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November 22, 2020



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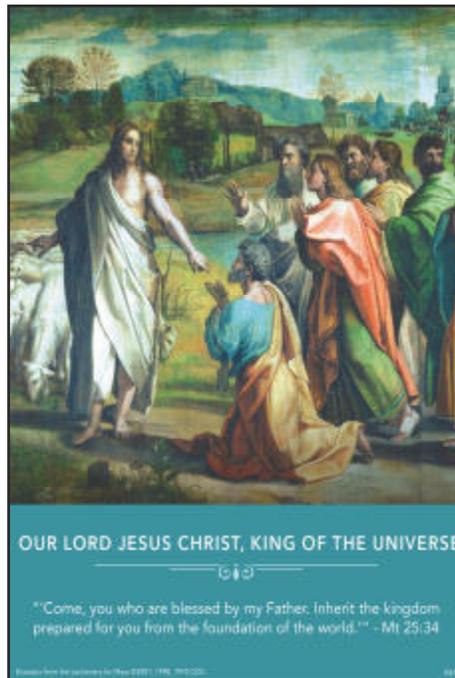
A Vicarious Descant

While the Feast of Christ the King was celebrated in the Old Calendar one month ago, it is celebrated today in the New Calendar.

The Feast of Christ the King was promulgated by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in an encyclical titled “*Quas primas*, On the Kingship of Christ.”

The very first words of the Encyclical could be announced today with even greater urgency given the countless offenses committed against God in the 95 years since: “In the first Encyclical Letter which We addressed at the beginning of Our Pontificate to the Bishops of the universal Church, We referred to the chief causes of the difficulties under which mankind was laboring. And We remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.”

At this point in history, the Papal States, which had at one time comprised two-thirds of the peninsula of Italy, had been reduced to St. Peter’s Basilica and the Papal Apartments adjacent to it. The year following this encyclical, the Holy See would begin negotiations with Italy on the Lateran Treaty which established the Vatican City State as we know it today.



But the encyclical was not about land. It was about the mission of the Church—calling all peoples and nations into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church (N.B. “catholic” meaning “universal” and one of the four marks of the Church rather than the proper noun for the “capital C” Catholic Church).

The very last encyclical Pope Pius XI promulgated was titled, “*Ingravescentibus malis*” or “Ever increasing evils.” In this last encyclical, written two years before his death, Pius XI calls upon all of mankind to turn to Christ by calling upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary: “More than once have We asserted - and We recently repeated this in the Encyclical Letter *Divini Redemptoris* that there is no remedy for the ever-growing evils of our

times except a return to Our Lord Jesus Christ and to His most holy precepts. Truly, only He ‘hath the words of eternal life’ (Cf. John, 6:69), and individuals and society can only fall into immediate and miserable ruin if they ignore the majesty of God and repudiate His Law....anyone who studies with diligence the records of the Catholic Church will easily recognize that the true patronage of the Virgin Mother of God is linked with all the annals of the Christian name. When, in fact, errors everywhere diffused were bent upon rending the seamless robe of the Church and upon throwing the Catholic world into confusion, our fathers turned with confident soul to her ‘alone who destroys all heresies in the world’ (Roman Breviary), and the victory won through her brought the return of tranquility....Therefore why should We not hope for every grace if We supplicate Our Heavenly Mother in this manner with due disposition and holiness? We desire very earnestly, Venerable Brethren, that the Holy Rosary should be recited in a special manner in the month of October and with increased devotion both in the churches and in homes. And so much the more must it be done since the enemies of the Divine Name - that is, those who have rebelled against and denied and scorned the Eternal God - spread snares for the Catholic Faith and the liberty due to the Church, and finally rebel with insane efforts against divine and human rights, to send mankind to ruin and perdition. Through efficacious recourse to the Virgin Mother of God, they may be finally bent and led to penance and return to the straight path, trusting to the care and protection of Mary.” In the Extraordinary

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - November 23 2020

7:30 a.m.– Unborn Child of Steve Sawicki

Tuesday, - November 24, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Levi Buszek

Wednesday, - November 25, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Robert Reilly (L)

Thursday, - November 26, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Fr. Eduard Perrone (L)

9:00 a.m.– The Grotto Ushers

Friday, - November 27, 2020

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

Saturday, - November 28, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Sam Orlando (L)

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - November 29, 2020

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

“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

 *Baptism*

Timothy James Fogarty

November 21, 2020

“The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands, forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's kingdom. -St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Servers

Saturday, November 28, 2020

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

Sunday, November 29, 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 15, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal.”-Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

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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.

