



*Assumption Grotto  
Parish - 1832 -*

# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

March 14, 2021



*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Shrine - 1881 -*

## A Vicarious Descant

It is Lætare Sunday, a Corpus Christi of sorts in the midst of Lent. The account of the multiplication of the loaves calls us to rejoice in the true bread from heaven—the bread that is Christ’s flesh for the life of the world. This has traditionally been the day when the faithful briefly relax the strict disciplines of Lent that they have been observing before heading into the latter days of Lent and the more strict disciplines of Passiontide (which begins next Sunday). Hopefully, we all have some Lenten disciplines which we have kept and from which we might relax. If not, we still have three weeks of this holy penitential season of Lent to renew our prayer, fasting and almsdeeds.

The bible commentators point out that St. John passes over in silence an entire year of Our Lord’s ministry between chapter five and chapter six. It was Passover of the second year of Our Lord’s ministry at the beginning of chapter five of the Gospel according to St. John, and here in chapter six, “the Pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand,” but of the third year. The reason for this is that the other three Gospels (which were known to St. John) recorded the events of that second year of ministry, but St. John provides the profound detail of the Bread of Life discourse.

Our Lord questioned not the disciples, but specifically Philip, about where they will buy bread to feed the multitudes. St. John Chrysostom says this is because it was Philip who would say to the Lord, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us

(John 14:8).” The Lord questions Philip so that there will be no misunderstanding later about how great a miracle is about to take place and at whose divine hands it was done. The Lord would answer Philip’s request at the Last Supper with the words, “Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? (John 14:9)” Perhaps we can be reminded that the Lord knows our needs before we do, and in recalling this, we can place our petitions before the Lord with even greater trust.

The Church Fathers point out that the readings in the old Breviary today are united with the readings of the holy Mass to contrast fasting, which leads to God, and gluttony, which leads to sin and death. Moses fasted before receiving the commandments, but the people did not, and as he was 40 days on the mountain, the people fell into sin without the disciplines of prayer and fasting. We, too, must fortify ourselves in this holy season through prayer, fasting and almsdeeds which strengthen our love for God and neighbor.

Lastly, this Friday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. While the Solemnity of St. Joseph has long been dropped as a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, it nevertheless remains a Solemnity and should be observed as such. On the day of a Solemnity during Lent, Lent stops for that day. The penitential season

is suspended, including the obligation to abstain from meat. It should be a day of prayerful celebration and you are allowed to enjoy meat this Friday.

Pope Saint John Paul II said of St. Joseph: “Faith nourished by prayer: this is the most precious treasure that Saint Joseph transmits to us. Generations of fathers have followed in his footsteps who, with the example of a simple and laborious life, imprinted on their children’s souls the inestimable value of faith, without which every other good runs the risk of being in vain” (Angelus Message, March 2002).

St. Joseph—patron of the universal Church—is such a powerful intercessor. During this novena to St. Joseph that we conclude this week, each of us I am sure brought before him so many prayers of petition. I know that it will be through his intercession and our perseverance that our prayers will be answered. Perhaps we can offer to God a “post-Novena of thanksgiving” in honor of St. Joseph during this year placed under his patronage.

May our Lenten practices—purified by contrition and nourished by the Holy Eucharist—lead each of us and those for whom we pray, closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ. May they prepare us completely not only for the joys of Eastertide, but for heaven itself.



**Monday, - March 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Jill Olcki

**Tuesday, - March 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Nancy McDonnell (D)

**Wednesday, - March 17, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Joseph & Avery Gallagher (L)

**Thursday, - March 18, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Vincent & Julia Rengers (D)

**Friday, - March 19 2021**

7:30 a.m.– The Gallagher & Musseau Families (L&D)

7:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Saturday, - March 20, 2021**

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

4:00 p.m.– Jody Bustamante (L)

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

**Readings for the week of  
March 14, 2021**

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b -4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd -14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12 -13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Mass Servers**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

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

**Sunday, March 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

**Prayer for Perfect Resignation**

My God, I do not know what must come to me today. But I am certain that nothing can happen to me which you have not already foreseen., decreed, and ordained from all eternity. That is sufficient for me. I adore Your impenetrable and eternal designs, to which I submit with all my heart. I desire, I accept them all, and I unite my sacrifice to that of Jesus Christ, my divine Savior. I ask in His name and through His infinite merits, patience in my trials, and perfect and entire submission to all that comes to me by Your good pleasure. Amen. *(St. Joseph Pignatelli)*

**Prayer for Humble Trust**

Lord, in every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, "Jesus, help me." In all my doubts, perplexities, and temptations, Jesus, help me. In hours of loneliness, weariness, and trials, Jesus, help me. In the failure of my plans and hopes; in disappointments, troubles, and sorrows, Jesus, help me. When others fail me and Your grace alone can assist me, Jesus, help me. When I throw myself on Your tender love as a father and savior, Jesus, help me. When my heart is cast down by failure at seeing no good come from my efforts, Jesus, help me. When I feel impatient and my cross irritates me, Jesus, help me. When I am ill and my head and hands cannot work and I am lonely, Jesus, help me. Always, always, in spite of weakness, falls, and shortcomings of every kind, Jesus, help me and never forsake me. Amen. *(From Fr, Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book)*

**ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH**

13770 Gratiot Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48205

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Eduard Perrone

**Associate:** Rev. Fr. John Bustamante

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. James Wilder

**RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS**

Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

Evening hours by appointment

Rectory 313-372-0762, FAX 372-2064

**website:** www.assumptiongrotto.com

**email:** grotto Rectory 'at sign' ameritech.net

**Grotto Gift Shop** 313-332-4432

**Parish Council President**

Anna Graziosi 313-423-6972

**Organist** Ray Long 313-372-0762

**Email:** grottomusic 'at sign' ameritech.net

**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.

**Prayer for Mercy & Strength**

Forgive us, almighty God, our sins, and henceforth let us not be tempted beyond our frail powers. In all our dealings grant us prudence, moderation, courage, and justice, that in them we may so please You as to merit life eternal. Give us peace and harmony with all our fellow men, united to us, as they are, in the bonds of brotherly affection and charity. Increase Your mercy in us that, trained in the truths of Your gospel, we may ever be protected by the guardianship of Your holy angels. *(Canterbury Benedictional)*

**Please Note**

There will not be CCD classes on Palm Sunday.

**Solemnity of St. Joseph**

This Friday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It is not a holy day of obligation, but the Lenten penances are suspended for that day and you may have meat at meals.

**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.

**Easter Triduum Cards**

Three Sunday Masses after Easter will be offered for your loved ones. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per card. Come in or call the rectory to pick them up.

**Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights will be restarting pancake breakfasts on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10am – 12pm, in the school gym

**\*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE\***

**Easter Ham & Sausage**

The Knights are taking orders for Easter Ham and Sausage, through **March 24th**. Orders will be ready for pick-up Easter Weekend.

**Parish Council**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15pm, in the school.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion**

Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

or First Holy Communion this year, please contact the rectory.

**Altar Boy Training**

Palm Sunday rehearsal will be Saturday, March 27 from 1-2 PM. Additional rehearsals for Holy Week will be announced. All altar boys are expected to attend.

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. There will not be training on April 10.

**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](http://aod.org/sacramentsupdate) for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.

**Catholic Marriage Assistance**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic resource for helping troubled marriages. Over 44

years, they have helped over 175,000 marriages worldwide. The current program began on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230 for current and future program details.

**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.



**ADVANTAGE**  
LIVING CENTERS  
REHABILITATION • SKILLED NURSING  
**SAMARITAN**  
5555 CONNER STREET, 4TH FLOOR  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48213  
Tel: 313-344-4100 • Fax: 313-499-5260

Plumbing? Sewer? Drain Problems? ... We Can Help



**\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE**  
(313) 558-8757  
WaterWorkPlumbing.com  
**24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
Licensed & Insured Master Plumber



**ARCHITECTS  
ENGINEERS  
HOME  
INSPECTIONS**  
119 W. ST. CLAIR  
ROMEO  
586.752.5010

**BAGNASCO & CALCATERRA**  
FUNERAL HOMES

*We're in YOUR neighborhood...*

13653 E. Fifteen Mile Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (586) 977-7300  
23800 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 (586) 777-0557  
www.bcfh.com



**Te Deum Laudamus!**  
A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner  
**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**  
Photos from liturgical events at Grotto; select topics in Catholicism; useful links  
<http://te-deum.blogspot.com>



Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, Inc.  
PLEASE ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO  
"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death." - Proverbs 24:11  
For more information call  
(313) 530-4539



**CATERING NOW AVAILABLE**  
23447 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe  
586-773-4244  
Great Food ~ Great People  
[www.andarysgrill.com](http://www.andarysgrill.com)

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets 1-855-225-4251

**DOWNEY'S PLUMBING**  
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING REPAIRS

- Sewers Cleaned Electrically
- 24-Hour Service
- Visa/MC/Disc Accepted
- 10% Senior Discount

**586.775.2441**



**St. Ephrem Parishioner Discount**  
Licensed Master Plumber

Empty space for advertisement.

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Larry Burgett** to place an ad today!  
[lburgett@4LPi.com](mailto:lburgett@4LPi.com) or (800) 477-4574 x6268



**BUYING/SELLING**  
RealEstateForLife.org  
donates to support Assumption Grotto!  
FAITHFUL AGENTS WORLDWIDE  
**877-LIFE-US1**

**OTTO SCHEMANSKY SONS**  
MONUMENTS AND GRAVE MARKERS  
GRANITE & BRONZE  
Phone: (313) 365-5390  
[www.schemansky monuments.com](http://www.schemansky monuments.com)  
13702 Van Dyke Ave. • Detroit  
Since 1883