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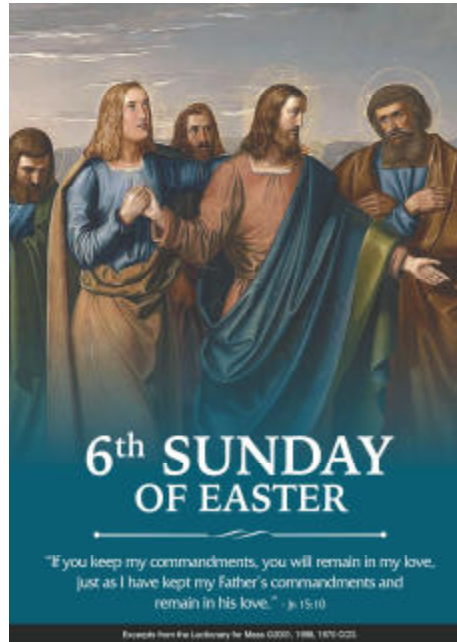
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A Vicarious Descent

There are many precious gems which have been offered to us through the ages by Holy Mother Church. One particular example is the small book titled “The Secret of the Rosary” by St. Louis de Montfort.

The book is divided into 50 “roses” or chapters—one chapter for each Hail Mary of the Rosary. The 46th chapter reminds us of the remarkable graces obtained by praying the rosary “in two choirs” as we do at Grotto and many places:

God is very pleased to have people gathered together in prayer. All the angels and the blessed unite to praise him unceasingly. The just on earth, gathered together in various communities, pray in common, night and day. Our Lord expressly recommended this practice to his apostles and disciples, and promised that whenever there would be at least two or three gathered in His name he would be there in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). What a wonderful thing to have Jesus Christ in our midst! And all we have to do to have him with us is to come together to say the Rosary. That is why the first Christians met so often to pray together, in spite of all the Roman Emperor’s persecutions and the fact that assemblies were forbidden. They preferred to risk the danger of death rather than to miss their gatherings at which our Lord was present.”



St. Louis de Montfort goes on to give several reasons why public prayer is so important: “This way of praying is of the greatest benefit to our souls: because our minds are usually more alert during public prayer than when we pray alone; when we pray in common, the prayer of each one belongs to us all and these make but one great prayer together, so that if one person is not praying well, someone else in the same gathering who prays better may make up for his deficiency. In this way those who are strong uphold the weak, those who are fervent inspire the lukewarm, the rich enrich the poor, the bad are counted as (or, can still merit with the) good....”

And here is one particularly remarkable grace: “One who says his Rosary alone

only gains the merit of one Rosary; but if he says it with thirty other people he gains the merit of thirty Rosaries. This is the law of public prayer. How profitable, how advantageous this is!” (The same should apply when we offer our prayers united to a Confraternity or Third Order.)

Lastly, St. Louis de Montfort reminds us: “Public prayer is more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.” (The Secret of the Rosary, Montfort Publications, 1984). How true this is today! How numerous are the petitions we place before God these days!

Today we have three added blessings as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in the May Crowning at the 9:30 AM Mass, our children receive their First Holy Communion and our country honors all mothers. As mentioned last week, the three days before Ascension Thursday are traditionally observed as Rogation Days, from the Latin *rogare*, which means “to ask, to petition.” On these three 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

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - May 10, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Sean Clougherty (D)

Tuesday, - May 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Debbie Henderson (L)

Wednesday, - May 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Liane M Miller (D)

Thursday May 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Elise & Joshua Tomaszewski (L)

Friday, - May 14, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Rachael Flora (L)

Saturday, -May 15, 2021

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

10:00 a.m.– Funeral Mass - Carol Smith

4:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Sunday, May 16, 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 15, 2021

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

Sunday, May 16, 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 09, 2021**

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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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.

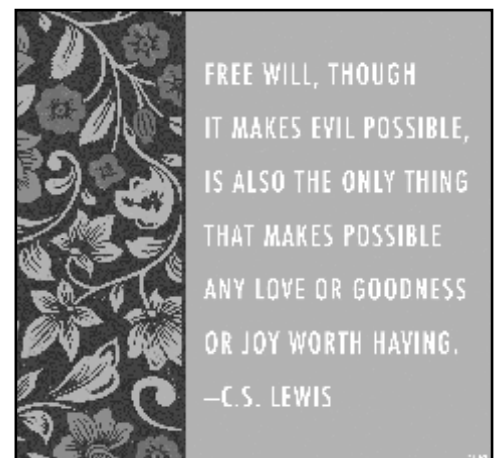
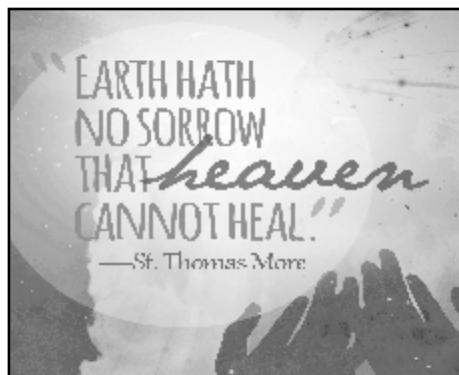
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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.



abundant crops to serve man'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).

In the sacristy at the Missionaries of Charity convent there is a faded, hand-drawn sign for the priest to see as he prepares to offer the Holy Mass. The sign reads, "Priest of God, offer this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass." It is a reminder to us of how the holy saints offered each Mass and assisted at each Mass. It is also an admonition to us all to offer each prayer with true devotion to our Lord and Blessed Mother. Let us assist at Mass, pray the Rosary and offer every prayer with recollection, attentiveness and great reverence. Let us realize that we are both benefitting from each other's prayers and contributing to each other's prayers. Let us offer each one to God with sincerity, trust and, above all, great love.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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

Confirmation

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

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 11th, our four parish Seven Sisters groups will renew, or make for the first time, their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for our Archbishop or parish priests. "One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together!"

Our parish now has four Seven Sisters groups to pray one holy hour a week for

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. Eduard Perrone, Fr. John Bustamante, and Fr. Aidan Logan. We thank all our new Sisters to the Apostolate who will assist Fr. Logan and our Archbishop. The Apostolate desires three groups of Seven Sisters for Bishops and Cardinals. We are happy for the new volunteers that enabled us to maintain 21 Sisters praying for the Archbishop. We also thank all the Seven sisters renewing their Commitments for yet another year with Fr. Perrone and Fr. John Bustamante.

On Friday, June 11th, our Commitment Day will begin with a Holy Mass offered for all the Seven Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass the renewal of prayer commitments will take place at the Grotto where we ask for the help of our Lady to persevere in our commitments and also placing the priests for whom they are praying into her protection.

We are in need of women willing to assist the Apostolate as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests or Archbishop in this apostolate.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home> or See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our four parish groups.

"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.



O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



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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
<http://te-deum.blogspot.com>



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