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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

### April 18, 2021



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#### A Vicarious Descant

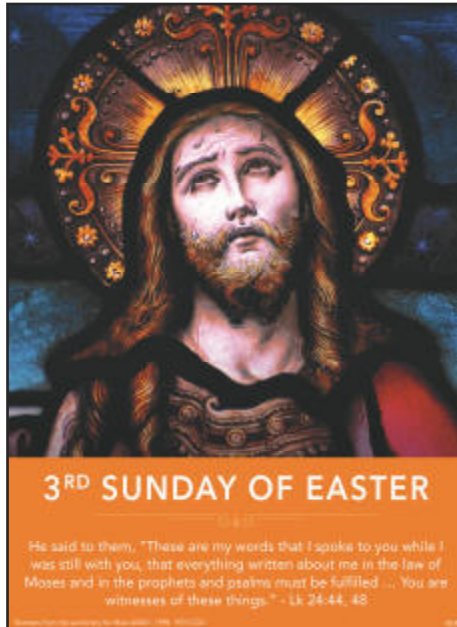
Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is named so from the Gospel and prayers. Our Lord prays that there will be one flock, one shepherd. Within the first few chapters of the Gospels it is clear that Our Lord foresaw many dangers and wounds to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

The parable of the good shepherd is a parable of the Church. The sheepfold is the Church. The Good Shepherd and the door of the sheepfold is Christ. Those who came of their own accord—that is, those who were not sent—are thieves and robbers. The hirelings, who flee when they see the wolf coming, are those entrusted with the care of the flock, but whose desire for profit, self-preservation and preference for vice over virtue expose the flock to danger. The Church has long suffered from many such hirelings. But perhaps an even greater and more pervasive danger to the flock has been the gradual diminishing of love for God and neighbor among her members—the “living stones” slowly growing cold. This can set in when sorrow replaces hope, or when we allow the “sun go down on anger” (Eph 4:26).

The Catechism teaches,

The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep (CCC 754).

These words call to mind, again, the words of the prophet Isaiah who prophesied the Good Shepherd when he said “...he became their savior in their every affliction. It was not a messenger or an angel, but he himself who saved them. Because of his love and pity he redeemed them himself, lifting them and carrying them all the days of old” (Isaiah 63:8ff).



While the words of Our Blessed Lord speak of himself, they also speak of the visible head of the Church that Jesus himself chose—St. Peter and his successors.

The Catechism teaches us, that

Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” The “power of the keys” designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: “Feed my sheep.” The power to “bind and loose” connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom” (CCC 553)

During a weekly audience nine years ago, Pope Benedict spoke about how the early Church always turned to prayer when faced with persecution. He said, “In the face of danger, difficulty, threats, the first Christian community does not try to conduct an analysis about how to react or seek strategies about how to defend itself, about what measures to adopt, but in the face of trial, they pray.”

The Holy Father reminded us that the early Church did not pray to be “protected or to be spared trials and hardship. It is not a prayer for success but only to be able to proclaim the word of God with “parresia”, that is, with boldness, freedom and courage (cf. Acts 4:29).”

It is probably safe to say that the Lord Himself may be allowing these challenges in our day to lead the Faithful back to Himself—the Way, the Truth and the Life. This means turning to what has often become the last resort: prayer. When you have exhausted all the other possible solutions, then return to what should have been your first recourse: prayer.

The Holy Father concluded his audience saying, “Guided by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we will be able to live with serenity, courage and joy every situation in life and with St Paul boast: ‘we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,’ that hope that ‘does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured’ into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom 5:3-5).”

The first word of today’s Holy Mass is the reason why Our Lord has done all this. That word is “mercy,” and it is the word that speaks of our redemption. Mercy is what precedes justice. Mercy is what we must fully ask of our Lord in these times.