“If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit this prayer has never failed me.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta

“The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light.”- St. John of the Cross

“Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it.”-St. John of the Cross

“In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction.”- St. John of the Cross

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

Form of the Roman Rite the Gospel is taken from chapter 24 of the Gospel according to Matthew. The Lord speaks literally of the destruction of Jerusalem, but also anagogically. The anagogical interpretation of Scripture is the interpretation of Scripture that concerns the last four things: death, judgment, heaven, hell. To meditate on this chapter is to be confronted with a very terrible reality of what will come to pass at an hour we do not know. For some, the words of Our Lord describe a life that is absolutely detached from worldly possessions—thus the leaving of even the smallest possessions such as a cloak. Pope Adrian I, in writing to the King of France interpreted being on the housetop as constantly living a life that is free of the things of the world and keeping ones mind raised to the things of heaven.

Every age has the option of choosing Christ or rejecting Christ. This is understood collectively and individually since each of us chooses to believe or not believe. We should look around us and spiritually see the armies assembling to accomplish our eternal destruction. We do not necessarily flee our cities and homes, but we flee the things that will separate us from Christ. Spiritually, we each must be ready to appear before the judgment seat of Christ to render an accounting of what we have done in the body whether good or evil (2 Cor 5:10).

One need not be a Catholic Historian to say truthfully that the more society and government put aside Christ, the worse things become. It was not that long ago when the leaders of this country openly proclaimed their Christianity and their belief in the Kingship of Christ—going so far as to carve passages from Scripture in the stone of monuments throughout this nation’s capitol. Even the first session of the Supreme Court of the United States spent three continuous hours in prayer to Jesus Christ before beginning their work. We seem to be nearing a point which is diametrically

opposed to both justice and the Kingship of Christ.

Pope Pius XI said, “When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”

May we turn to our Blessed Mother with urgent pleas to guide our nation back to God that we might receive these great blessings without delay.

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The collection amount for Sunday, November 1st was \$9,890.00. The amount for November 8th was \$10,101.00

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The Collections for the Masses on Thanksgiving Day will go to fund the continued efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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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!

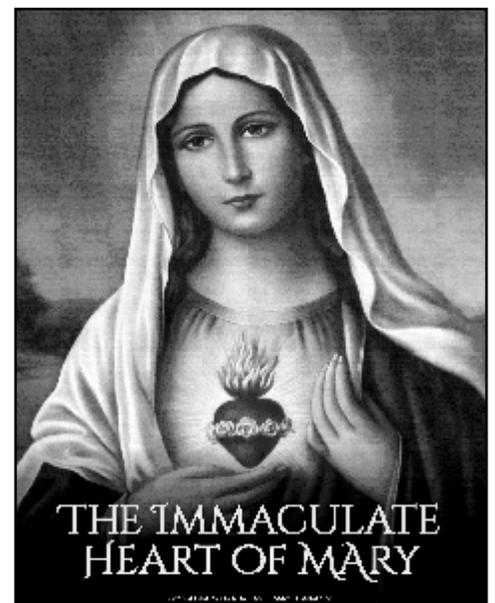
Seven Sisters Apostolate

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. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.

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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.

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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).



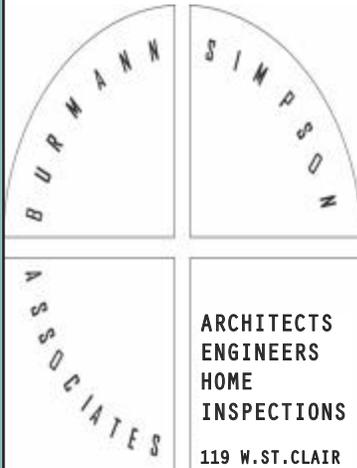


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