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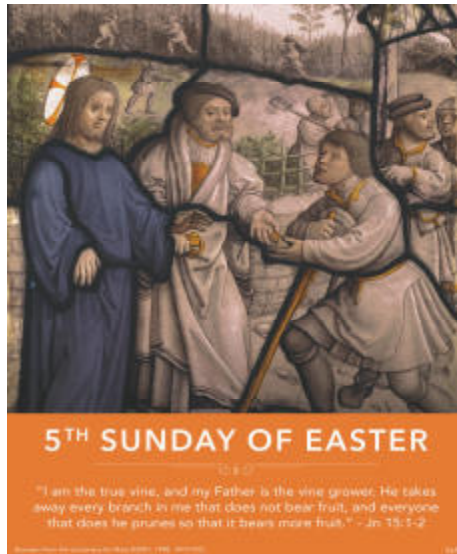
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A Vicarious Descant

On this fourth Sunday after Easter (in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite), the Church continues to prepare us for Christ's Ascension. Our Lord tells us that the Holy Spirit will not come until he leaves. While Jesus fulfilled the work of the Father visibly, the Holy Spirit will continue to work invisibly in the Church and in the hearts of men.

In today's Gospel of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Our Lord says to His Apostles that when the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete, the Consoler) comes, "He will convince (or convict) the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment." The Holy Spirit did speak through the Apostles and disciples of the Lord as we read in the Acts of the Apostles. Their words to "the world" convicted them of their sin, of God's perfect justice and of the coming judgment upon the world. "Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him'" (Acts 2:37-38).

St. Bernadine of Siena preached, "The Holy Spirit reproves the world of sin, because it dissembles; of justice, which it does not order rightly, while it gives it to itself and not to God; of judgment, which



it usurps, in rashly judging both of itself and others" (Lapide).

Next week, the Church calls us in a particular way to offer prayers of petition. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy Divine Love." Traditionally, the three days preceding Ascension Thursday are "Rogation Days." Rogation Days are named for the Latin word *rogare* meaning "to ask for, to petition." But even more powerfully, it is the old word you see translated as "beseech." "Te rogamus audi nos"— "we beseech you hear us" as we pray in the Litany of the Saints.

Rogation Days are days of prayer, and formerly also of fasting, which were instituted by the Church to appease God's anger at man's transgressions, to ask protection against calamities, and to obtain a good and bountiful harvest. There are only four Rogation Days presently—one on April 25, called St.

Mark's Rogation Day—and the remaining three on each of the three days preceding Ascension Thursday, which falls on May 13 this year.

These are days meant to be devoted to prayers of petition—beseeching God to alleviate physical and spiritual needs and to bless the produce of the land. These three days of Rogation are traced back to the fifth century, by the bishop of Vienna when catastrophe threatened that city.

Prayers of petition can be great or small. In the readings for the Rogation Mass, Our Lord admonishes his disciples to petition saying, "if you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you... Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be complete."

First, we are petitioning God to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This petition is made while Our Lord is still seen by the disciples—before he ascends into heaven. It continues after Our Lord's ascension up to the day of Pentecost. Thereafter, the entire Church prays that all may receive the Holy Spirit. The Easter candle—a symbol of the Lord's presence among his disciples before the Ascension will be extinguished on Ascension Thursday—or on the following Sunday in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite.

If we seek to always conform our will to God's will, then our greater concern should be to know the will of God. Why do we petition anything at all, let alone petition things we consider good here on earth? The answer is that God ordained that we always and everywhere pray for

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - May 03, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Leo Szumplawski (D)

Tuesday, - May 04, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Mary Decker (D)

Wednesday, - May 05, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Graziella Salmone

Thursday May 06, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Jurewicz (L)

Friday, - May 07, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls

7:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Saturday, -May 08, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – Jeana Saccaro (L)

Sunday, May 09, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Mass Servers

Saturday, May 08, 2021

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

Sunday, May 09, 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
May 02, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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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.

