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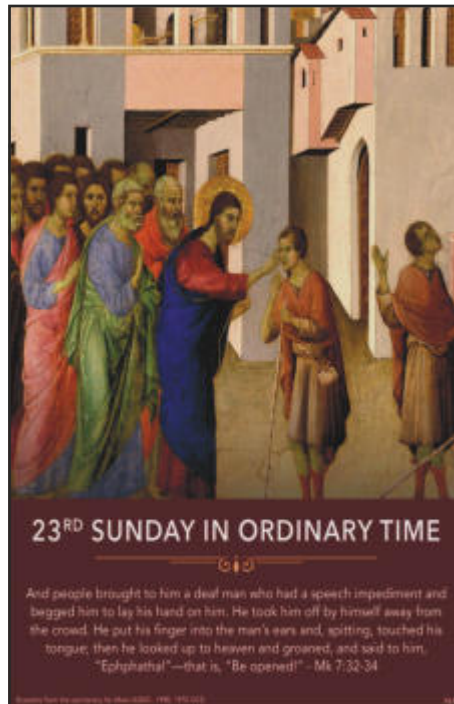
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A Vicarious Descant

You would think that after such a miraculous healing, the deaf mute and the witnesses would be quick to honor the command of our Lord not to speak about it. After all, it is much easier to say nothing than to go about the countryside proclaiming freely what the Lord had done. The man was not ordered to show himself to the priests or carry out some difficult task in return for the healing. He and the witnesses were simply ordered not to tell anyone.

Yet, as St. Mark records, “the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it.” St. Augustine comments on this apparent disobedience saying, “If however, He (Jesus), as one Who knew the present and the future wills of men, knew that they would proclaim Him the more in proportion as He forbade them, why did He give them this command?” In other words, God told them not to do something that He already knew that they would do. St. Augustine answers: because “He wished to prove to men who are idle, how much more joyfully, with how much greater obedience, they whom *He commands to proclaim Him* should preach, when they who were forbidden could not hold their peace” (Augustine, *Catena*). The Psalm versicle that begins the hours of the Divine Office is “O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise” (Ps. 50:17).

How obediently and joyfully are we proclaiming the Lord Jesus to others? Not only with our words, but our actions: how we worship, how we greet and treat each



other, how we express concern for the salvation of souls?

Why do we recount the miracles of Christ today? What has happened in having heard this account of the healing of the deaf mute? Some of us have heard this account in one of the Gospels several times a year for the past 50 years—which is how long we’ve had the revised lectionary and the new Mass.

We could ask, “Why do we read Sacred Scripture and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ?” There are many reasons. First, the miracles that Our Lord performed are incredibly miraculous. Again, as with many other miracles that the Lord performed, he not only removed the impediment from the deaf mute, but he instantly infused the knowledge of how to speak and hear and

understand. Think about it: the original Latin says “surdos and mutos,” “deaf and dumb.” Being mute or to use the more archaic word “dumb” is not an impediment, it is silence—being unable to speak—the man was likely born deaf and never heard how to speak at all. When our Lord healed his deafness, he also infused into his mind the knowledge required to speak—to use his tongue and vocal cords—something that normally takes a child years to learn.

We recount these events in the Gospels because they are an imitation of what those who witnessed them did. As St. Augustine said, they couldn’t contain themselves—they had to proclaim how good God is. We want to share in their praise of God by doing the same thing. We glorify God in so doing, mindful of our Lord’s words to the Pharisees as he entered Jerusalem, the people were crying out, “Hosanna in the highest!” The Lord said that if they were silent, the stones themselves would cry out (Luke 19:40).

We proclaim these miraculous events because each time we hear the Word of God, we are somehow changed, if we so desire to be. A single word, a single verse, an account of a miracle, a teaching of Our Lord, the witness of His disciples—all these things encourage us in our journey. It unites us as a people. It renews our hope and instills in us a longing to be like those who believed and lived all for Christ. No doubts, no uncertainties, but absolute faith.

Miracles abound around us to this very day, but we are not always aware of them. The Church has recorded many as part of

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Monday, - September 06, 2021

7:30 a.m.- Laura & Charles Zechin (L&D)

Tuesday, - September 07, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Jason & Jessie Zielinski (L)

Wednesday, - September 08, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Sarah Addis (L)

Thursday September 09, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Mitchell M. Rahhal (D)

Friday, - September 10, 2021

7:30 a.m.- Louis & Delores Garavaglia (D)

Saturday, -September 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. - Private Intention

Sunday, September 12, 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 September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: *"We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."* (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 11, 2021

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

Sunday, September 12, 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 09-05-21

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

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

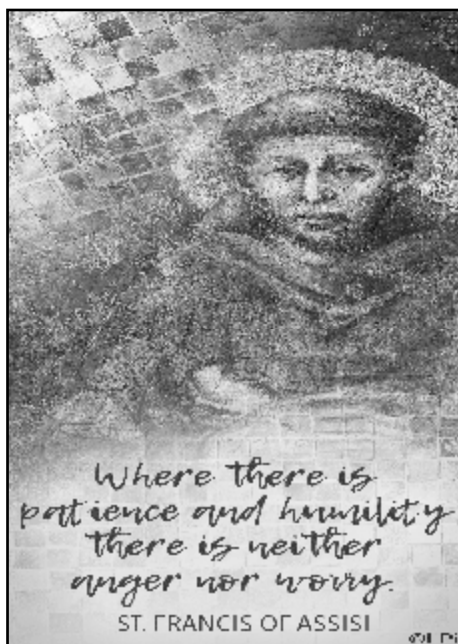
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



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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.

Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction.

—St. Romuald



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

the canonization process for many thousands of saints, but the miracles are not limited only to those documented. They can take place in our lives.

Perhaps we proclaim these miraculous accounts because we ask for the same in our lives. And the spiritual miracles—the infusing of divine grace in our souls is the longer lasting miracle. It is often the greater miracle, as well. To allow divine grace to touch one’s heart and change it so completely as to literally redirect a soul from a path to hell to a path to heaven. May the Lord accomplish in each of us a miracle this great: that we may share Eternal Life.

Parish Picnic

The Grotto Knights invite the parish to join them for the annual parish picnic next Sunday, 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 next 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.

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.

Homeschool

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

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.

Upcoming Seminar by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation

Hugh Owen will give a presentation on the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation, how Catholics should evaluate the molecules-to-man evolutionary hypothesis, and how the answers to these questions relate to the culture of death and the current crisis of faith and morals. When: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday Sep 22, 2021. Where: Assumption Grotto school gym. Knights will provide beverages and snacks. Please contact kolbetalk@assumptiongrotto.com for more information. *“May the work of the Kolbe Center be widespread and help to free the people of our days from the greatest myth of modern times”* - Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan

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

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. For more information, please call Joe Monte at 313-331-4728.



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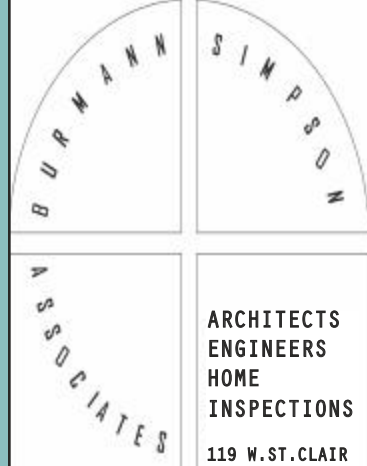
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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

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