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February 28, 2021



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A Vicarious Descant

“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” are the words of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. They are words that unite what our Lord had just said previously in Matthew’s gospel—“love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” and what followed—be perfect but do not “practice your piety before men in order to be seen....when you give alms... do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...when you pray go to your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret...and when you fast, do not look dismal like the hypocrites...but...anoint your head and wash your face...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and seal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt 5, 6).

Perfection requires ongoing conversion; a constant awareness of living in the presence of Christ. The graces offered to us in this Lenten time can help each of us accomplish this. We should not be content with simply fulfilling the obligations required of us, but we should ask God to help us desire to do even the smallest penances and sacrifices with great love in reparation for our sins and those “who are in most need (of God’s mercy).”

Today was for a long time called, *Reminisce* Sunday. Remembrance Sunday on account of the first words of the Introit. “Remember, your mercies, Lord.” It is also known as Transfiguration Sunday because of the Gospel reading—the same for the ordinary and extraordinary form of the Roman Rite.



The Mass today begins with a prayer encouraging us to have confidence in God: “Remember, Lord, thy compassion. the mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest our enemies rule over us....deliver us from all our tribulation...O God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame.” The vision on Mount Thabor was a vision to strengthen the apostles. Initially, it was solely for them, but ultimately, it was for us all.

In the Ordinary Form of the Mass the first reading is the account of the testing of Abraham on Mount Moriah. Centuries later that place would become the site of the Temple built by Solomon where countless sacrifices were offered and, finally, the sacrifice of Our Lord on Good Friday would take place nearby if not in that very place.

We are but six weeks from the Second Sunday of Easter, or Sunday of Divine Mercy. In St. Faustina’s Diary we read

paragraph after paragraph of the words of Our Lord admonishing the world to turn toward God’s mercy. This should be a daily petition from each of us in Lent.

The Lord told St. Faustina these words: “...write that I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My mercy (1275).

During this time of Lent, we are mindful of the obligation on our part to increase our acts of prayer, fasting and alms-deeds. St. Thomas Aquinas says that alms-deeds is simply another word for works of mercy. Our Lord told St. Faustina, “Daughter, I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit” (1316).

And for the many souls who do not have the material means to carry out an act of mercy, our Lord said this: “...spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment” (1317).

Our Lord’s words to St. Faustina say plainly that souls in the state of grace can fulfill His commandment to show mercy to others and thereby receive His mercy by “exercising mercy in spirit.” The prayers and sacrifices which should be continuously offered in these solemn weeks of Lent should be done with this intention along

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - March 01, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Kaitlin Baker (L)

Tuesday, - March 02, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Bill Jurewicz (D)

Wednesday, - March 03, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Mary Decker (D)

Thursday, - March 04, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Tom and Kathy Addis (L)

Friday, - March 05 2021

7:30 a.m.– Poor Souls

7:00 p.m.– Special Intention

Saturday, - March 06, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m.– St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, March 07, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Tom and Kathy Addis (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

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).*

Night Offering

Lord Jesus, may I take this rest with the same love with which You sanctified sleep when Your most holy humanity slept for the praise of God the Father and the salvation of the whole human race. In union with Your divine love I pray that my sleep may bring an increase of divine blessing to all those in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. Amen. *(St. Gertrude)*

Mass Servers

Saturday, March 06, 2021

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

Sunday, March 07, 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 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Submission to The Divine Will

Great God, the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, I prostrate myself before You. With all the angels and saints I adore You. I acknowledge You to be my Creator and sovereign Lord, my first beginning and last end. I render to You the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to Your holy will and I devote myself to Your divine service this day and forever. Amen. *(Prayer From “Fr. Hardon’s Catholic Prayer Book”)*

Petition for Strength

My God, I have had experience enough what dreadful bondage sin is. It is a heavy weight which cripples me-and what will be the end of it? By Thy all-precious merits, by Thy almighty power, I entreat Thee, O my Lord, to give me life and sanctity and strength! Deus sanctus, give me holiness; Deus fortis, give me strength; Deus mortalis, give me perseverance. Amen. *(St. John Henry Newman)*

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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.

Descant (continued)

with a willingness for the many other forms of almsdeeds.

May God grant us an abundance of His grace and mercy in this Lententide as we look toward the joyful celebration of Easter.

Stations of the Cross and Mass

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

Change in the Doxology

The Congregation of Divine Worship has directed that dioceses in the United States join with other English-speaking countries in making a correction to the doxology of the “Collect” or “Opening Prayer” at the English Masses (Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite.) This is simply that the word “one” in the doxology of the Collect is no longer said. This went into effect February 17, 2021. The new doxology will read: “...Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.” The correction is the accurate translation of the Latin text and “affirms the Christological truth.” The change is simple; there is no need to purchase any new or different liturgical books.

Pastoral Care Regarding the Vatican's Note on Baptism

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, “We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” instead of the proper form of “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. The Vatican ruled that the form “We baptize” does not convey the Sacrament of baptism. In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 –1999, potentially invalid

baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help. If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.

Easter Ham & Sausage

The Knights are taking orders for Easter Ham and Sausage, through April 1st. Orders will be ready for pick-up Easter Weekend.

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.

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 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 A.M. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord.

Ushers Needed

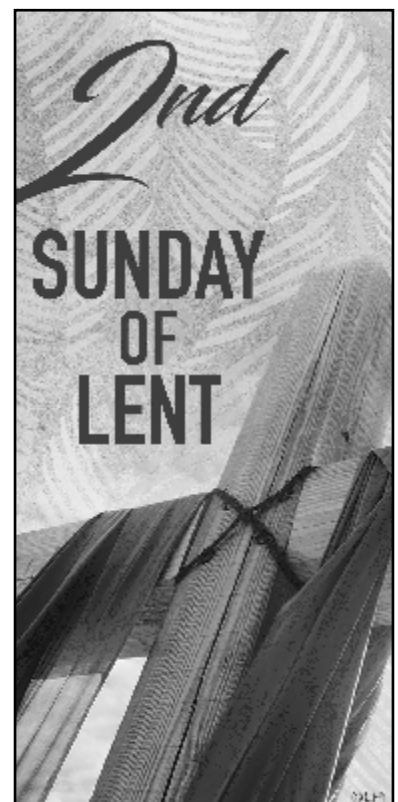
We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Masses. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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

Retreat with Missionaries of Charity

The Missionaries of Charity in Chicago are hosting a Retreat for women ages 18-30 beginning March 14 through March 30. The retreat includes helping at their soup kitchen in the morning, followed by Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration and guided meditations. For more information please call Sr. Fatima, MC at 773-847-7688.





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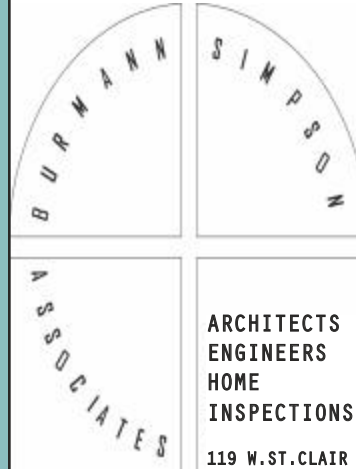
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner
DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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