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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

June 06, 2021



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### A Visiting Descant

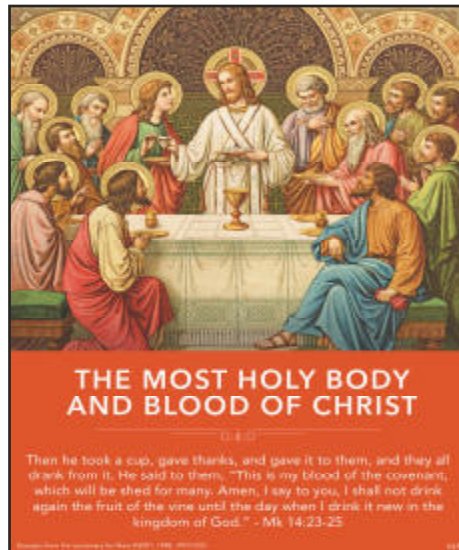
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."

The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." John 19:1-7

This text from the beginning of Chapter 19 of St. John's Gospel, while not directly related to today's feast sheds important light on the mystery we celebrate: Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, truly present, truly offered and truly received in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Most important is the last line: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

Scripture, especially the narrative of the passion and death of our Lord, is full of texts where a person or groups unwittingly utter a prophecy. But none is as powerful as this: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

We have a law: This is the law given by God Himself on Mt. Sinai, dictated to Moses; not some manmade law but THE Law, the law that paved the way for the coming of God's Son. This law was absolute. No man could claim the honor or titles that belong to God. We have a law, and ac-



... according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Here is the great mystery. The God-Man must die because he is the God-Man. God condemns Himself by His own law! ...because he made himself the Son of God. Here we see the deep unity of God's plan for our salvation in Jesus Christ. The new covenant begins by following the letter of the Old Covenant. The Old Law spoken by God dies by putting to death the Word of God made flesh. The New Law is born from the death of the Old Law.

This is what we celebrate today and every day at every Mass. At the Last Supper the Passover Meal became the banquet of the Eucharist. Just as the Old Law was a shadow of what was to come in the New Law of Christ, so the old Passover Meal merely hinted at what would come in the Holy Sacrifice of the New Covenant:

At the Old Passover they ate a lamb that had to be sacrificed again and again, year after year. Here we eat the true Lamb of God sacrificed once and for all for the sins of the world. They ate the flesh of a dumb beast, we eat and drink of risen Lord of Life.

At the Old Passover they remembered past events. Here we are truly present as Jesus Christ stands before the altar of heaven, not just once in time but for all eternity.

The Old Passover was simply a meal, a thing of this world. The Eucharist is the Banquet of Heaven where all the angels of God gather. But the angels cannot eat and drink. Only God's holy people can eat and drink at the new and perfect Passover.

We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. Exactly! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...

We have a law... a new law from God who said: Do this in memory of me.

... and according to that law he must die. St. Paul put it another way: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. The Mass, the Eucharist, is not a celebration of death but of life. It is the celebration of the death of death. Why? Because he IS the Son of God.

We have a law and according to that law he must die. We have a law of eternal life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. (John 6:54-55)

### A Primer for a Good Confession

In these days of the "Triumph of the Therapeutic" even the most traditional Catholics cannot help but imbibe the attitudes of the surrounding culture of affirmation and self-congratulatory revelation. Celebrities vie with one another in pouring out narratives of their psychological and emotional lives. Nothing could be further from the Sacrament of Penance and making a good confession.

Though Confession demands that I confess my sins it really isn't about me. Like all the sacraments, the Sacrament of Penance

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, - June 07, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Ed Marshall (D)

**Tuesday, - June 08, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Joanne Fredal (D)

**Wednesday, - June 09, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Jack Lingsch (D)

**Thursday June 10, 2021**

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**Friday, - June 11, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Seven Sisters Apostolate

7:00 p.m. – Priests of the Archdiocese

**Saturday, -June 12, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – Special Intention

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Jack Lingsch (D)

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

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

**Sunday, June 13, 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**

**June 06, 2021**

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

**Next Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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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.

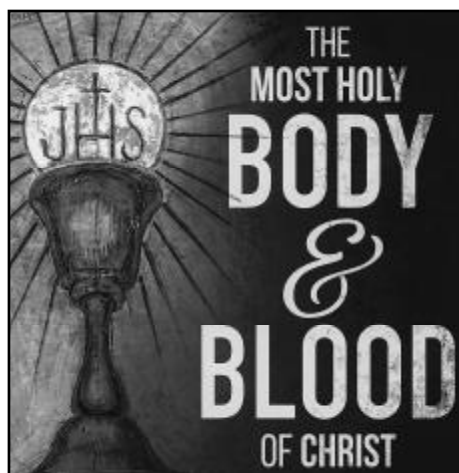
**BAPTISMS:** Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

**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 living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

JOHN 6:57



“PRAISE AND BLESS MY LORD, AND GIVE HIM THANKS AND SERVE HIM WITH GREAT HUMILITY.”

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

really is about God and His boundless mercy. This is the very opposite of therapy, counseling, psychoanalysis or psychiatry. It's not even Spiritual Direction, as good and necessary as that may be.

The best rule of thumb for a Good Confession is: Be Blunt; Be Brief; Be Gone.

**1. Be Blunt:** We are there to sincerely acknowledge our sins in number and kind. It is neither necessary nor desirable to go into specific details or an elaborate back-story. Confession is about my sins and not the sins of others. God knows all and the priest has no need to know. If the priest does need more information he will ask.

**2. Be Brief:** Have a clear idea of what to say before going into the confessional. After telling the priest how long it has been since our last confession and our state in life (married, single, engaged, etc.) a one or two word description is sufficient. This is an act of charity toward ourselves, the priest and those waiting in line.

**3. Be Gone:** If we really do believe that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven through the ministry of the priest, then, once we have sincerely confessed all our serious sins, received absolution, have a firm resolution to not sin again and fulfilled our penance, we should let go of our sins and any need to confess them again.

Sin is a deliberate act of the will in thought, word, deed or omission contrary to the law of God and His Church. We should avoid confusing sin with regret. This is especially true when we things happen beyond our control (e.g.: missing Holy Mass because of a blizzard) or because of a sincere lapse of memory (e.g.: forgetting to abstain from meat on a Friday in Lent). We should certainly regret missing Mass or eating that meat, but that does not make it a sin.

The anguish in our tell-all popular culture stems from a view of life divorced from God and His desire that *all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* 1 Timothy 2:4 The Sacrament of Penance is the great gift of God's boundless mercy in this fallen world. We are cheating ourselves if we fail to accept this gift.

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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.

### Confirmation

Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please contact the rectory. Confirmation this year will be on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:00 PM.

### 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 **this Saturday, June 12** in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. All altar boys are asked to attend.

### 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.

### 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 go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

### Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

This Friday there will be Adoration until 6:45 PM, with the Litany to the Sacred Heart and Consecration to the Sacred Heart. Mass at 7 PM.



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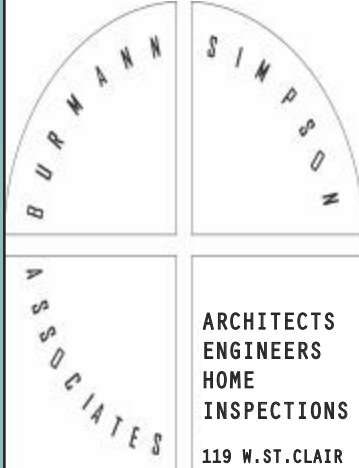
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**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;  
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