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April 25, 2021



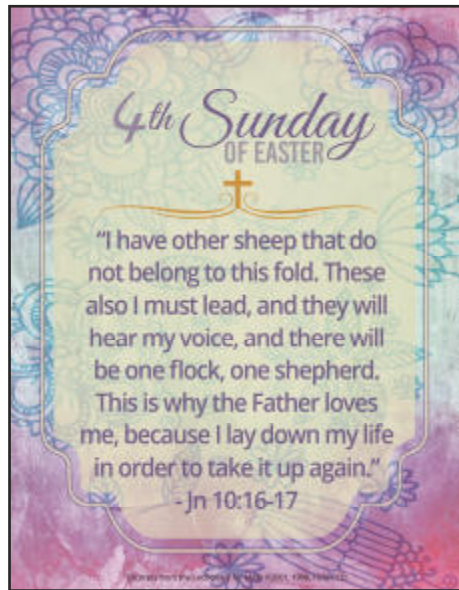
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A Vicarious Descant

The numbering of days and Sundays in the Liturgy and Liturgical Year is different in some ways between the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite and the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter in the Ordinary Form, and the 3rd Sunday after Easter in the Extraordinary Form. The Extraordinary Form calendar emphasizes the eight days of the Octave of Easter, whereas the Ordinary Form calendar emphasizes the eight Sundays from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

April 25 and the three days before Ascension Thursday are traditionally observed as Rogation Days, from the Latin *rogare*, which means “to ask, to petition.” On these days the Church petitions God for the spiritual gifts, as we await the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But the Church also petitions God to bless us with the necessary temporal gifts, particularly blessings on the sowing of seeds that it would yield abundant crops to serve mankind’s needs. Our Lord had said, “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened....If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:9-10, 13).

Along with praise and thanksgiving, prayers of petition are very familiar to each of us. Petitions are often thought of as asking



someone for something that will require that person to make some kind of sacrifice to fulfill. In asking someone for help you are asking them to sacrifice their time. In asking someone for a material item, you are often asking them to sacrifice their own material possessions. In asking someone for their vows in marriage, a spouse asks for the other’s unconditional love “till death do us part.”

God is not diminished when we petition Him and the sacrifice that the petition requires was made once for all, and is daily re-presented “in an unbloody way” at each altar throughout the world. Petitions are every bit as much prayer as praise and thanksgiving. We glorify God when we petition him for anything. Jesus said, “Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you” (John 15:16). And the greatest petition we can make before God is for the salvation of our soul and the souls of others—

whether those souls be family, friends or even adversaries.

In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the Gospel today is our Lord’s words to the Apostles at the Last Supper: “A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me.” Our Lord spoke these words at the Last Supper—the First Eucharist. Our Lord was referring to the little while between his death and His resurrection, when they would see Him again.

But the words also are meant to lead us to the Holy Eucharist—that “source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC 136). One moment there is on the altar bread and wine, and a moment later, the priest holds up the Body and Blood of Christ for all to adore. There must be nothing that takes away from our attentiveness to this miracle and reality that unfolds at each Holy Mass. There must be no obstacle to each of us striving at and in between each Mass to be drawn closer to the uniting of heaven and earth by our Lord’s sacred Body and Blood.

With that in mind, today is designated “World Day of Prayer for Vocations” where we petition the Lord to send us holy priests and religious vocations. Perhaps our prayers for new vocations can also include prayers for the priests and religious who have long sought to faithfully serve the Lord and His holy Church.

There is much to petition the Lord for in our day. In all things, our greatest petition ought to be that we not only get to heaven,

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - April 26, 2021

7:30 a.m.-Nadja Witkowska (D)

Tuesday, - April 27, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Paul Kreuger (L)

Wednesday, - April 28, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

Thursday April 29, 2021

7:30 a.m. – John Vollmer (D)

Friday, - April 30, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Jean Fisher (D)

Saturday, -May 01, 2021

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

4:00 p.m. – St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, May 02, 2021

6:30 a.m. – For the Needs of all Living Souls

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

12:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Mass Servers

Saturday, May 01, 2021

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

Sunday, May 02, 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 25, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

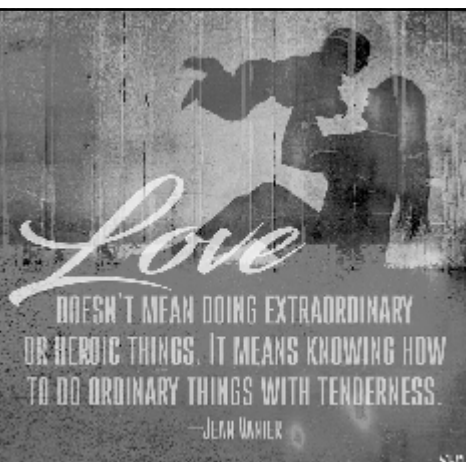
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 *St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

In the evening of life,
we will be judged on
love alone.

St. John of the Cross



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VIRTUE AT ALL.

- G.K. CHESTERTON

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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.

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AND COMPASSION
FOR ONE ANOTHER.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP

but that we be able to help others get to heaven, too. We have heard St. Paul's famous verse: "For God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 2:4). But do you know what words immediately precede that famous passage? St. Paul says, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." With this in mind, we should pray especially for the leaders of our country and the Church.

On "Rogation Days" the Litany of the Saints is traditionally chanted during a procession around the parish. This year our Sunday schedule does not permit a procession, but we will chant the Litany of the Saints in place of our usual Rosary devotion which follows the Noon Mass. The Rogation Days and procession will, however, be celebrated on the three days preceding Ascension Thursday.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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

The St. Monica Sodality's monthly Mass for conversion will be offered on First Saturday, April 1st at 4 p.m.

Recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, Rosary, and St. Monica Prayer for conversions start in the church at 3:15pm. St. Monica Prayer cards and prayer-petition forms are located on the tables at the side entrances in the church. Write the names of those for whom you are praying, and deposit them into the box provided. Petitions forms are strictly confidential, and will be placed on or near the altar during the Mass. Call 313.885.6910 for more info.

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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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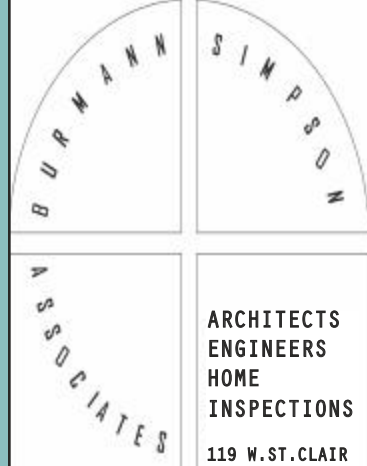
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner
DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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

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