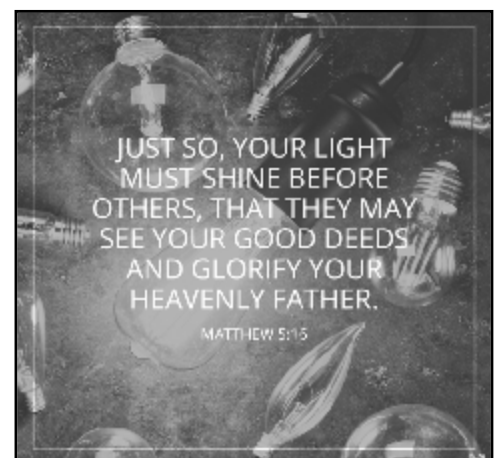
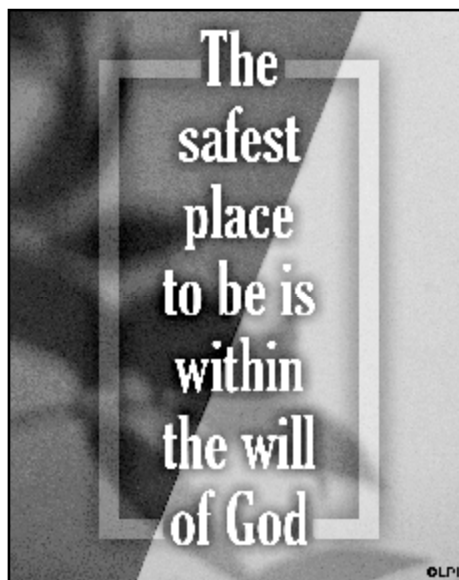
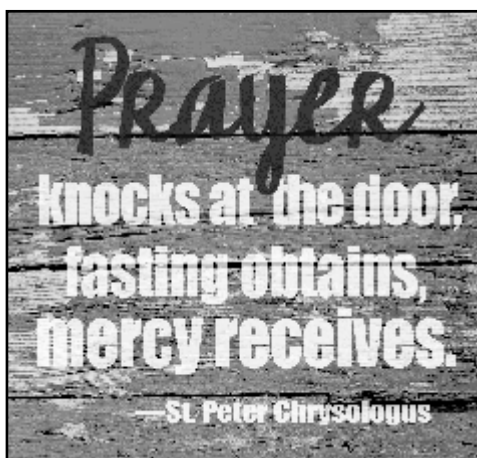
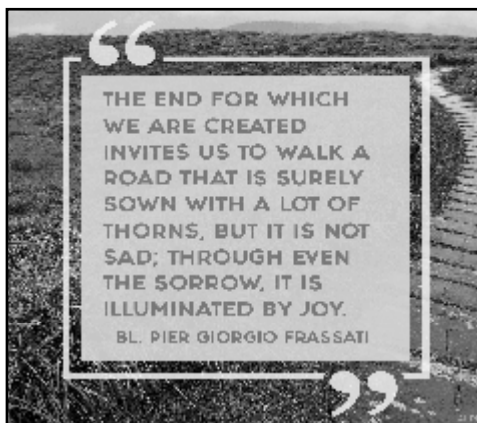
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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.



certain things. “Pray the master of the harvest to send out laborers in his vineyard.” And in Luke chapter 18 we read, “Jesus told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart (or become weary).”

We should not think of prayer as a petition to “change God’s mind,” but, rather, that God desires to give us what is good and necessary for our salvation and, to that end, He has ordained that a certain amount of time or measure of prayers be satisfied before a petition can be granted. In petitioning the Lord to help oneself become more patient, the Lord will often send situations that demand patience. In petitioning the Lord to become more humble, the Lord will often send situations that demand humility. In petitioning the Lord to be more loving, the Lord may allow circumstances where it is very much lacking and call upon you to make up for that want.

How do we petition the Lord rightfully? How do we know we are asking for the right things? The answer is simple: “But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” That is from Matthew chapter 6—which is perhaps the most concise and amazing chapter in the Gospels that answers the two questions, “How should I pray” and “How should I live?”

It is not wrong to desire good health for oneself or another. It is not wrong to desire good work to allow a person to live in this world and especially take care of the needs of others. But we must be watchful against desiring things that God did not intend us to desire. That’s the difference between petitioning the Lord in prayer and coveting in sin. Coveting is desiring something we have no right to desire. Coveting is desiring something that God never intended us to desire. Coveting is longing for something that ought not be a part of our life. That is why three out of 10 Commandments warn against coveting—the first commandment against idolatry, and the ninth and tenth commandments. It is not

incidental that commandments against coveting begin and end the Ten Commandments. It is also not incidental that as the world denies God more and more, the sins of coveting in ways never previously imagined become more and more prevalent.

In all things, our greatest petition should not only be that we get to heaven, but that we may one day join in heaven all those for whom we pray. For “God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 2:4). And 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.”

I do not know what catastrophe the Bishop of Vienna was praying to avoid for that place—it was likely against earthquakes or blights that threatened to wipe out entire crops. But whatever it was, it was met with prayers of petition. And the mere fact that 16 centuries later the prayers are still being offered, it is most likely that the petitions were heard and granted in a miraculous way. God allowed the threat of danger to prompt the Church to institute special prayers which continue to this day. There is certainly much to petition God regarding our own country today.

Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving and Praise. Four forms of prayer as given in the Catechism. All should find equal time on our lips and in our hearts, although there will be times of particular focus on one or another. Next week petitions will be brought before the Lord as we observe the Rogation Days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a procession in the church before Mass on each of those three days. If you are able to come, please do.

Let us beseech Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to come to our aid and guide and protect each of us on our journey. May our petitions be pleasing before the Lord. And may our Heavenly Father grant each of our petitions according to His most holy will.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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

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.

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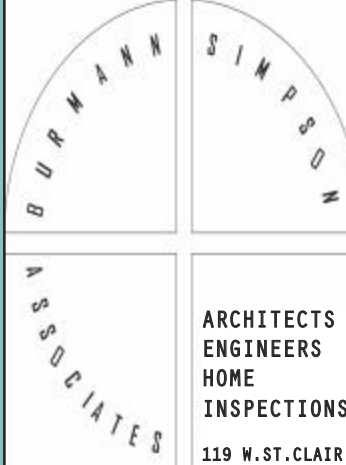
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