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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

March 21, 2021



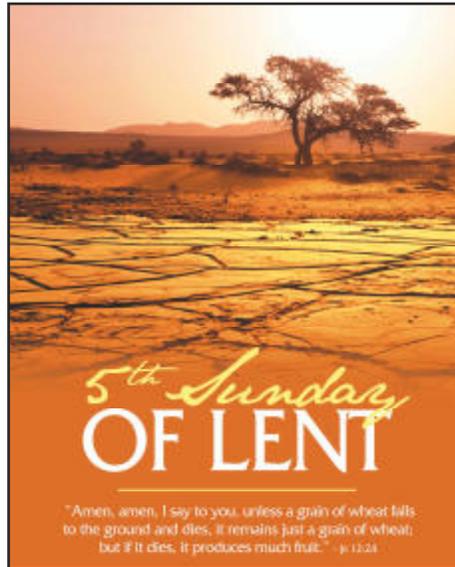
*Our Lady of Lourdes  
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### A Vicarious Descant

This last full week of Lent is called Passiontide, a time to turn more attentively to the things that our Lenten prayers and penances are meant to accomplish: being renewed in our desire for true conversion, turning away from sin, even venial, increasing our love for God and neighbor. Hopefully we all had regular reminders of this holy season by the penitential practices of the past four weeks even if we might not feel that we were as faithful to our penances and prayers or that we have made much spiritual progress. On the contrary, we might look back and see that we've been very inattentive to our penances and prayers or feel that we have not made these four weeks of Lent what we expected to make them. We might even feel further from the purposes of Lent than when we began.

You may be surprised by this, but regardless of the situation you find yourself in at this last full week of Lent, Lent has likely been accomplishing its purpose. Of course, we would prefer to have made great progress in Lent, but even the sense that we have not is a grace from God reminding us to call upon His Divine Mercy in these last days of Lent, that we may arrive at the solemn days of the Triduum and joys of Easter properly prepared.

Today's passage from the Gospel according to St. John is found immediately between the account of the woman caught in adultery and the long discourse about the man born blind. Between what appears to be an account of infidelity and the account of blindness from birth is today's Gospel of the spiritual infidelity and



spiritual blindness of the Pharisees who speak so blasphemously to Our Lord by calling him a Samaritan and one possessed. It is why Our Lord in the verses preceding today's reading says of the Pharisees, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies." This is what Our Lord says just two verses before the beginning of today's Gospel passage. The Gospel ends with the Pharisees picking up stones to stone Our Lord, but He hid Himself and went out of the temple.

According to the tradition of the sacred liturgy, these last two weeks before Easter are a particularly solemn time. The images of the saints and even the crucifix itself is veiled. There are several meanings to this. It symbolizes

the last verse of the Gospel according to St. John that was read each year for centuries on Passion Sunday: after Jesus proclaimed his divinity by saying, "Before Abraham was, I Am" whereupon they tried to stone him, but "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple."

In the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the verses that follow today's Gospel are similar, but are omitted in the current revision of the Lectionary—that verse says that the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees, on account of the raising of Lazarus, sought from that day to put Jesus to death and "So Jesus no longer walked about in public among the Jews, but he left for the region near the desert, to a town called Ephraim, and there he remained with his disciples" until the Passover. The purple coverings remind us that Jesus hid himself from those who tried to put him to death until the appointed time.

But the veiling of images also serves to help us yield our devotion to the saints to the greater mystery of our redemption. In the early Church, not only the Catechumens were excluded from the sacred mysteries, but also the penitents. A veil was hung between the sanctuary and the nave representing the separation from the mysteries. That veil was then opened at Easter as both groups were brought into the Church and united or reunited with the faithful and the sacraments. The "Lenten Veil" in the sanctuary was reintroduced at Grotto a few years ago and serves as a reminder that each of us should consider ourselves penitents as we approach the Easter Vigil, although we have far greater access to the sacramental graces of Confession than in earlier ages.



