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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

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July 11, 2021



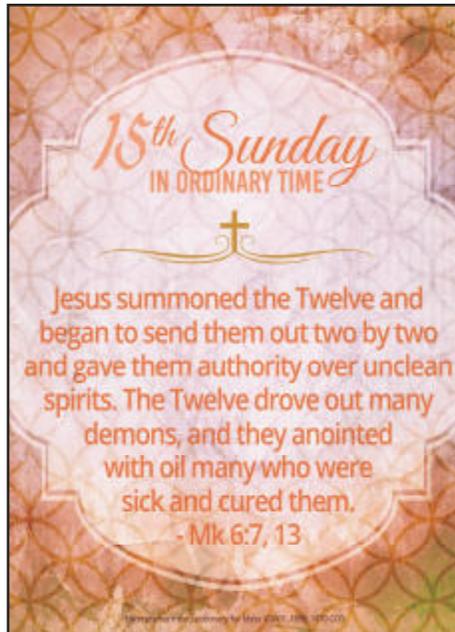
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### A Vicarious Descant

Today we are called to seek wisdom that we might better discern the two ways—either living as slaves of sin or servants of God. Our words (that is, “Lord, Lord” as we heard in today’s Gospel) must be in harmony with our actions (that is, doing the will of God). Within the words of the Epistle and Gospel today lies a message of patient watchfulness.

Prophets do not simply tell the future. Those familiar with scripture know that a true prophet points out how individuals and nations must change in order to avert what will necessarily follow the evil they are doing. A true prophet succeeded when what he had foretold did not come to pass. That is because the people heeded the prophet and turned from their evil ways. The Ninevites were able to do this—averting the destruction of their city which was to occur in 40 days. And they didn’t even know who the Lord was, they simply repented of what they already knew in their hearts was evil. God did not demand of them that which they did not yet know. But God did call them to return to what was already written on their hearts.

False prophets—and the term should not be lightly or unjustly used—present teachings that might appear to be in harmony with the Faith—they blend in with the sheep. They promote what appears to be reasonable and even compatible with the Faith, but it is a greater evil than simply being wrong about something because their message is often worded in ways that plants doubt in the minds of the hearers. Mixing truth with what is false is evil.



The simile that our Lord uses for plants and trees includes time. It takes time to bear fruit. For grape plants in a vineyard it takes several years before they produce fruit that can be used. Once established, a vineyard can then produce fruit for over a century.

The Church has never encouraged us to go in search of hidden information or recent prophesy and use that to guide our lives. If it is from the Lord, it will be in harmony with the Lord’s words and the words today call us to realize that knowing the truth requires listening and discerning over long periods of time. Think of the perfect example of this: Sacred Scripture itself: the Word of God has endured all these millennia. Likewise with the approved apparitions of Our Lady—it was years before the Church presented the messages to the Faithful, just as God had intended.

In 2 Chronicles we read that Solomon began building the temple of the Lord in the fourth year of his reign—he would have been in his early 20s. When it was finished, as we read in chapter six, he dedicated it to the Lord and offered a lengthy prayer of petition asking God that no matter what evil the people faced or sin the people committed, if they would come to this temple and pray for protection or forgiveness, that God would grant their petition. Solomon named all the major evils of his day in that prayer and petitioned the Lord that whoever presented himself in prayer at the temple would have his prayer answered.

That very night our Lord appeared to Solomon and repeated part of the very words of Solomon’s prayer. The Lord said “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chron 7:13-14).

St. James tells us, “The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects” and “whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:16/20).

The 19<sup>th</sup> century Benedictine Dom Gueranger spoke of the message of scripture for today’s Holy Mass and Divine Office quite bluntly. He wrote, “There are many souls in hell who have gone through more fatigue and pain to procure their

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, - July 12, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– All Souls in Need (L)

**Tuesday, - July 13, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Kaitlin Baker

**Wednesday, - July 14, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Mary & Richard Decker (D)

**Thursday July 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – David Joseph Klemmer (D)

**Friday, - July 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– George Stanko

**Saturday, -July 17, 2021**

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

4:00 p.m. – Stephen & Carolyn Roehrig & Family (L)

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Sean Clougherty (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – Jurewicz Family (L&D)

**The Holy Father’s Intention for July is: Social Friendship**

“We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.”

[www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention)

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

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

**Sunday, July 18, 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 07-11-21**

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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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.

