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ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

February 14, 2021



Our Lady of Lourdes
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Today in the Traditional Calendar is Quinquagesima—the 50 days. On Wednesday, we begin Quadragesima—the 40 days.

Ash Wednesday is this week. It is not a holyday of obligation, but it is a solemn day of *obligatory prayer, fast and abstinence* that will formally begin Lententide. Please mark it as a day which is apart from the usual weekdays and attend Mass if you are able. There will be two Masses on Wednesday: 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed before each Mass.

Confession is an essential part of Lent as well. There will be ample opportunities for Confession in the coming weeks as we approach Holy Week.

It may be helpful to list here the Current and “Traditional” laws regarding Abstinence and Fasting as taken from the Ordo that we use at Assumption Grotto which is published by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter. We are obligated by the current Code of Canon Law (1983) but may find the traditional practices most edifying in this Lententide:

Current Practice (Code of 1983):

Days of Abstinence: Begins on one’s 14th birthday, Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. Obliges abstention from flesh meat.

Laws of Days of Penance: Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of Days of Fast: Applies to everyone aged 18-59, inclusive. One full meal permitted and two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The Law of Eucharistic Fast: Under the New Code of Canon Law of 1983, the Fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

Discipline of 1962 (TLM)

Laws of Days of Abstinence: Applies on one’s 7th birthday. Complete abstinence on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, and the Vigil of Christmas.

In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is Quinquagesima, meaning “the 50.” On Wednesday, we begin Quadragesima, meaning “the 40” which begins the Lenten season. The extra days preceding the First Sunday of Lent next week have been traditionally dedicated to particular prayers, fasting and almsgiving for the Souls in Purgatory.

One of the reasons that it can be difficult to begin a new practice or be consistent in forming a good habit is that doing something different often requires us to stop doing something that we are already doing and replace it with something else. During Lent, we stop doing certain familiar practices and routines and replace them with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This practice of mortification and self-denial is done to make more room in our lives for God’s grace. We stop doing something we are accustomed to do and do something else that is at once expresses sorrow for sin and love for God and neighbor.

In today’s Gospel, our Lord is approaching Jericho in the days leading up to Holy Week. The word “Jericho” means “moon” in Hebrew. Probably because the city was shaped like the moon, but there are likely other reasons for the name. The moon is a symbol of the flesh. On its own, it cannot give light. Without the light of Christ, so is our soul lifeless and in darkness. It can even be thought to reflect the light in a way that mirrors a soul’s spiritual life—at times being very fervent, and other times, being shadowed by the world and in the darkness of sin. Either way, to go from Jerusalem to Jericho is to descend from a city on a hill to a city in a dark valley.

In this passage, Jesus is passing through Jericho on the way to Jerusalem. It is a symbol of the Light leading souls in darkness and the “shadow of death” out of the darkness toward the heavenly Jerusalem. The blind man, who lived his days in darkness, could only rely on what he heard others saying. He had heard much about Jesus and had long listened for his coming. Imagine the man’s joy in hearing for the first time the words, “Jesus is passing by!” We, too, must be attentive to the Word of God in these days of Lent that we may wait with anticipation and joy for His coming.

Before the blind man asked to be healed, he first publicly begged God to have mercy on him. When he was brought to the Lord, then he asked to receive his sight. But he only placed his petition before the Lord after he had begged the Lord publicly for mercy. That’s what we should be doing in these days of Lent—publicly asking God for mercy and then placing our petitions before the Lord.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - February 15, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Joseph Marshalek (D)

Tuesday, - February 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Gabriel Conte (D)

Wednesday, - February 17, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Kaitlin Baker (L)

Thursday, - February 18, 2021

7:30 a.m.– David Joseph Klemmer (D)

Friday, - February 19, 2021

7:30 a.m.– The Clougherty & Strek Families (L&D)

Saturday, - February 20, 2021

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

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Sunday, February 21, 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

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).

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.

Mass Servers

Saturday, February 20, 2021

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

Sunday, February 21, 2021

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of

February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

Act of Hope

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

Act of Love

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. 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.

It is interesting that a number of the commentators point out that it was not the disciples who told the blind man to stop calling out, but, rather, those in the crowd. The world does not tolerate people publicly acknowledging Jesus. It will frequently seek to silence anyone who does so. The “cancel culture” that has taken on hysterical proportions is proof enough of that.

The blind man remained persistent in spite of those around him trying to silence him because they did not speak with authority. St. Augustine says that the sinner must persist in seeking forgiveness from God in spite of others trying to silence him when he wrote, “Bad and lukewarm Christians hinder good Christians, who seek to perform the commandments of God. Nevertheless, the latter cry out and do not grow weak. Every Christian who has begun to live well, and to despise the world, at the commencement of his new life has to endure the censures of cold Christians, but if he perseveres, those who at first hindered him will soon comply.” Therefore, one who wishes to serve God must overcome the fear of man—also called human respect. St. Hilary even says, “Faith, when it is forbidden, is the more inflamed, and so in the midst of dangers it is secure, and in the midst of security, it is endangered.” (Lapide) And their efforts to overcome this fear or hesitation can even lead to the conversion of those Christians who are not fervent.

Our Lord chose to bring salvation to all men through the testimony of others. So after the blind man ignores those who would have him be silent, the other Gospels tell us that he listens to those *sent by Jesus*. “Take courage” they say to the blind man, “get up” they order him, “Jesus is calling you.” What a profoundly different message! The Lord could have done that Himself, but God has ordained to accomplish his Holy Will through others. The work of the Holy Angels is among the greatest examples of this. So, too, the Lord has ordained that His priests hear Confession and

absolve penitents of their sins through the ministry and authority of the Church. The Church belongs to the Lord and her authority to bind and loose comes from the Lord.

“Your faith has saved you” are the simple words that each of us longs to hear from the Lord when we appear before Him. Let us not lose a moment of this holy season in seeking the Lord. May we enter this season of Lent this week with joy, peace, confidence and above all repentance for all our sins, along with a true desire to amend our lives in accordance with the Gospel.

Stations of the Cross and Mass

Each Friday evening in Lent beginning at 6:45 PM there will be Confessions, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass and Rosary will follow Stations of the Cross.

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 The Next training will be on **March 13th..** 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.

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.

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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Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.



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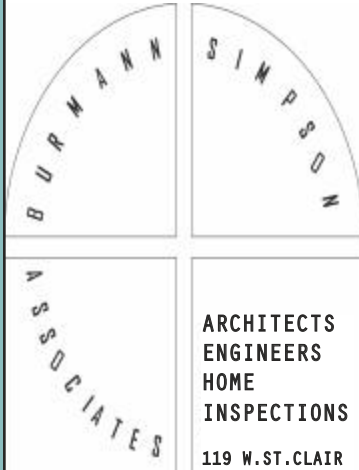
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
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