



*Assumption Grotto  
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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

September 12, 2021



*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Shrine - 1881 -*

### A Vicarious Descant

Today's Gospel in the Latin Mass is the account of the man with dropsy. It is not uncommon to ask an obvious question in order to point out an obvious error. Asking a question is a powerful way of teaching that goes back to the earliest use of language (eg. "And the Lord God called Adam, and said to him: Where art thou?" --Genesis 3:9). Sometimes the ones who are asked the question fall silent. Like the Apostles discussing on the way who was greatest among them (Mark 9:33). Or the parable of the man invited to the wedding banquet who did not have the proper wedding garment—he was "reduced to silence." Here, in the house of the "chief of the Pharisees" on a Sabbath, while they watched the Lord, they remained silent when the Lord asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" It was certainly a rebuke. For they knew well that the Sabbath was made for man, but instead taught the opposite.

Of the many miracles that our Lord performed, the miracle of the healing of the man with dropsy is quite unique. Dropsy is called edema today. It is a visible swelling that usually affects the legs or arms. The Gospels do not say how this man was cured or how severe his condition was. If his tissues had been visibly stretched and filled with excess fluid, were they instantly restored to normal or did the reduction of the swelling take place over time? We do not know. But what we do know, is that he was cured in front of the Pharisees and they remained silent.

I suspect that the cure was instantaneous,

but the swelling disappeared after the man left the presence of the Pharisees. As the Lord had denied the disbelievers from witnessing the restoring to life of Jairus' daughter, so, too, our Lord may have denied his enemies the witnessing of what was a most unique and remarkable miracle. They had to remain silent because they could not see whether the Lord had actually healed the man or not—he probably didn't look any different to them. They were blind to the miracle because they were blind to their visitation by the Messiah.

When we exclude ourselves from the presence of the Lord we exclude ourselves from seeing things as God intended them to be seen. But we also exclude ourselves from witnessing the spiritual miracles that do not end with death, but which last unto eternal life. Given the choice of receiving a miracle that will end at our death or one that will last unto eternal life, I suspect that we would all choose the latter.

But I also consider the many hidden possibilities of the Lord's miracles: dropsy is usually caused by other more serious illnesses or ailments. Our Lord could have healed an infirmity that the man didn't even know about which then would have subsequently led to the healing of the symptoms of it. By healing the man's heart or liver, the edema would have also disappeared. Is a miracle any less miraculous if it takes place over a period of time? There are many miracles that have been going on for centuries—the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe is

but one and even numerous Eucharistic miracles. Think of how many souls have benefited from witnessing that miracle? But there are also miracles where God allows man to participate. I think good medicine is a good example of that.

Sometimes in our prayers of petition we are asking God to fix just the symptoms and not the deeper problems. It might be because we simply don't know about the deeper problems. But our Lord may choose to answer those prayers by healing those deeper problems instead of simply taking the symptoms away. Such deeper healing can take time—just as the man with dropsy probably left the presence of the Lord healed of the infirmity and then was fully restored visibly over a miraculously short period of time. Or consider the ten lepers: they left the presence of the Lord every bit as leprous as when they first called to Him and it was only on the way to the High Priest that they were cured. Some miracles are meant to be received through patience and obedience. And patience and obedience are wonderful expressions of trust in the Lord.

How often do we petition the Lord for something very apparent and instead our Lord heals the deeper cause and it is only over time that we become aware that our prayers have been answered? We see the effects of a defect—sometimes far removed from the actual cause—and pray for healing and our Lord answers that prayer in a greater way but over a longer period of time.

When we offer prayers of petition, we should conclude those petitions with

Mass Intentions for the Week 

**Monday, - September 12, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – The Decker Family (L&D)

**Tuesday, - September 13, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Lule Hysaj (D)

**Wednesday, - September 14, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Holy Souls

**Thursday September 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Margaret Angyll (D)

**Friday, - September 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Teresa Clara Vitti (D)

**Saturday, -September 17, 2021**

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

4:00 p.m. – Private Intention

**Sunday, September 18, 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 17, 2021**

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

**Sunday, September 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 09-12-21**

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

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

*Baptism*

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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.

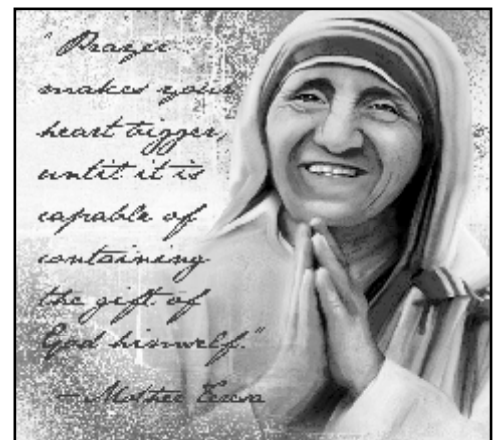
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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.



**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

thanks to God for having heard and answered our prayers—just as Blessed Solanus Casey recommended. Because whether we know it or not, or see it or not, we can be assured that our prayers were heard and good will come of them. But with this in mind, we should always precede our prayers of petition with prayers of praise, knowing that God is so good and not a moment passes where He is not aware of every one of our needs, great and small.

May we pray as we ought and through the intercession of Our Lady, may we quickly see the answer to the petitions that we make for our Church, our country and our world. May each of us be strengthened in our resolve to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

**Parish Council Meeting & August 15th Wrap up Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. The August 15th Wrap up Meeting will also take place at this time.

**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](mailto:beverly1016@aol.com).

**Sunday Social**

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

**Adult Catechism Classes**

Adult catechism classes will begin on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. in the

school. Please contact the rectory and leave your name and number if you plan to attend.

**Homeschool**

The Grotto Friday Homeschool Program begins September 24th. Please contact the rectory for more information.

**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](mailto: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*

**Marian Catechist Basic Course**

The 16-week Marian Catechist Basic Course Class will begin on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class will meet every other Saturday, or on every 3rd Saturday rotations. It is not too late to join the class. If you are interested, please call the rectory for details.

**2021 Call to Holiness Conference**

Call to Holiness Presents: Bishop Athanasius Schneider, In Defense of Catholicism. The conference will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Mirage Elegant Banquets in Clinton Township. For more information, or to register, please visit [www.calltoholiness.com](http://www.calltoholiness.com)

**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](http://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](http://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 on Saturday, **October 9th** in the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. All altar boys are asked to attend.

**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>.



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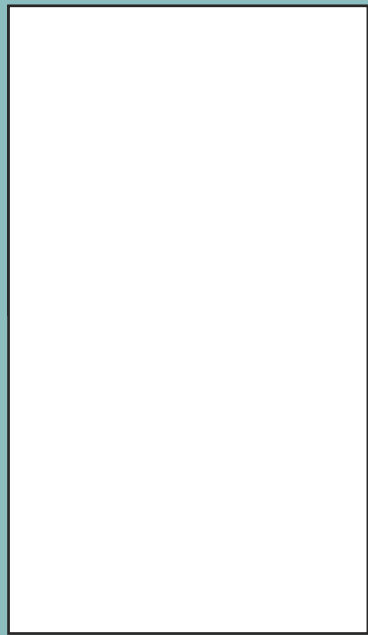
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