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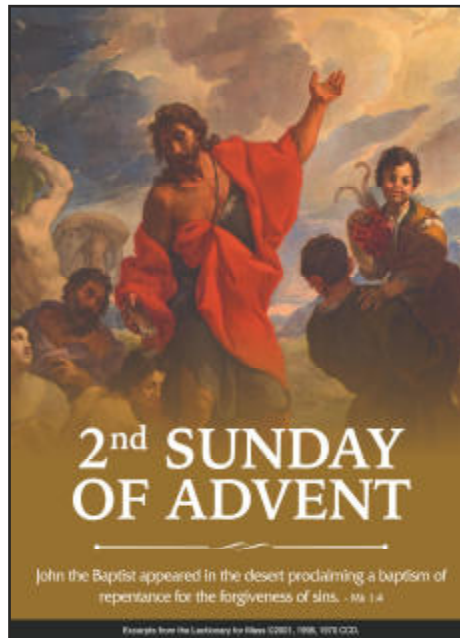
A Vicarious Descant

Advent is a penitential season like Lent, but there is, nonetheless, a sense of joy that pervades this penitential season. There is a joy in setting aside anything that separates us from God. There is a joy in conversion. As we make our way through this holy season, we should be preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ as commemorated in our Christmas observances, but more importantly, when He will come again “to judge the living and the dead.”

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Patroness of the United States, the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Immaculate Conception is the title given to Our Lady in the early Church and solemnly proclaimed in 1854.

Nearly eight years earlier, at the sixth Plenary Council of Baltimore, the bishops of the United States had unanimously placed the United States under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The following year it was solemnly confirmed by Pope Pius IX who would then universally proclaim the infallible dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854. Then, four years after that, our Lady, herself, would confirm this to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes. Each of us benefits under this patronage of Our Lady in a particular way as Americans.

In the holy Novena prayers in honor of the Immaculate Conception that we will finish on Monday, we honor Our Lady in these words:



“All fair and Immaculate One, we place our hope in you * who crushed the head of the serpent * and brought salvation to the world; * in you, the glory of the prophets and apostles, * the honor of the martyrs,* the crown of all the saints; * in you, the safest refuge and most trustworthy helper of all who are in danger; * in you, with your only-begotten Son, * the most powerful intercessor in the whole world; * in you, the most excellent ornament, and unassailable fortress of the whole Church; * in you, the destroyer of all heresies, * who delivered the faithful people from all kinds of threatening dangers, * we place our hope.”

All these attributes of Our Lady, with many more, can be gathered under the title, “Mater Ecclesiae” or, “Mother of the Church.” Because the Immaculate Conception is the Mother of all the

Faithful, she is therefore Mother of the Church, as two popes in recent times affirmed that “the Most Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, the Mother of the Church, carries on in heaven her maternal role with regard to the members of Christ, cooperating in the birth and development of divine life in the souls of the redeemed.” (*Redemptoris Mater*, 47). Indeed, the Church herself draws “from the Virgin Mother of God the most authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ.” (ibid.)

Forty-one years ago, when Pope St. John Paul visited this country, he concluded one of his prayers with these prophetic words directed to Our Lady:

“The bishops of the Church in the United States have chosen you in the mystery of your Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the People of God in this country. May the hope enclosed in this mystery prevail over sin and may it be shared among all the sons and daughters of America and throughout the human family. In a period during which the struggle between good and evil, between the prince of darkness and the Father of light and of evangelical love is becoming greater, may the light of your Immaculate Conception show to all the way of grace and salvation. Amen.”

This struggle has, indeed, intensified in this past year. We are in need of the help of our Patroness more than ever before. May her intercession guide us through this Advent journey that we may soon give thanks with joy and receive an abundance of God’s grace and mercy.

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Monday, - December 07, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Michael Dunne (D)

Tuesday, - December 08, 2020

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 a.m.– Johnny Williams (D)

9:30 a.m.- Special Intention

7:00 p.m.- Special Intention

Wednesday, - December 09, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Joanne Gularte (D)

Thursday, - December 10, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Glenn Hardy (D)

Friday, - December 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Daren Sandberg (L)

Saturday, - December 12, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Patrons of the Shrine

2:00 p.m.- The Faculty and Students at Chesterton Academy

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - December 13, 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

Readings for the week of December

06, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



“The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”-Pope Pius IX

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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.

Mass Servers

Saturday, December 12, 2020

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

Sunday, December 13, 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



The Knights are taking orders for Christmas Hams and Sausages, through December 10th. Orders will be ready for pick up after Masses on December 20th.

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Christmas Novena cards are available at the Rectory.

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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. 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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Act of Contrition O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



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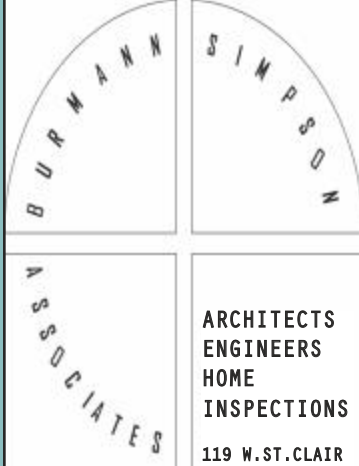
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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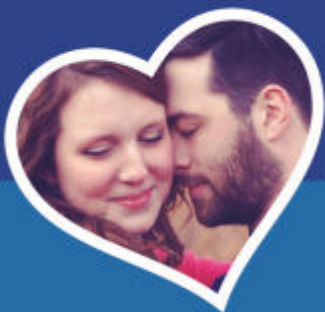
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