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ASSUMPTION GROTTA CHURCH

May 16, 2021



*Our Lady of Lourdes
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A Vicarious Descant

Today in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Sunday after Ascension or Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension.

The traditional nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost can be considered the pattern which established the nine days of all novenas.

In Acts chapter 1, verse 4, the Lord commanded the Apostles not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Holy Spirit: “And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ‘you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 1:4-5). In verses 10-14 we read, “And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. *All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the*

women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (Acts 1:10-14).

The disciples likely offered that first Novena petitioning God to send the Holy Spirit. As such, the nine days of prayer of a novena can be considered divinely inspired.

Last week the Traditional calendar observed Rogation days—or Petition Days. The Church petitioned God for the spiritual gifts—especially to send the Holy Spirit; and the Church petitioned God to bless us with the necessary temporal gifts—blessings on the sowing of seeds that it would yield abundant crops to serve mankind’s needs, but also an abundant spiritual harvest of faithful disciples for God. 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). Here, again, the Lord has called His disciples to pray for the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 46 (47) has traditionally been understood to prophesy the Ascension of the Lord, particularly the verse, “God has gone up with a shout:”

All you peoples, clap your hands;
shout to God with joyful cries.

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
the great king over all the earth,

Who made people subject to us,
nations under our feet,
Who chose our heritage for us,
the glory of Jacob, whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For God is king over all the earth;
sing hymns of praise.
God rules over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples assemble
with the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to
God, highly exalted.

This is one of eleven Psalms which are “of the Korahites.” The Korahites were the descendants of Korah and one of the Levite choirs who sang the Psalms at worship. The Book of Numbers relates how certain men, including Korah, contended with Moses and Aaron about who had authority to offer incense before God. As a punishment, God caused the earth to open up and swallow those who were opposing the authority of Moses. The bible tells us that Korah’s sons did not perish. In this we can consider how those who remained faithful to God and continued to sing God’s praises and be attentive to their obligations in prayer and worship were spared a terrible fate.

Perhaps we can learn something from this difficult passage of the Bible. Consider that today there are many people who are advocating many different ideas and ideologies that are not found in the perennial teaching of the Church. Do we stand with them practically or in spirit? And even if just in spirit, are we mindful that God looks into the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7)?

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - May 17, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Jeremy Gooding (L)

Tuesday, - May 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Mary Anne Smith (D)

Wednesday, - May 19, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Joanne Fredal (D)

Thursday May 20, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Eduard Perrone (L)

Friday, - May 21, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Helen Yaroch (D)

Saturday, -May 22, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Eduard Perrone (L)

4:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Sunday, May 23, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Mass Servers

Saturday, May 22, 2021

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

Sunday, May 23, 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 16, 2021**

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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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.

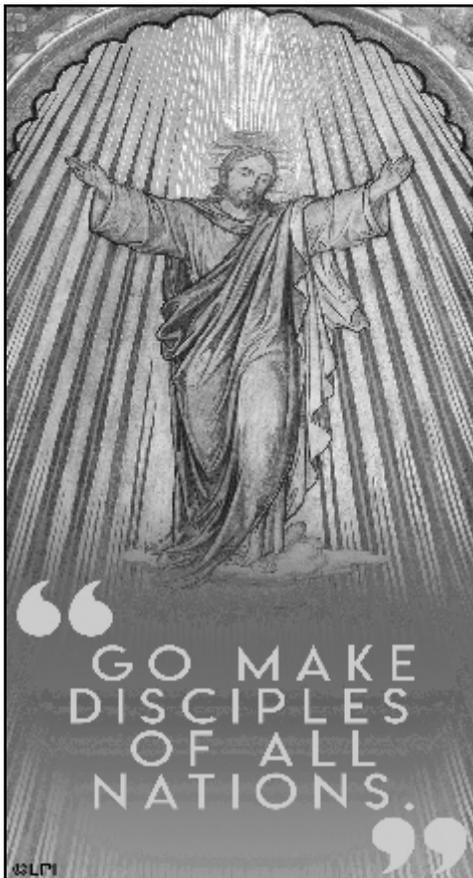
BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

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.

"While in heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as He is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love." – St Augustine of Hippo.

"Out of compassion for us He descended from heaven, and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." – St. Augustine



It is no different today than in past ages. There is a continuity in the truth because Jesus *is* Truth and that Truth is unchanging. Perhaps the beginning of the last chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews was written just for our time: "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.' Hence we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents" (Heb 13:1-9).

We should remain faithful to the obligations that are in accord with our state in life and, as Psalm 62 (63):8 says, "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."

Many troubling things are happening in the Church and throughout the world at an ever-increasing rate. Let us be attentive to our obligations to be faithful disciples of the Lord. Let us make our prayer and worship an essential expression of our fidelity to God as well as our consolation in our many trials. And, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints interceding for us, let us encourage one another to persevere and make "rogation" to God with faith, with trust and with great confidence in God's Divine Mercy.

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**The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
(from the Mysteries of the Rosary Reflections in Fr. John Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book)**

In this picture we contemplate the consummation of the promises of Jesus. It is His answer to our longing for Heaven. The final return to the Father, from whom He came into the world, is a certainty for all of us, to whom He promised a place on high: "*I go to prepare a place for you*" (John 14:2).

This mystery is offered to us, above all, as a light and guide for souls in preparation for the vocation of each person. It contains the spiritual movement which leads to sanctification, the desire for constant ascensions which prepare the soul for the "*mature measure of the fullness of Christ*" (Eph. 4:13). And united in this effort for perfection are priests, men and women religious, men and women missionaries, very distinguished laymen, souls who wish to be the good fragrance of Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 2:15) and who live already in relation to heavenly life.

The teaching of this decade is an exhortation not to allow ourselves to be held back by that which weighs us down but to abandon ourselves to the Lord who bears us on high.

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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

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

For more information go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

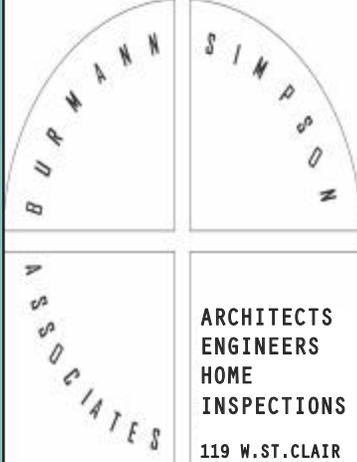


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