



Assumption Grotto  
Parish - 1832 -

# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

### June 13, 2021



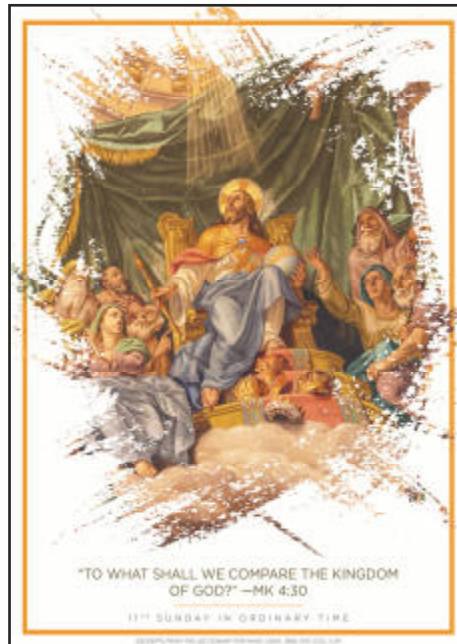
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Shrine - 1881 -

#### A Vicarious Descant

In a recent talk on prayer and the Spiritual Life it was noted that vocal prayer is but the first level of prayer and that many people do not go beyond that first level. Yet there are a total of nine levels of prayer as identified by theologians and spiritual masters, particularly St. Teresa of Avila. These nine levels of prayer can be considered part of the “Three Ways” of the Spiritual Life as the tradition of the Church has taught from the earliest times. The “Three Ways” are three paths—one following the other—which lead a soul to God. One cannot progress from one path to the next without passing through each of the three in order.

The first is the “Purgative,” the second is the “Illuminative,” and the third is the “Unitive.” The nine levels of prayer are then grouped under the Three Ways: Vocal prayer, meditation, affective prayer, acquired recollection, infused contemplation, prayer of quiet, simple union, conforming union and transforming union. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an opportunity to progress to the next step in one’s spiritual life.

Pius XII recalled Pope Leo XIII’s words when he instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. He wrote, “When reverence and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament had grown cold, the feast of Corpus Christi was instituted, so that by means of solemn processions and prayer of eight days’ duration, men might be brought once more to render public homage to Christ. So, too, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted at a time when men were oppressed by the sad and gloomy severity of



Jansenism, which had made their hearts grow cold, and shut them out from the love of God and the hope of salvation.” The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted in the Universal Church to remedy the error of Jansenism. Jansenism was a collection of propositions regarding grace and free will that resulted in a very severe and pessimistic view of God’s justice and mercy.

The hagiographical reading from the Office of Readings for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was chosen from St. Bonaventure’s work, *The Tree of Life*. In a short passage, St. Bonaventure shows the unity of Christ, His Church and devotion to the Sacred Heart: “It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open His sacred side with a lance. This was done so that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of

death on the cross, and so that the scripture might be fulfilled: *They shall look on him whom they pierced*. The blood and water which poured out at that moment were the prices of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord’s heart as a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting.”

Each First Friday is dedicated to the Sacred Heart with Adoration and particular prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. John Eudes (1602-1680) and St. Margaret Mary (1647-1690) were especially instrumental in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and each age has continued that devotion with great spiritual benefit.

Progress in the spiritual life is not made by simply being resolute in prayer and expecting measurable results according to some sort of timetable. Nor is progress in the spiritual life a matter of maximizing the return on your spiritual investment in prayer, penance and good works. God guides a soul through the “Three Ways” and the nine forms of prayer. But the first step is to turn away from sin and fervently petition the Lord to help you to pray.

If you are not sure where you are spiritually and how you should pray, then begin by asking the Church those questions. You will find the answer in the spiritual writings of the saints which are constantly being recommended to us through the Magisterial documents that have been handed down to us for centuries.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Monday, - June 14, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Vincent Rengers (D)

**Tuesday, - June 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Theresa Marie Dekeyser (D)

**Wednesday, - June 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Joseph Flores, Jr. (D)

**Thursday June 17, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Shirvish (D)

**Friday, - June 18, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, -June 19, 2021**

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

4:00 p.m. – Special Intention

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Sharon Spiegel

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

12:00 p.m. – :Marilyn McEvoy

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, June 19, 2021**

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

**Sunday, June 20, 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 06-13-21**

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

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

**Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Prayer for the Return of Lapsed Catholics to the Sacraments**

*Almighty Father, You desire not the death of the sinner, but that he may be converted and live. Pour out upon us Your mercy and hear the prayers of Your servants. Soften the hearts of Your children who have strayed from the true path which You established for their salvation. They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics and pursue the pleasures of the world. Grant that they may quickly return to the practice of every Christian virtue, so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them all to Your sacraments and the life of Your grace, through the merits of the most precious blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*"Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done. If you show resentment because you are helping the person out of a reluctant sense of duty, then the person may receive your help but may feel awkward and embarrassed. This is because he will feel beholden to you. If, on the other hand, you help the person in a spirit of joy, then the help will be received joyfully. The person will feel neither demeaned nor humiliated by your help, but rather will feel glad to have caused you pleasure by receiving your help. And joy is the appropriate attitude with which to help others because acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver." - St. John Chrysostom*

**ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH**

13770 Gratiot Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48205

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Eduard Perrone

**Associate:** Rev. Fr. John Bustamante

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. James Wilder

**RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS**

Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

Evening hours by appointment

Rectory 313-372-0762, FAX 372-2064

**website:** www.assumptiongrotto.com

**email:** grotto Rectory 'at sign' ameritech.net

**Grotto Gift Shop** 313-332-4432

**Parish Council President**

Anna Graziosi 313-423-6972

**Organist** Ray Long 313-372-0762

**Email:** grottomusic 'at sign' ameritech.net

**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.



*"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.'" -St. John Vianney*

This External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is called "External" because it means that the day is moved to the nearest Sunday so that as many of the faithful can participate in the prayers as possible.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is meant to help us to have a deeper understanding of God's love for us. It is a wonderful day to draw close to the Heart of Jesus and draw from it many graces to help you overcome sin, increase your love for God and neighbor and progress through the stages of prayer as God desires.

**Learn about Chesterton Academy**

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a new classical high school in the Catholic tradition located in Clinton Township. We just completed our first year where our students attended daily Mass, studied Dante, learned to sing chant, performed a Shakespearean play, and shared a joyful Catholic atmosphere. All our faculty take an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic faith and teach from a Catholic perspective. Chesterton Academy also has an affordable tuition of \$6300. Learn more by visiting [chestertonguadalupe.org](http://chestertonguadalupe.org) or call Headmaster Pete Ohotnicky at 910.583.3567 to arrange for a tour. Come see what everyone is talking about! We are also seeking a faithful, Catholic, part-time chemistry teacher for this fall--teacher certification is not required. Contact [chestertondetroit@gmail.com](mailto:chestertondetroit@gmail.com) for more information.

**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

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

**Confirmation Practice**

Confirmation practice will be on Saturday, June 19th at 1 p.m.

**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 **Saturday, July 10** 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**

"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 renewed their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Edward 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>




**ADVANTAGE**  
LIVING CENTERS  
REHABILITATION • SKILLED NURSING  
**SAMARITAN**  
5555 CONNER STREET, 4TH FLOOR  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48213  
Tel: 313-344-4100 • Fax: 313-499-5260

Plumbing? Sewer? Drain Problems? ... We Can Help



**\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE**  
(313) 558-8757  
WaterWorkPlumbing.com  
**24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
Licensed & Insured Master Plumber



**ARCHITECTS  
ENGINEERS  
HOME  
INSPECTIONS**  
119 W. ST. CLAIR  
ROMEO  
586.752.5010

**BAGNASCO & CALCATERRA**  
FUNERAL HOMES

*We're in YOUR neighborhood...*

13653 E. Fifteen Mile Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (586) 977-7300  
23800 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 (586) 777-0557  
www.bcfh.com



**Te Deum Laudamus!**  
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>



Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, Inc.  
PLEASE ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO  
"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death." - Proverbs 24:11  
For more information call  
(313) 530-4539



**CATERING NOW AVAILABLE**  
23447 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe  
586-773-4244  
Great Food ~ Great People  
[www.andarysgrill.com](http://www.andarysgrill.com)

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets 1-855-225-4251

**DOWNEY'S PLUMBING**  
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING REPAIRS

- Sewers Cleaned Electrically
- 24-Hour Service
- Visa/MC/Disc Accepted
- 10% Senior Discount

**586.775.2441**



**St. Ephrem Parishioner Discount**  
Licensed Master Plumber

Empty space for advertisement.

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Larry Burgett** to place an ad today!  
[lburgett@4LPi.com](mailto:lburgett@4LPi.com) or (800) 477-4574 x6268



**BUYING/SELLING**  
RealEstateForLife.org  
donates to support Assumption Grotto!  
FAITHFUL AGENTS WORLDWIDE  
**877-LIFE-US1**

**OTTO SCHEMANSKY SONS**  
MONUMENTS AND GRAVE MARKERS  
GRANITE & BRONZE  
Phone: (313) 365-5390  
[www.schemansky monuments.com](http://www.schemansky monuments.com)  
13702 Van Dyke Ave. • Detroit  
Since 1883