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*Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine - 1881 -*

A Vicarious Descant

Today's Gospels in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman Rite are beautiful meditations for this month where we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The ruler's daughter who had already died was raised to life by the Lord as easily as being woken from sleep. And the five wise and five foolish virgins who fell asleep symbolized the Christian faithful who will one day experience the sleep of death, but then be awakened at the Last Judgment.

Yet the parable of the wise and foolish virgins reminds us how our life here on earth should always look forward to the life of heaven. In the parable we see wisdom and foolishness, sufficiency and want, preparedness and unreadiness, light and darkness, salvation and damnation.

All Christians are represented by the virgins. The tradition of the Jewish people was for the bridegroom to go out and conduct his spouse with great solemnity to his house. This happened at night. The young women of the area would meet them with lighted lamps to do her honor and express their desire to one day be conducted to their bridegroom's home.

There are many symbols in today's parable. Perhaps the most important ones are lamps. The lamps represent faith and the light from those lamps represents good works. That which fuels the light, the oil, is the grace and charity that one obtains through one's actions: "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20).

Sleep is the habit of human nature to become less fervent and watchful. All Christians will be drowsy at times, but will our lives when we are not drowsy be such that we will still, nonetheless, be ready to greet the bridegroom?

The oil flasks are also meant to represent a desire on our part for an abundance of grace and opportunities for charity. The five wise virgins brought extra oil because they didn't know what was exactly required any more than we know what will be exactly required for us to enter heaven. We should not be miserly in our prayers and charity, but overestimate what is required of us that we will not be caught short when there will be no time to make up for our deficiencies. The foolish virgins' lamps were lit at first sufficiently to shine before men, but it was not lasting. Like the seed that fell on the rocky ground, and sprang up at once, it withered when tested by the heat of the sun.

But the gesture of bringing along extra oil also represents a desire on the part of the virgins to remain with the bridegroom for a time, not just meet him, fulfill their duty and then return to their home. Our time here on earth should always anticipate the eternity of heaven and desire to one day dwell there. Even our arriving early for Mass and staying afterward for thanksgiving is an expression of this desire.

There is always the question about charity, generosity and sharing that comes to mind when we meditate on this parable. If the wise virgins are who we should be

like, why did they not share their oil with those who did not have enough? Aren't we supposed to share and look out for the needs of others?

Of course! We are called to do this every day of our life here on earth. But the Lord is speaking in this parable about the end times and He is speaking symbolically about grace, good works, preparation, wisdom and what we have done in our lives—whether it will merit entrance into the wedding banquet of heaven or cause us to be locked out of heaven because we weren't ready when the bridegroom came.

The wise virgins filled their flasks with extra oil through good works, prayer, charity, penance—in short, love of God and love of neighbor. It is what happens before the bridegroom comes that matters, not what they do once he has arrived—then it will be too late. The spiritual nature of the merits and graces each of us receives from God means that we cannot simply hand them to someone else. For example, plenary indulgences cannot be obtained for another living soul, but only for yourself or a soul in purgatory.

"Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. Grace is a participation in the life of God" (CCC 1996). While at one time in the Church, theologians have identified many different kinds of grace, today, the Church speaks to us primarily of two kinds of grace: sanctifying grace and actual grace. Sanctifying grace is God sharing his divine life and friendship with us in a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - November 09 2020

7:30 a.m.— Anthony Bustamante (D)

Tuesday, - November 10, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Mary Stump (D)

Wednesday, - November 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.— All Veterans (L&D)

Thursday, - November 12, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Holy Souls

Friday, - November 13, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Sharon Flora (L)

(40 Hours Devotion Begins)

7:00 p.m.—Patrons of the Shrine

Saturday, - November 14, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Mass for Peace

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

Sunday, - November 15, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo in Latin)— People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m. (Tridentine)—Purgatorial Society Mass (Closing of 40 Hours Devotion)

"When we leave the holy banquet of Communion, we are as happy as the wise men would have been if they could have carried away the infant Jesus." -St. John Vianney

"Often, actually very often, God allows his greatest servants, those who are far advanced in grace, to make the most humiliating mistakes. This humbles them in their own eyes and in the eyes of their fellow men."— St. Louis de Montfort

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself." St Francis de Sales

"To assist the souls in Purgatory is to perform the most excellent of the works of mercy." -St. Francis de Sales

Mass Servers

Saturday, November 14, 2020

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

Sunday, November 15, 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 November 08, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Requiescat In Pace

Anna Mae VerHaeghe

October 30, 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."

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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.

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son".-Diary of St Faustina #811

"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

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

habitual gift. Actual grace is God intervening to help us conform our lives to his will. Sacramental graces are graces proper to each Sacrament which help us to live a life in Christ.

This weekend our parish will hold Forty Hours Devotion. It begins with the Friday 7:30 AM morning Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession and then Exposition until 6:45 PM. Forty Hours is symbolic of the number of hours that Jesus' body lay in the tomb. It is a time when we gather as a parish in addition to the Sunday and Daily worship and join the holy angels in adoration.

The weekend Mass schedule is unchanged, except that the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass will be Ordinary Form Latin and the noon Mass will be Extraordinary Form (Tridentine).

All the parishioners are encouraged to make every effort to participate in this very solemn occasion, especially during this most perilous and uncertain time for our country.

Let us pray fervently for our Nation as we strive to be ready and watchful for the Bridegroom.

40 Hours Devotion Schedule 2020**Friday, November 13th**

7:30 a.m. Opening Mass with procession after Mass.

7:00 p.m. Mass with Benediction before Mass

Saturday, November 14th

6:00 a.m. Exposition

7:30 a.m. Mass at side altar

6:00 p.m. Benediction

Sunday, November 15th

6:00 a.m. Exposition

12:00 noon Closing Mass (Tridentine) with Procession

Please note: the 9:30 a.m. Mass will be Novus Ordo in Latin

Sign up sheets for adoration are on the side tables of the church today.

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!

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 Fr. John A Hardon 36 Week Advanced Marian Catechism Course will begin on Saturday, January 9th at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. You must have a certificate that you completed the Basic 16 Week course in order to participate. All class course materials must be purchased in advance. The class will meet every other Saturday completing one chapter every two weeks. This gives a

sufficient time for busy Catholics to reflect and study. For more information on the Advanced or Basic Courses, or if you need to purchase the course materials, leave your name at rectory and someone will contact you.

Morning Offering "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father" (from "Manual of Prayers," Midwest Theological Forum).



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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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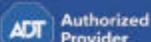
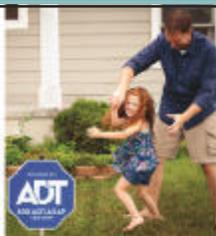
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