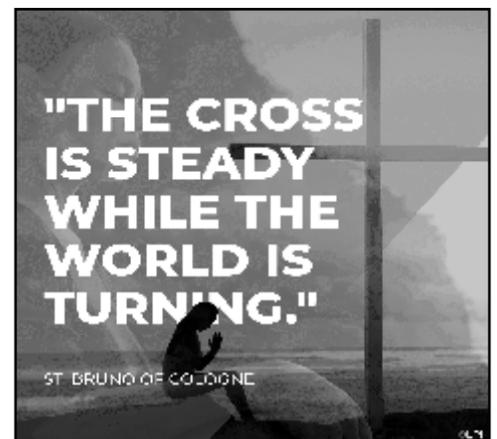
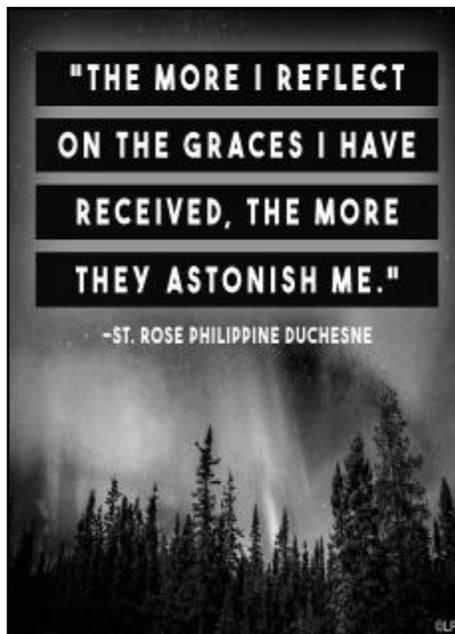
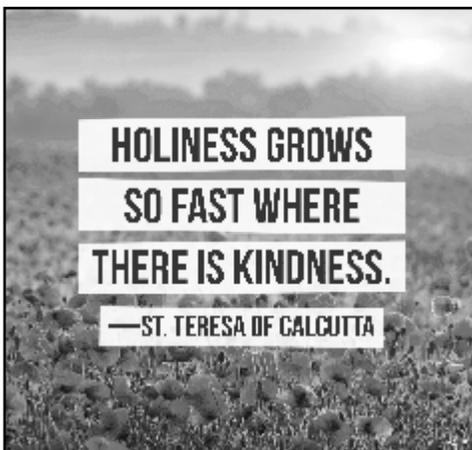
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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.



damnation than even the martyrs endured for Christ; and even with all that, never attaining the object they sought to obtain in this world! So true is it that the fools who are the most subservient to satan’s wishes do not always succeed in enjoying, even for a single day, the vile rewards he promises his slaves” (Gueranger, vol 11, p. 178)

The pious Gueranger goes on to say that the life of divine union grows on the high ground of justice; it rests on justice as a flower does on its stem. ‘He that possesses justice,’ says Sacred Scripture, ‘shall lay hold of wisdom’ he shall find delights in that divine wisdom, which surpasses all that earth could procure (p. 179).

To attain this wisdom, we must serve justice. The book of Ecclesiasticus teaches us that if we desire wisdom, then keep justice. Justice is kept through the Commandments of God—the Ten Commandments, but also those given to us by Our Lord and His Church.

On this seventh Sunday after Pentecost, holy Mother Church places before us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, the gift of wisdom. The offertory verse points to the thousand sacrifices offered by Solomon in the first days of his reign—after which the Lord appeared to him and said, “Ask what thou will and I will give it to you.” Solomon asked for wisdom, and God granted him wisdom in a measure unlike any man before him or after him.

May God grant us and those for whom we pray much wisdom that we may bear good fruit, and through the intercession of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, may we one day come to share in that eternal joy of our heavenly kingdom.

Note: As our patronal feast day approaches, we are always in need of volunteers to help with the many activities before, during and after August 15. Please contact the rectory if you can help. The 30-day preparation for the Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary begins on July 13. The preparation

is not precisely a novena, but a period of preparation that precedes the Consecration. Booklets are available in Gift Shop.

**Altar Boy Training**

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. The next monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on **August 14th** in the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. All altar boys are asked to attend.

**August 15th Used Religious Items Sale**

It is time to bring in any used religious items for our used-religious sale on Assumption Day. Books, statues, pictures, and any Catholic or Christmas items are accepted. Please drop off all items at the Gift Shop after Sunday Masses. If you have any questions please contact Karen at 586-550-8005.

**Pro-Life Volunteers Needed**

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**Day of Recollection**

The Canons Regular of the Holy Cross will have a Day of Recollection on August 15 from 2 p.m.-4p.m. More information to follow.

**Summer Attire Reminder**

With the warm days of summer upon us, young people (and parents who bring them to Mass) please dress appropriately for the Holy Mass and visits to the parish: shorts, jeans, athletic shoes, skirts

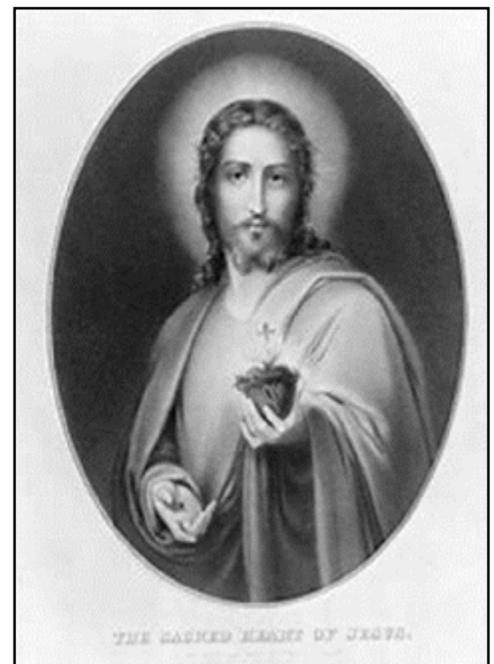
that are not well below the knee, sleeveless blouses and other such dress are inappropriate for worship.

**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

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

**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. The day began with a Holy Mass offered for all the Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady’s help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the new flyer for 2021 on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.





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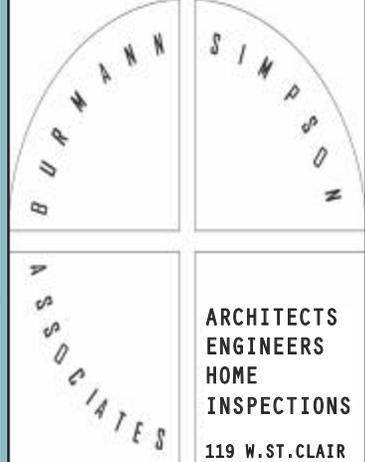
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