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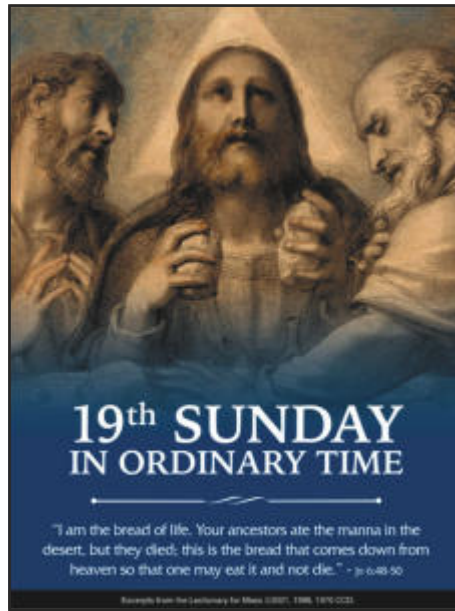


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A Vicarious Descant

A Greek language teacher once said that there are 24 different forms of the word “the” and each use of the form is very specific to the word which follows. This is an example of how the Greek language is remarkably specific. There are many words in Greek that are often translated into the same word in English, but they are different words with subtle differences between them. For example, the Bible commentators note that the Greek word used to describe a person who is deaf and dumb *from birth* is different from the word that describes a person who became deaf *after birth*. Today’s Gospel uses the latter example as describing one who is deaf and dumb but who still has some kind of ability to speak.

This account of the healing of the deaf and mute man also reveals a remarkable but a hidden aspect of the miracle--as was the case with each of Our Lord’s miracles. In this case, the Lord miraculously removed the impediments that prevented the man from hearing and speaking, and then the Lord miraculously imparted the knowledge of how to use the faculty of hearing and speech in an instant. Think about it: someone who was unable to hear (and learn) a language is suddenly able to hear and “speak rightly” (*et loquebatur recte*). This is very much like those who were lame from birth and lacked a physical faculty, but who were healed and also instantly given the knowledge of how to perfectly use the restored faculty—*not* slowly, but all at once. A man blind from birth sees plainly and understands everything he sees. A paralytic not just standing



up, but jumping up and walking around and praising God. They immediately did something that they had never done before, and they did it as if they had done it their whole life long. Think of the paralytic who was healed by St. Peter as he and St. John entered the Temple: the bible tells us that a certain man who was “lame from his mother's womb” was placed at the gate of the Temple every day. St. Peter said to him, “Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise, and walk” (Acts 3:6). St. Peter gave the command to arise, but then he gave the command to walk—which requires most people many weeks and even months to learn as toddlers. “And he, leaping up, stood, and walked, and went in with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God” (Acts 3:8). This is a man who had likely never taken a step in his life!

St. Gregory says of today’s Gospel: “Why was it that God, the Creator of all things, when He sought to cure the deaf and dumb man, put His fingers into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue with spittle? Simply because the Redeemer’s fingers represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On another occasion he said, after casting out a devil: ‘If I cast out devils by the finger of God, evidently the kingdom of God has come to you.’ This same passage is given by another evangelist in these words: ‘If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, the kingdom of God must therefore have come to you.’ By comparing these two texts we see that finger and Spirit are equivalent terms.”

St. Gregory goes on, saying, “Therefore, to put His fingers in the man’s ears means to open the mind of the deaf person to obedience by means of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But what is the implication of spitting and then touching the tongue with spittle? That spittle from the mouth of the Redeemer symbolizes the wisdom that comes to us through divine teaching. For it is from the head that saliva flows into the mouth. Now when His wisdom, and He is Wisdom Itself, touches our tongue, then our tongues immediately become fashioned to preach His word.”

Lastly, in groaning, the Lord taught us to petition Him who is in heaven to likewise open our ears and loose our tongues for proclaiming the Good News.

When you put your fingers in your ears, you can’t hear what is around you very well. In this sense, the blocking out of the noise and distraction of the world opens

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - August 09, 2021

7:30 a.m.– File Vuktilaj (D)

Tuesday, - August 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Janet Langlos DiTommaso (D)

Wednesday, - August 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Aidan Logan (L)

Thursday August 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Thomas Ulrich

Friday, - August 13, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Fr. Eduard Perone (L)

Saturday, -August 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Sunday, August 15, 2021 - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. – Private Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Robert Suchy (D)

7:00 p.m.-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Solemn Latin High Mass in the Extraordinary Form*)

The Holy Father’s Intention for August is: The Church

“Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, August 14, 2021

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

Sunday, August 15, 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 08-08-21

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Requiescat in Pace

Augustina “Augie” Anetrini

February 19, 1930– July 24, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto her O lord

and let perpetual light shine upon

her. May her soul and the souls of

all the faithful departed, through

the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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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.

“Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?” –St. Gerard Majella

“Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.” -- St. Francis of Assisi

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

your ears to hear the voice of God. Like wise, was the leading the man away from the crowds—withdrawing from others and placing oneself in the presence of God—this is very much what we do before we pray and especially when we withdraw from the world and pray in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The deaf mute’s first sound he heard was likely the voice of the Lord Himself. So, too, in our prayers of Adoration. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us to pray as we ought.

The greatest miracles can often be the most hidden of miracles. And greater still are the miracles that lead unto Eternal Life. Is the Lord leading you away from the crowds and busyness of daily life and putting his fingers in your ears to call you to silence in His presence that you may hear His Word in your life?

Our Patronal Feast Day is one week away. There are still needs and opportunities to help make the day a prayerful and joyful day of thanksgiving and praise. Contact the rectory if you are able to help.

August 15th Planning Meeting

The final planning meeting for the August 15th Feast Day will be held in the school lounge on August 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Holy League

Every 2nd Saturday, there is a monthly Holy Hour for men in the church at 6:30 a.m. as part of the Holy League. The Holy League was started by Raymond Cardinal Burke to bring a monthly Holy Hour for men to every parish. More info can be found at www.holyleague.com

Young Men's Chant Workshop

Canon Stein and Schola Director Mr. Harold Rutila from St. Joseph Shrine invite the young men of Assumption Grotto to attend their Young Men’s Chant Workshop, being held on Satur-

day, August 14th at 12:00 p.m. This workshop is for young men between 15 and 25 years old and is intended for those with all skill levels from beginner to advanced. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration can be completed by going to <https://sjsschola.org/register>.

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 next Saturday, **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. **We are also in need of newspapers, tissue paper, and paper and plastic bags for the sale.** If you have any of these packaging supplies to donate, or if you have religious goods for the sale. If you have any questions please contact the rectory at 313-372-0762.

August 15th Bake Sale

We are in need of baked goods for the August 15th bake sale. Please consider donating if you are able. All baked goods should be brought to the school in the afternoon on Saturday, August 14th.

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. 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 2021 flyer 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. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.

Pro-Life Volunteers Needed

Image of God Catholic Pregnancy Centers is looking to train new volunteers to help with counseling and simple tasks in the boutique, office and classroom. Call Joe Monte at 313-331-4728

Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. 16 Week Marian Catechist Basic Catholic Catechism

The program is designed for all families Home Educators or those in private/public school. To answer questions and discuss our class parameters two Intro meetings are scheduled for: **8/28 at 10a.m. or 1:00 p.m. TBA.** We hope to begin home study class by late September, every other Saturday or one evening during the week. Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, has given permission for mature teens 16 yrs. and up in public or home school education to participate in this course. Parents are welcome to take the course with their teens. For any questions please call the rectory and leave your name if you plan to attend and you will be contacted with the time of the meeting for the date you select. See flyer on the side tables for more information.

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.



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