May Our Lord bless the faithful of the Church with many good shepherds and may he bless the shepherds with a faithful and prayerful flock.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, - April 19, 2021**

7:30 a.m.-Elizabeth & Nestor Decker (D)

**Tuesday, - April 20, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Gianpiero Randazzo (D)

**Wednesday, - April 21, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Kathy Shervish (D)

**Thursday April 22, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – The Tomaszewski Family (L)

**Friday, - April 23, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Rosemarie Robertson (L)

**Saturday, -April 24, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Linda Davis (L)

4:00 p.m. – Cheryl Duquette

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Triduum Mass

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

12:00 p.m. – Jennifer Ann Mills Rowe (L)

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

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

**Sunday, April 25, 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

**Readings for the week of April 18, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**NEVER GET TIRED OF DOING LITTLE THINGS FOR OTHERS. SOMETIMES THOSE LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY THE BIGGEST PART OF THEIR HEARTS.**

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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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.

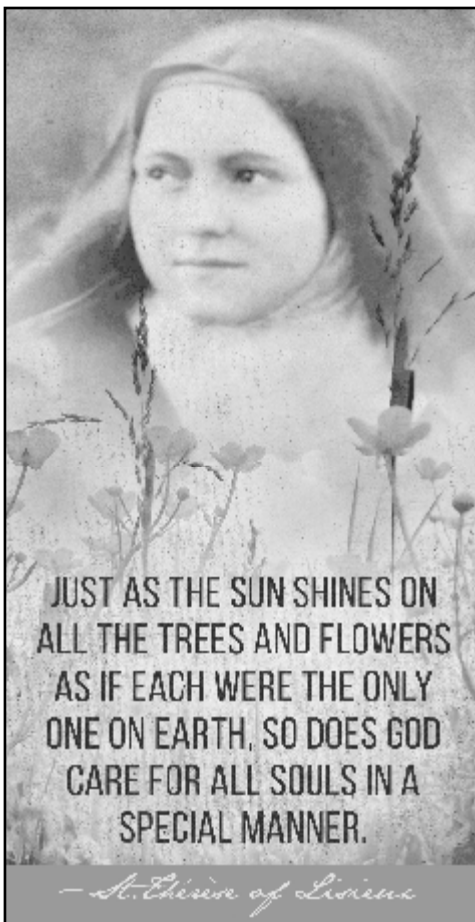
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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.

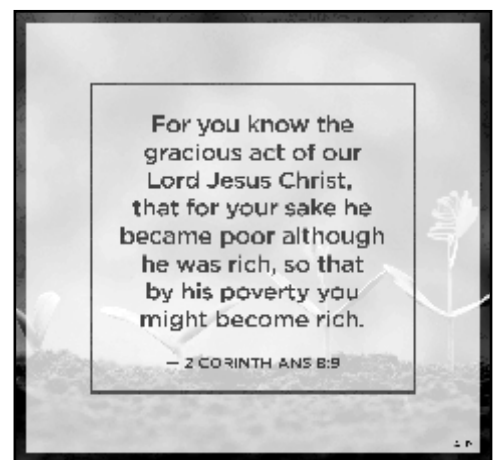
**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A SPECIAL MANNER.

—St. Therese of Lisieux



For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

— 2 CORINTH IANS 8:9

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**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

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

Retrouvaille is a Catholic resource for helping troubled marriages. Over 44 years, they have helped over 175,000 marriages worldwide. Please visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230 for current and future program details.  
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**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.  
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**Marian Catechists**

The Marian Catechist Advanced Catholic Catechism Course is meeting every other Saturday in the School. The courses were originally written by Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. for St. Mother Teresa and The Missionaries of Charity. The Marian Catechist Apostolate is now under the direction of Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. For more information on the Apostolate or if you wish to take the Basic or Advanced Course call the rectory.  
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**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments will take place June 11th. "One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together!"

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 11th our three parish Seven Sisters groups will renew their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and our Archbishop Allen Vigneron. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. If we have enough women we hope to be able to organize a new group for Fr. Aidan Logan who has been helping us at our parish.

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. Leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church....Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"--Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>  
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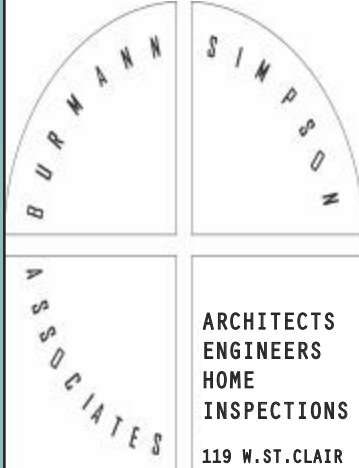
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner  
**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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

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