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December 13, 2020



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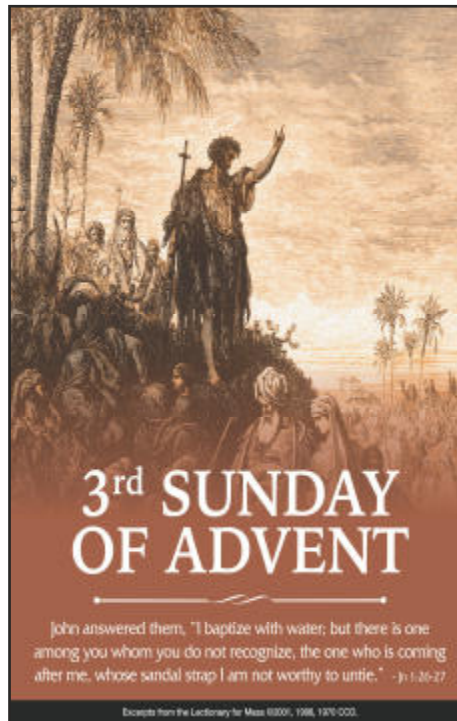
A Vicarious Descant

In the Gospel passage from the Ordinary Form of the Mass today we read that John the Baptist was baptizing “in Bethany across the Jordan.” Most bible historians note that the place was not the Bethany where Lazarus, Martha and Mary lived, but a different place that was near the Jordan.

The Bethany in today’s Gospel was the very place where the Hebrews first crossed the Jordan under the leadership of Joshua and entered the Promised Land. It was indeed a place chosen by God to point to the coming of the Messiah and the living waters of baptism which take away sin. This place was Jordan’s Bank—where Jesus would be baptized, since Scripture proclaimed that the Messiah would begin His preaching in Judea.

This Bethany was one of the busiest routes into Jerusalem. It was just beyond the sight of the temple and had been established to fulfill the obligation under the law to care for those in need, particularly pilgrims, who, having journeyed with great difficulty to Jerusalem, could receive care for sickness and injuries they incurred along the way. One of the translations of the word Bethany is “House of Misery” on account of the many suffering who were cared for in that place. It is also rendered, “House of the Crossing” or “House of the Passage.” It was a place where ships and boats passed by which is yet another rendering of the name: “House of Ships.”

The baptism of repentance which St. John administered, therefore, was done in a place where help and comfort had been



provided to innumerable pilgrims in need of healing. It was a place for them to prepare to enter the holy city of Jerusalem. It was a historic place of Crossing over into the Promised Land. It was a place of abundant waters that anticipated the living waters of Baptism.

The place where John the Baptist was baptizing the very place where Gideon destroyed the enemies that had made the lives of the Israelites so difficult for so long. Gideon himself had told the angel, “If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are his wondrous deeds of which our fathers told us when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ For now the Lord has abandoned us and has delivered us into the power of Midian” (Judges 6:12ff).

The place where John the Baptist was baptizing was the place where Gideon brought back an offering to God of meat and unleavened cakes. The angel told Gideon to pour out the broth and place the meat and the unleavened cakes on a rock (which served as an altar). The angel touched the end of his staff to the offering and it was immediately consumed by a supernatural fire.

The place where John the Baptist was baptizing was the place where Gideon asked for a sign from God and wrung out an abundant bowlful of water from a small piece of fleece.

In the Catechism we read, the coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the “First Covenant”. He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. St. John the Baptist is the Lord’s immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. “Prophet of the Most High”, John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother’s womb welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being “the friend of the bridegroom”, whom he points out as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”. Going before Jesus “in the spirit and power of Elijah,” John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom (CCC 522-523).

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - December 14, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Darlene Kucel (L)

Tuesday, - December 15, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Sam & Nancy Orlando (L)

Wednesday, - December 16, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Mary Campbell & Family (L)

Thursday, - December 17, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Darlene Kucel (L)

Friday, - December 18, 2020

7:30 a.m.– Pauline Kray (L)

Saturday, - December 19, 2020

7:30 a.m.– The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, - December 20, 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

Mass Servers

Saturday, December 19, 2020

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

Sunday, December 20, 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. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of

December 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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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.

 *Baptism*

Wolfgang Eduard Schuster

December 12, 2020

Rose Marie Reiff

December 13, 2020



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

This Gaudete Sunday we are again admonished to maintain our joy and confidence in the mercy of God and prepare for His coming. There is much news around us these days that is terribly discouraging. But discouragement is not of God. Worry and anxiety is opposed to the trust that the Lord calls us to live.

These remaining days of Advent should be days of hope and encouragement in the eternal good that God offers to us. This began at our waters of baptism. Let us not choose complacency over being a living witness of Jesus Christ and a true disciple. Let us practice daily conversion and a continuous watchfulness for the coming of the Lord. Not in sorrow and despair, but joy and in trust in the Lord. St. Paul says that the “gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” (Rom 11:29). By God’s grace, may our lives express a desire for these gifts and a faithful response to that call.

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Solemn Novena of Masses for Christ-mas - A Solemn Novena of Masses will be offered from December 26th to January 5th, nine days of Masses for your loved ones. Each keepsake card is a full color photograph of the church with matching lined envelope. Donation \$10.00 per card. Come in or call the rectory to pick them up.

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Grotto parishioner, James Likoudis, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. A devout Catholic, the father of six children, and grandfather of 35, Likoudis and his wife now reside with their daughter Therese Williams in Ann Arbor. Likoudis served as president of Catholics United for the Faith, and for many years travelled and lectured throughout the world, defending *Humanae Vitae*, Catholic sexual morality, and the authority of the magisterium. A prolific writer, he helped thousands of ordinary Catholics understand the changes in society and liturgy. As a

convert from Eastern Orthodoxy, his major scholarly contribution has been on the ecumenical front, defending papal primacy and authority in response to Eastern Orthodox objections. In 2002, Likoudis was recipient of the Blessed Frederick Ozanam Aware for Catholic Social Action, presented by the Society for Catholic Social Scientists. In view of his tireless promotion of sound doctrine, morals, liturgy, and ecumenism since his reception into the Church in 1952, Likoudis was awarded an honorary doctorate of theology by the Sacred Heart Major Seminary this year. Because of the Covid pandemic, no public awards ceremony could be held and he was awarded his degree in absentia. The happy news is that we may now address him as DOCTOR James Likoudis!

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Assumption Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

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Come and Visit the Assumption Grotto 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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For questions regarding Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Mary at 248-225-5117.

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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.

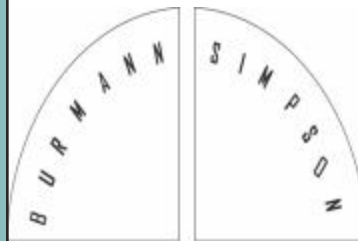


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