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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

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January 24, 2021



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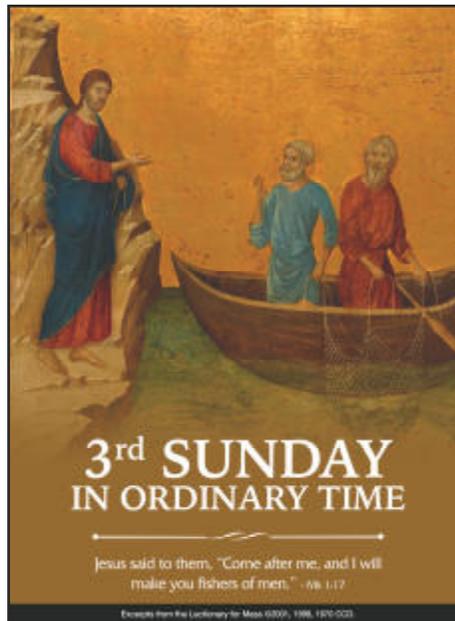
## A Vicarious Descant

In today's Gospel in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, we first learn from a leper. The leper was asking for a lot, just as we often do: he was asking to be cured from something that was incurable in his day. But before the leper made his petition for healing, he humbly adored the Lord. We should humbly adore, praise and thank God before we place our petitions before Him. When we call to mind how much God has done for us, it can only help us present our petitions before the Lord with greater trust and thanksgiving.

Before the centurion's servant was healed, the centurion made a profound expression of faith which arose from great humility. When we pray for others, we must acknowledge how unworthy we are to be asking anything, and yet, we should have confidence that it is pleasing to the Lord that we make these petitions.

Our Lord's words in today's Gospel give the highest praise to a pagan centurion and the harshest condemnation to the "children of the kingdom." "Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel" and "I say to you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Mat 8:10ff).

The "children of the kingdom" our Lord spoke of in today's passage were those who claimed justification based on their observance of the Law alone. But these words were spoken also to us. We are also



called "children of the kingdom" as our Lord said in Matthew 13 in explaining the parable of the weeds among the wheat: "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil" (Matt 13:37-38).

Our Lord said through the prophet Isaiah: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness" (Isaiah 5:20). Obviously, God knew just how extensive this "woe" would be in our time. Likewise, in the parable of the weeds among the wheat: why does it seem there are so many "children of the evil one" among the "children of the kingdom?" (Matthew 13:38).

Even in the most bizarre botanical genetic manipulation, there is no such thing as

something that is at once wheat and at the same time a weed: it is one or the other or it is neither. What is so remarkable is that some weeds actually look just like tiny wheat stalks before they mature into the full-grown plant. They even have "heads" that look like the head of the wheat plant.

But "you will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). Time is the ultimate authenticator. Many of the lies amidst which we live today can only be made known by time, and some will only be made known by the Lord Himself at the end of time. It is our obligation to remain patient and faithful all the while observing the fruits of what is around us.

Individually, we can be deceived. But the one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic Church remains indefectible and infallible. Holy Mother Church will endure until the Second Coming. She will not fall into error, even if there are times and places and individuals within the Church who do.

The third Luminous mystery of the Rosary is the "Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion." We accept the message of the kingdom—the Good News—when we heed the call to conversion. Conversion is not only a singular event, but, rather, many individual acts at every level of our lives which lead to greater good.

Consider this sequence of steps and keep in mind that at each step, God grants actual grace to a soul before, during and after that step: first, I realize the choice of sin in my life, then, I desire to turn away from it, then I confess those sins, then I do penance and desire to go beyond simply not

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Monday, - January 25, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Zita Dacpano (L)

**Tuesday, - January 26, 2021**

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**Wednesday, - January 27, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Gerald Musseau (L)

**Thursday, - January 28, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Mary Decker (D)

**Friday, - January 29, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Jennifer Marie Isbell (L)

**Saturday, - January 30, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– David Louis Isbell (L)

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Sunday, - January 31, 2021**

6:30 a.m.– Special Intention

9:30 a.m. -People of the Parish

12:00 p.m.– Special Intention

*“Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible.” – St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Mass Servers

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

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

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

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

**January 24, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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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.

