults, tries to correct them, moderates his impulses, and puts his conscience in order." - Saint Padre Pio*

*"Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground." (Ephesians 6:13)*

**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences. We lamented these in the Encyclical *Ubi arcano*; we lament them today: the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder so much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to so many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making men seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family undermined; society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. It would be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result. Many of these, however, have neither the station in society nor the authority which should belong to those who bear the torch of truth. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance; thus the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King, then, fired with apostolic zeal, they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his rights.

**Masses for Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day, will be as follows: 6:30am; 9:30am (Tridentine); & 12:00pm.**

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**Masses for Monday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, will be as follows: 6:00am; 7:30am; & 7:00pm. All Masses will be Tridentine.**

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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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**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* 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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**UNITE MICHIGAN Eucharistic Procession** Sponsored by INVICTUS CHRISTUS, on Saturday, October 31, there will be a grand Eucharistic Procession by foot in Detroit starting at Noon down Woodward Ave. from Our Lady of the Rosary Church (doors opening at 11:30 am with Confessions available), a brief stop at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, and concluding at 4 pm, with final Benediction, at St. Joseph Shrine. During the Procession, hymns will be sung and Rosaries recited. The Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem are also expected to take part in the entirety of the event. Please follow all local COVID-19 advisories, including wearing face masks, if social distancing is not possible. For more information, please visit <https://uniteournation.net/event/detroit-michigan>.



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~ Father Perrone*

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**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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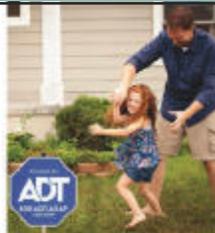
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