**Monday, - March 22, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Mary Decker (D)

**Tuesday, - March 23, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Kevin Zaporski (L)

**Wednesday, - March 24, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Aurelia D. Klemmer (L)

**Thursday, - March 25, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– The Berger and DeHenau Families (L&D)

**Friday, - March 26 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Jason Zielinski (L)

7:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Saturday, - March 27, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Special Intention

4:00 p.m.– Special Intention

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Catherine LaCroix (D)

**Readings for the week of  
March 21, 2021**

**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

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Mass Servers**

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

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

**Sunday, March 28, 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. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

**Prayer for Repentance (To Be Said  
Before Confession)**

O my God, I am utterly confounded to think of the state in which I lie! What will become of me if Thou art severe? What is my life, O my dear and merciful Lord, but a series of offenses, little or great, against Thee! O what great sins I have committed against Thee before now-and how continually in lesser matters I am sinning. O my Lord Jesus, whose love for me has been so great as to bring Thee down from heaven to save me, teach me, dear Lord, my sin-teach me its heinousness-teach me truly to repent of it-pardon it in Thy great mercy. Amen.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit (To Be Said  
Before Confession)**

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them, and firmly resolve to amend my life. Amen.

**Act of Contrition**

My God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You above all things with all my soul, with all my heart, and with all my strength. I love You because You are infinitely good and worthy of being loved. And because I love You, I am sorry with all my heart for having offended You. Have mercy on me, a sinner. 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.

**Act of Resolution (After Confession)**

My dear Jesus, how much I owe you! By the merits of Your precious blood I am confident that You have once again pardoned my sins. I thank You exceedingly and I hope to praise Your mercies forever in heaven. You deserve all my love; from now on I wish to love You in earnest. I promise to shun the occasions of sin, and to use this means (*here mention it*), for not falling again. But You know my weakness, O Jesus. Give me the grace to be faithful to You until death, and to have recourse to You in my temptations. Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me. You are the mother of perseverance. I place all my hope in your powerful intercession. Amen.

There are several opportunities for Confession over the next two weeks: they will be heard at the regularly scheduled times on Saturday and Sunday (2:30-3:30 and one hour before each weekend Mass), then 11:00 AM until Noon on Holy Thursday, 6 PM until 7 PM on Good Friday (followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 PM), then lastly from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM on Holy Saturday.

**Please Note**

There will not be CCD classes on Palm Sunday.

**Lenten Music Concert & Holy Mass**

There will be a special hour long 6 PM Lenten Music Concert, featuring Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, on Monday, March 22 at Historic St. Joseph Shrine, 1828 Jay St., located across from Eastern Market in Detroit. The featured vocalists are Brittany Woodcock, soprano & Stephanie Weil, alto. They will be accompanied by the St. Joseph Chamber Ensemble. A Solemn High Mass, in honor of St. Benedict, will immediately follow at 7 PM. For more information, please visit [www.institute-christ-king.org/detroit/](http://www.institute-christ-king.org/detroit/) or call (313)784-9152.

**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.

**K of C Good Friday Fish Fry**

The Knights will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry after Good Friday Services, from 3-6pm in the school gymnasium.

**Pancake Breakfast**

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

**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

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

**Easter Ham & Sausage**

(\*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE\*)

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.

**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.

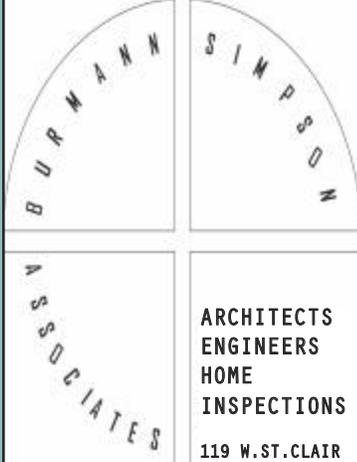


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