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ASSUMPTION GROTTA CHURCH

August 22, 2021



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A Vicarious Descant

The Second Book of Kings in the Old Testament (which is the Fourth Book of Kings in the Douay-Rheims Bible) relates how Naaman the Syrian was healed of leprosy by plunging seven times into the Jordan river. He did this after reconsidering his anger at being told to do such a simple thing. Naaman expected Elisha to manifest in his presence whatever divine power Elisha possessed—healing him as he looked on, that is, on his terms.

He was disappointed. The prophet did not even appear in Naaman's presence—which even points indirectly to today's gospel reading, where the ten lepers call out to the Lord from a distance and the Lord does not beckon them to approach Him. He simply sends them off to the priests to follow what the Law prescribed. Unlike most others petitioning the Lord, they did not ask directly to be healed and the Lord never said "Be healed." In a way, the general request from the lepers was met by a general command by the Lord.

In Naaman's case, Elisha simply sent a messenger, probably his rather mischievous servant Gehazi to tell him to go plunge seven times in the River Jordan and he will be healed. As a side note, Gehazi even though he was Elisha's longtime servant, would himself be afflicted with leprosy shortly after Naaman's departure as a punishment by God for his lying and avarice.

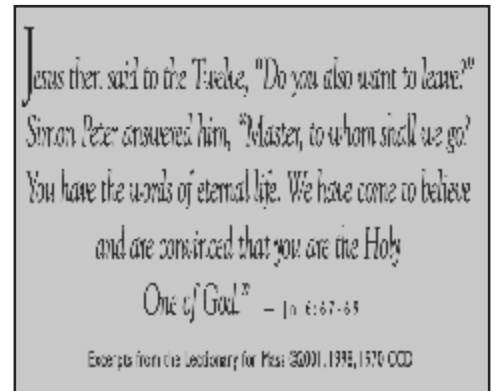
The slaves of Naaman are to be credited with bringing him to the waters of the Jordan, since his pride had prevented him from doing so initially. They convinced

him to do as the prophet said by simply reasoning with him in a very practical way. "If the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it? All the more now, since he said to you, 'Wash and be clean,' should you do as he said" (2 Kings 5:13b). Humility brings healing especially when it comes to the confession of sin.

Of course, seven times is a number of fullness or totality. Here it was a prophecy—a fulfillment relating to cleansing and healing that would take place in the Jordan.

Historians and geographers generally agree that the Jordan river is practically worthless as far as rivers go. It is murky, full of silt, shallow, and too low to be used for easy irrigation. At its highest point, the Jordan river is 700 feet below sea level. But when the Lord created the Jordan River, He created it for His purposes. Two of these purposes are found in Scripture: it is a place of separation and a place of cleansing. And its waters were sanctified when our Lord was baptized in the Jordan at the very place where Joshua had led the people across the Jordan into the Promised Land 1400 years earlier.

The lepers healed today were nine ungrateful Israelites and one Samaritan. "As they were going they were cleansed." The nine had no problem presenting themselves to the priest. The Samaritan did. He was forbidden from entering the presence of the priests of Jerusalem. The Jews had nothing to do with the Samaritans. They wouldn't even approach a Samaritan left half-dead



from robbers on the road to Jericho, why would the priests admit a leper into their presence?

But, without knowing it, the Samaritan did carry out the command by presenting himself before the true High Priest: Our Lord Himself.

When we beg the Lord to have mercy on us, or to grant a dire petition, we often do not receive a dramatic answer, but just the simple command, "Show yourselves the priests."

Clearly, the Sacraments are symbolically foreshadowed as our Lord orders the ten to present themselves to the priests. This is Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion—all administered by priests and all for the purposes of restoring what is lost by birth or disease or free will.

The Lord gave the command, but it was the free will of but one who came and gave thanks to God. God accomplishes so much for each of us—do we present ourselves before Him each week to give thanks?

The Mass is so closely pointed to in this



Monday, - August 23, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Grace & Eugene Riendeau (L&D)

Tuesday, - August 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. – The Castillo Family (L&D)

Wednesday, - August 25, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Joanne Mable Reidy (D)

Thursday August 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Florence Timmerman (D)

Friday, - August 27, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Kimberly Carp (L)

Saturday, -August 28, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Robert Santine

4:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Sunday, August 29, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Private Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Margaret Calabrese

Holy Father’s Intention for August

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 28, 2021

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

Sunday, August 29, 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 08-22-21

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b -2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12 -13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12 -13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3 -4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and consoler of our weakness, who delivered Peter’s mother-in-law and the ruler’s son from a high fever; who restored strength to the paralytic, cleansed the lepers, healed the centurion’s servant; who saved the woman suffering from hemorrhage, raised up the man lying helpless on his pallet at the pool of Bethesda, went about the towns and villages healing all kinds of ailments, may the sick be freed from their illness and restored in body and mind, and may rightly see fit to praise your power until the end of their days; you who live and reign forever and ever. 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.

“The secret to happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.”
– **St. Gianna Molla**

“Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.” – **St. John of the Cross**

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

account—in the original Greek of the Gospel, the lepers use the same word we use at the penitential rite—“eleison”—mercy and the Samaritan “fell on his face” before the Lord and “gave thanks”—the Greek word used is *eucharistein* pointing to the Holy Eucharist—the “source and summit of Christian life.”

We’ve been asking our Lord to have mercy on us and on our country for years. Let us keep showing ourselves to the priests in Confession and Holy Communion but also continuously giving thanks for all that God is quietly accomplishing in our hearts and minds. We must keep going—carrying out our work and duties and obligations knowing that God is accomplishing great things in our midst on His terms, not ours.

Today is also the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the “old” calendar. It closes an Octave in honor of Our Lady that began on the Assumption. Let us realize that we have a powerful Mediatrix who petitions on our behalf. We turned with great love and confidence to Our Lady last week as we honored her Assumption, let us continue to beg her help and protection in these increasingly serious times.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who planned, set up, assisted, donated and, especially, joined us in prayer on our most solemn Feast Day. May the Blessed Virgin Mary surround us with her mantle of protection and may God bless our parish and grant a most merciful answer to each petition offered this day and every day.

Used Religious Sale This Sunday

The Used Religious Sale will be open again this Sunday, August 22nd following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The sale will be open until 3:00 p.m. There are still many wonderful items available for purchase.

Reception This Sunday Hosted by the Grotto Nights of Columbus

The Knights are hosting a reception in the school building for their sponsored seminarian, Thomas Curry, this Sunday, Aug. 22nd after the 9:30am Mass. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Parish Picnic

The Grotto Knights invite the parish to join them for the annual parish picnic on Sept. 12th after the 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses. Food, drink, and games for kids will be provided.

Natural Family Planning Classes

An NFP introductory course that will help you plan your family naturally, safely, and in accordance with the Church's teachings will be held at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The series consists of three classes and will be taught by Stephen and Michelle Cruickshank. The class dates are Sept 18, Oct 9, and Nov 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be childcare provided on-site. You can sign up for the course at <https://bit.ly/3qB3ZVI> or at CCLI.org. If you would like to talk to someone about the course or NFP in general, you can call Michelle at 313-801-7924. More information about NFP and other live and online classes can be found at ccli.org.

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, **September 11** in the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. All altar boys are asked to attend.

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>.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

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

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: **August 28 at 10 AM or 1:00 PM (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.



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