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ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

August 29, 2021



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A Vicarious Descant

“Seek first the kingdom of God, and His justice; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mathew 6:33).

In today’s Epistle, the works of flesh are contrasted with the “fruit of the Spirit.” St. Paul says that the “flesh lusts against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh.” The holy monk and theologian John Cassian, who lived during the fourth and fifth centuries explains this passage in this way: “The flesh delights in extravagance and lust; the spirit can hardly be brought to acknowledge the existence of these natural desires. The flesh desires plenty of sleep and its fill of food; the spirit is so engaged in vigils and fasting that with difficulty it brings itself to consent even to that sleep and food which is necessary for life. The flesh would abound in this world’s goods; the spirit is content with the most meager provision of daily bread. The flesh pampers itself in the baths and loves to be surrounded by troops of flatterers; the spirit rejoices in the complete absence of comforts, and in the silence of the desert. The flesh thrives on honors and praises; the spirit rejoices in the persecutions and injuries inflicted on it.” (John Cassian A.D. 360-435, in Lapide’s Commentary). Cassian was simply looking at the world of his day (and ours) and holding it up to the life of a monk in the desert. The contrast could hardly be greater.

Lust, avarice, and covetousness are similar sins. Covetousness is wanting something that a person has no right to want or desiring something that God never intended that person to desire. The Ninth and Tenth Commandments both concern covetous-



ness and in our time seem to be broken in many ways—ways that earlier ages could not have even thought of.

Bible scholars have long been fascinated by words that are used only one time in the Bible. These words are called “Hapax legomenon” which means “so called” or “being said once.” The passage that uses such unique words takes on a particular emphasis and importance. “*Radix enim omnium malorum est cupiditas*” (1 Tim 6:10) “The root of all evil is cupidity” but this verse is more commonly heard as “The root of all evil is the love of money.” But the Latin word “cupiditas” is a unique word meaning “avarice, covetousness” and a disordered desire for goods of any kind, not just money. It is a translation of the Greek word, “philargyria” which is used

only one time in the Bible. It is not “money” that is the root of all evil, but the “love of money” and not just the love of “money” but the “disordered desire for goods of any kind” that is the root of all evil.

With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit come the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the Beatitudes (Tanqueray, *The Spiritual Life*). “When a soul corresponds faithfully to the actual graces which set in motion the virtues and the gifts, it performs acts of virtue, at first imperfectly and with difficulty, then more perfectly and with greater relish, so that the heart is filled with holy joy” (Tanqueray, number 1359).

It is impossible to covet something virtuous because those things are spiritual, eternal and are what God has told us we should desire. But you can covet worldly things, and when you do, you are spreading roots for other sin in your life.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit were or will be given in a particularly solemn way to each of us at Confirmation by the imposition of hands by the bishop. These gifts help us to practice our faith and proclaim the Gospel. They are not gifts that we choose to put into use in one situation or another, but gifts that are entirely directed by God and at the service of the Lord. The seven particular gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord. These gifts are named by the prophet Isaiah in speaking of the Messiah, but they are the gifts that are, in turn, given to the Church and each of her members for the sanctification of souls.



Monday, - August 30, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Thomas & Barbara Tortomose (D)

Tuesday, - August 31, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Mary Santine (L)

Wednesday, - September 01, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

Thursday September 02, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Holy Souls

Friday, - September 03, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Poor Souls

7:00 p.m.—Philip Solomon

Saturday, -September 04, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m. – St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, September 05, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Private Intention

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

12:00 p.m. – Private Intention

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, September 04, 2021

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

Sunday, September 05, 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 08-29-21

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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.

ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH

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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.

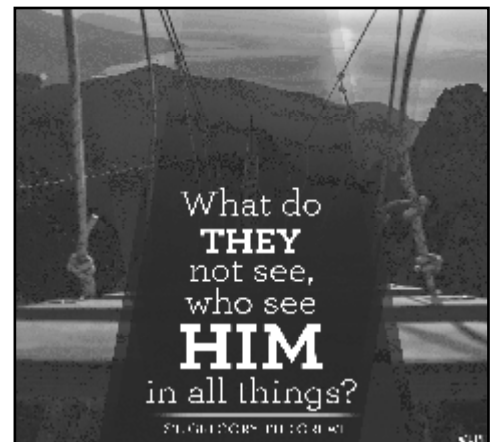
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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.



What do
THEY
not see,
who see
HIM
in all things?

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

St. Paul explains these gifts further in the letter to the Galatians, saying that those who engage in the works of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God. “But the fruit of the Spirit,” writes, St. Paul, “is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...” Within the Tradition of the Church, these nine fruits of the Spirit over the years came to be known as twelve, but this was simply because modesty, continency and chastity gave greater clarity and emphasis to the fruit of self-control—which is what much of chapter five in Galatians is all about.

“Seek first the kingdom of God, and His justice; and all these things shall be added unto you.” If there was an age that needed added emphasis on chastity, modesty, continency and self-control it would certainly be our age. The briefest survey of what is called news today will make it perfectly clear that there are many people in our age who are “in the greatest need of God’s mercy.” Let us continue to pray that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, God will guide the Church, our country and the world to manifest the “fruit of the Spirit” always.

Used Religious Sale This Sunday

The Used Religious Sale will be open again this Sunday, August 29th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The sale will be open until 3:00 p.m. All items are available for a free will donation.

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.

CCD Classes

CCD classes will begin on Sunday, September 12th. Classes are held on Sunday

mornings from 10:45a.m.—11:45a.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Rectory or one can be emailed to you by sending an email request to grotto Rectory@ameritech.net.

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.

National Day of Remembrance

Assumption Grotto will be hosting the annual memorial for the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn on September 18th in the cemetery at the Tomb of the Aborted Children. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please join us for prayer, song, and moving testimonies. Refreshments will follow the event. If you have any questions, please email them to beverly1016@aol.com.

Sunday Social

The Sunday social will resume on Sunday, September 19th. Donuts and coffee will be available.

Homeschool

Homeschool Fridays will begin soon. More information to follow soon in the Grotto News.

Adult Catechism Classes

Adult catechism classes will begin on Tuesday, September 21st at 6 p.m. in the school. Please contact the rectory and leave your name and number if you plan to attend.

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.

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

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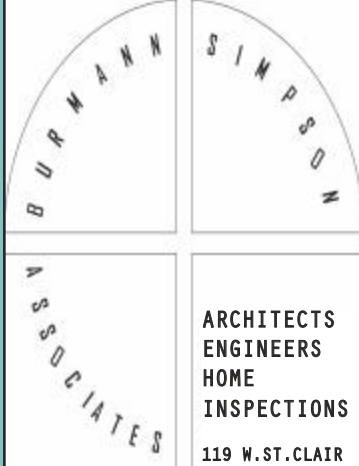
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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