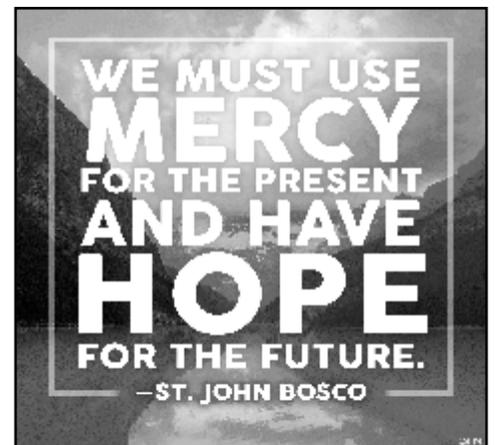
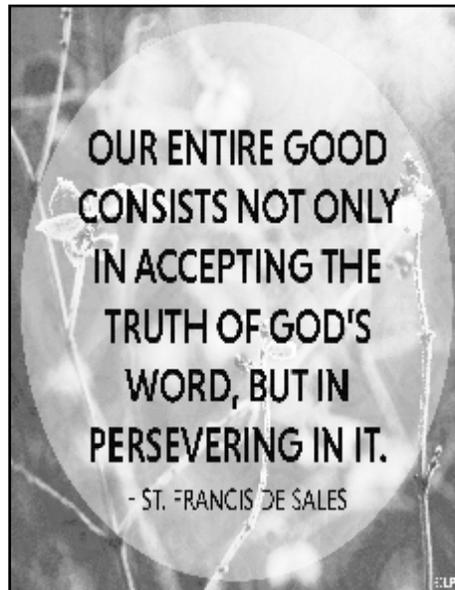
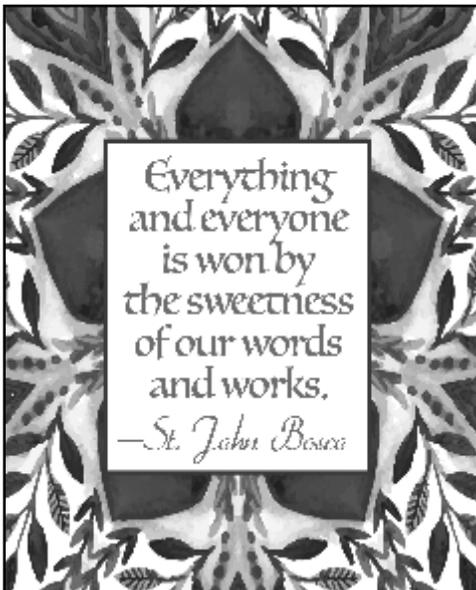
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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.



**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

sinning, but always seeking the good, then I am attentive to how I conduct myself in the eyes of God and man, then I set a good example to my neighbor, then I seek to increase my forgiveness of others and generosity to others, then I deny myself various things to purify my intentions and to be the faithful disciple God has called me to be, then I become aware of aspects of my life that I had not even noticed before, then I begin this whole process all over again by turning away from that which is sinful or even unnecessary or unhelpful.

Grave sins will always sit on innumerable smaller sins just as a large rock can be held in place by a tiny pebble, so we especially seek to take away the pebbles in our lives during the penitential seasons so that they do not hold any larger sins in place. And next Sunday we will begin again the penitential season of Septuagesima—the preparation time before Lent.

There are two verses that are considered the shortest in the entire Bible. One is “Jesus wept” (at the tomb of Lazarus), and the other is, perhaps not surprisingly, “Rejoice always” found in 1 Thessalonians 5.

Our Lord wept over what God never intended to come about: sin and death, as we read in the Book of Wisdom: “For God formed man to be imperishable; [in] the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who are in his possession experience it” (Wisdom 2:23-24).

Then we consider St. Paul’s words: “Rejoice always:” the answer to what God never intended to be is to repent and believe in the Gospel and thereby “Rejoice always.”

As we approach Septuagesima, let us seek to Rejoice Always. Let us pray for those around us—both within and outside the Church. Let us pray for those in government—every election seems to

bring more and more politicians who are harder and harder to pray for. Let us ask our Lord to give them the “clarity of fidelity” and a desire to seek and live the Truth and thereby turn away from evil.

Each year that passes reveals a greater and more urgent need to turn to our Blessed Mother, asking her to intercede for us, to present our petitions to her divine Son and save us from our enemies, to restore the faith in this country that we may not be buried by our enemies—material or spiritual, and that our enemies may not rejoice over us, but that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:4).

If the intercessory prayers of pagans can move our Lord to answer their prayers, how much more should our earnest prayers for the unborn, for politicians, for our country, for the Church and the world move our Lord to have mercy on us and move hearts to repentance and belief in the Gospel of Life?

**Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of Throats**

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will take place after the 7:30am Mass, during the Rosary.

**Altar Boy Training**

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on the Second Saturday of each month in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM beginning February 6. Contact the rectory for more information.

**Families of Parishes Update**

Assumption Grotto has been moved from the first to the second wave of parishes, which begins more formally later this year. More information will be provided in the coming months. You will be happy to know that our parishes have already been working together in many

ways as a family for some time and we hope to support each other even more in the years ahead.

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

**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.

**Ushers Needed**

We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Masses. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

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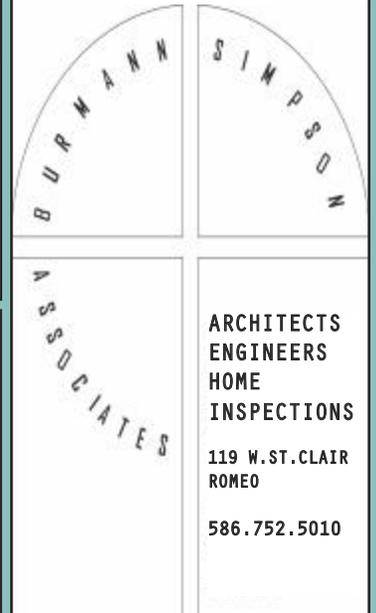
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner  
**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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