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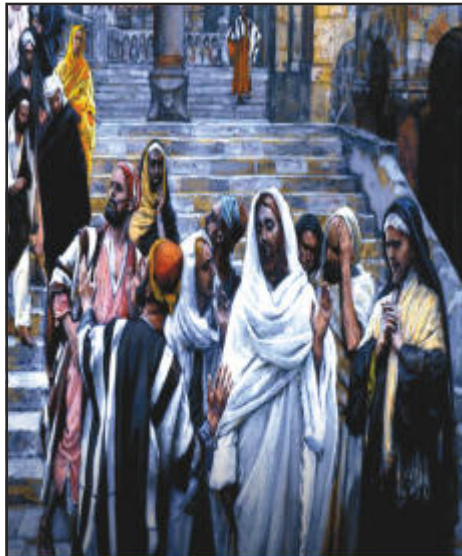
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A Vicarious Descant

When John the Apostles expressed concern about someone driving out demons in the Lord's name, the response of the Lord was to tell St. John, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:38-39). In other words, work for the Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel first rather than be concerned with what the Lord allows others to do in His Name.

We might be tempted to make the same complaint about people are not of our company either liturgically, spiritually or even socially. The answer is to be attentive to what we are called to do and don't look to stop or hinder the good that others are doing in the Lord's Name. God alone decides what deeds that are carried out in His Name will be done and what deeds will not. We must always be attentive first to the Great Commandment to love God and to love our neighbor. We should be about the work of proclaiming the Gospel and fulfilling what God has asked us to do through the guidance of the Church.

Of the Lord's words today promising that the one who gives a disciple of Christ a cup of water will surely not lose his reward, Nicholas of Lyra—a Franciscan bible scholar who was four years old when St. Thomas Aquinas died—says, "Here we may find that no one, however poor, can be excused from good works; since there is no one who is not able to give at least a cup of cold water; and we are assured that he will not lose his reward" (Haydock).



*26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

The Lord then immediately turns to those who sin. These words of admonishment to the disciples of the Lord to avoid sin are certainly among the most condemnatory and startling words describing the length to which one must go to avoid sin and hell.

The Lord first points out the greater sin—the scandalizing of another by leading another soul into sin. For this he prescribes a terrible death. The sin one commits against God is bad enough. To lead another into sin is far worse.

The Lord then teaches to what extent a disciple of His should go to avoid the horrible fate of hellfire. If anything in

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." — Mt. 9:38-41

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your life is the cause of your sin, rid yourself of it. Our Lord goes so far as to compare the very members of your own body to teach us how important it is to separate ourselves from anything that would lead us into sin. How much more so should those things that are not part of our body? Cable TV, the Internet, etc.—anything that is a cause for sin should be shunned and set aside with all haste.

In today's first reading from the Book of Numbers, Moses is overwhelmed by the complaining and unrest of the people in the desert. You would think they had been wandering in the desert for close to the forty years, actually it was second year, second month, twenty third day from when they left Egypt that they were complaining. There would be ten such complaints before the Lord would pronounce that that generation would not enter the Promised Land, but would, instead, wander for 40 years in the desert, as we read a little further in the Book of Numbers, "But as for

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - September 27, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Harold Lang (D)

Tuesday, - September 28, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Ryan Heaton (L)

Wednesday, - September 29, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Daniel Chambers (D)

Thursday September 30, 2021

7:30 a.m. – James M. Johnson Jr.

Friday, - October 01, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls
7:00 p.m. – Carmelite Retreat Mass

Saturday, -October 02, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:00 p.m. – St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, October 03, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Private Intention
9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
12:00 p.m. – Sharon Zammit (L)

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, October 02, 2021

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

Sunday, October 03, 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 09-26-21

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

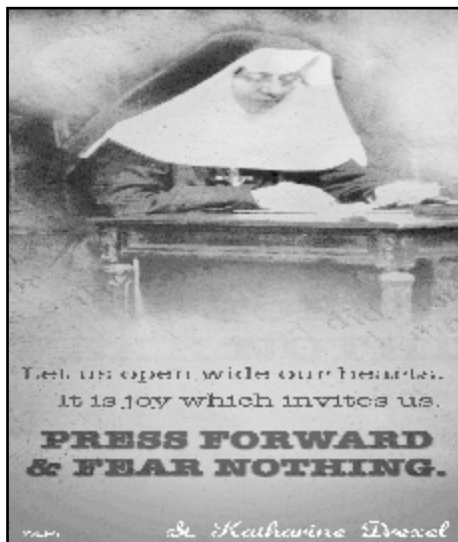
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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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.

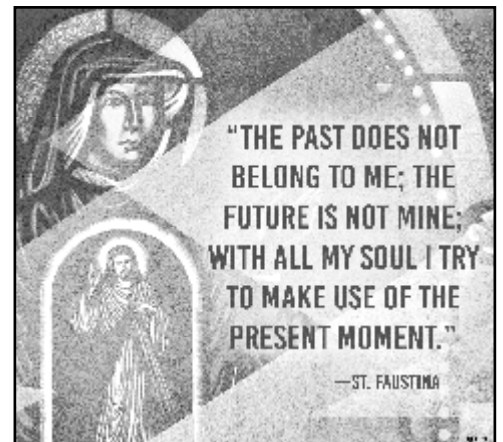
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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)

you, your bodies shall fall here in the desert, here where your children must wander for forty years, suffering for your faithlessness, till the last of you lies dead in the desert. Forty days you spent in scouting the land; forty years shall you suffer for your crimes: one year for each day. Thus you will realize what it means to oppose me” (Num 14:32-35).

One year in the desert for each day of scouting the promised land-in our minds, it doesn't seem to be very fair. But that's only because we do not realize how much sin offends God. We do not fully understand the justice of God. But even in our own legal system, a crime that might take seconds to commit, can result in a punishment lasting a lifetime, or even the death of the offender in capital punishment. The time of reparation for a crime is not equal to the time taken for the crime.

So, too, with hell. A brief lifetime of choices (about 30,000 days for a person who lives to be 82) decides whether you will be in hell or whether you will merit heaven. Time does not exist in hell. There is only forever in hell. Either you are there after you are judged, or you are not. Our Lord gives us ample warning and opportunity to gain heaven and avoid hell, but we must never forget that the path to life is narrow-and few find it. What should console us on this narrow path is that God desires to give us His grace in a great abundance and He has also given us His most holy Mother to intercede for us.

Let us receive and apply every grace offered to us by God. Let us pray for others, especially those in most need of God's mercy. Let us never despair of God's mercy and strive to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourself.

Marian Catechist Basic Course

The 16-week Marian Catechist Basic Course Class will begin on October 2nd. The class will meet every other Satur-

day, 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

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. **Training for October has been cancelled. The next training will be on Saturday, November 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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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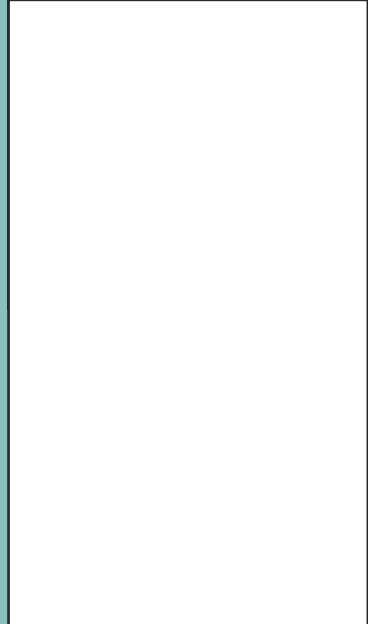
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