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ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

October 17, 2021



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A Vicarious Descant

We wish to thank His Excellency Bishop Athanasius Schneider for joining us this weekend for prayer and recollection. Please keep him in your prayers as we continue to pray for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let us also pray for the soul of Linda Carp who will be buried this Tuesday here at Grotto. She and her brother spent many years helping at the parish and praying with us. Their sister Kimberly remains in need of prayers for her healing as well.

Today's Collect at the Latin Mass reads "We beseech Thee, keep Thy household in continual godliness: that through Thy protection, it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works to the glory of Thy Name."

The servants in today's Gospel are of the household of the king. They have been given charge over the goods entrusted to them by the king.

The unforgiving servant owed, as the Latin Vulgate reads, *decem milia talénta* that is, "10,000 talents." A talent was not a uniformly fixed sum but an amount that bible scholars say was used to refer to various amounts of wealth. One common definition of one talent was the amount of money a person would earn during their entire lifetime; this is the amount that you should think of when you hear today's parable.

In the New Testament the word talent is used here and in chapter 25 in the parable of the master who gives to three servants five, two and one talent.

It is certainly clear that the unforgiving



servant is not being honest when he promises to pay back what he owes. He is already well along into one lifetime. He needs 9,999 more. The debt before God cannot be paid by man. It was paid by Jesus on the Cross. We claim a share in that redemption through the Sacraments—first, our baptism and then the forgiveness of sin in Confession and the partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion.

Do not overlook also that the unforgiving servant "found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount." *He went looking for him.* He had just been given the most incredibly generous gift by the king and he had no sooner left the presence of the king and was immediately looking to demand back a pittance from a fellow servant.

Instead of the forgiveness that the king showed the servant leading the servant to forgive, a hardened heart led him to be reminded that he was owed a small amount.

The words from the fellow servant are *identical* to his own to make sure that there is no misunderstanding about what this matter is about: "Have patience with me and I will pay you all." And the fellow servant wasn't lying as the unforgiving servant had lied to the king.

What's more sobering is that *we may be the unforgiving servant* and the only difference is where we are along the timeline of this parable.

We have all been baptized. We've all been forgiven what we could not have had forgiven in any other way. We all have offenses and trespasses against us. We have all left the Tribunal of Mercy (Confession) with our sins forgiven. We've all left the presence of the King at Mass and headed back to our daily routines. And after all that, can we possibly hold any unforgiveness in our hearts? Are we out looking for a fellow servant who owes us a pittance of what we've already been forgiven? Have we encountered a fellow servant who owes us 100 denarii—that is, 100 days of wages?

Or have we already demanded the debt and are waiting—knowingly or not—to be brought before the king to hear those terrible words of condemnation?

The unforgiving servant was handed over to the torturers "until" he should pay back the whole debt. That is a terrifying phrase meaning "eternity." You're not earning



Monday, - October 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Shirvish (D)

Tuesday, - October 19, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Jessie Zielinski (L)

11:00 a.m. - Funeral Mass for Linda Carp

Wednesday, - October 20, 2021

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

Thursday October 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Vitore Vussaj (D)

Friday, - October 22, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Aidan Logan (L)

Saturday, -October 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Nancy Lopicaolo (L)

4:00 p.m. – Charles Chase (D)

Sunday, October 24, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Betty Chase (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – David Bates (D)

Holy Father’s Intention for October:

Missionary Disciples

“We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor 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, October 23, 2021

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

Sunday, October 24, 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 10-17-21

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Requiescat in Pace

Linda Carp

October 07, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto her O lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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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.

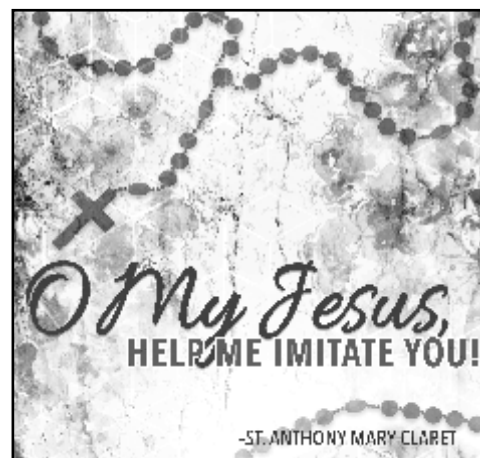
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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)

money while you are being tortured in jail. The debt is never diminished.

Six chapters earlier we read in St. Matthew the words of our Lord when He said, “A good person brings forth good out of a store of goodness, but an evil person brings forth evil out of a store of evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment, people will render an account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt 12:35-37).

Our words and works here on earth will be accounted for when we stand before the Lord. He will be then either a merciful Savior or a just Judge. Every day matters. Every angry word or even thought must be accounted for.

Each of us here can likely name offenses against us—every one of them likely unjust. But every one of them pales compared to what we have received from almighty God and continue to receive each time we ask.

“Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Let us live that forgiveness and desire to serve the Lord faithfully. Overlooking much, forgiving much, praying much. Making penances and sacrifices as we are able, all that God will receive us into His presence as He promised to those who persevere in love of God and neighbor.

Arrangements for Linda Carp

Visitation for Linda Carp will be on Tuesday, October 19th in the vestibule of the church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The funeral Mass (Tridentine) will follow at 11:00 a.m. Linda will be buried in the Assumption Grotto Cemetery following the Mass.

Sunday Social Cancellation

There will not be a social today.

St Vincent de Paul Helpers Annual Cookie Sale

The St. Vincent de Paul Helpers will be holding their annual cookie sale on November 21st and are accepting reservations for vendor tables. For more details, or to reserve a table, please contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959 or by email at jeffc616@gmail.com.

Altar Boy Training

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

All Souls Day Detroit Historic Churches Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, November 2nd, *Prayer Pilgrimages* will visit and tour Assumption Grotto Church & Cemetery, Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Holy Family Church, St. Aloysius Church, Old St. Mary's Church, & St. Joseph Shrine, opening with Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. With this pilgrimage, there is the opportunity to gain special indulgences for the poor souls in Purgatory. Deluxe motor-coach pickups from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights & Levagood Park in Dearborn with departure at 7:00 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.; St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit with departure at 9:00 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. To reserve a space in the tour, or for more information, including cost, please contact Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or visit online at www.prayerpilgrimages.com.

Downriver Focus on Life Event

The annual Focus on Life event will benefit Right to Life of Michigan and three Downriver affiliates. It will be held October 21st at Metro City Church, next to Home Depot on Eureka in Taylor. At 6:00 p.m. tours of the mobile ultrasound unit will begin. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes interviews with

representatives from three programs that support mothers, fathers, and their children: Embrace Grace, Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Foster Parenting. The keynote address titled "Embracing a Culture of Life," will be given by Kristina Karamo, who works and volunteers to help inner city mothers choose life, rather than abortion. She has served on Right to Life of Michigan's Black Leadership Committee and is currently a board member for Stanton International's Detroit affiliate. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at the Right to Life of Michigan Resource Center, 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte (734-282-6100) and at downriverfocusonlife.eventbrite.com.

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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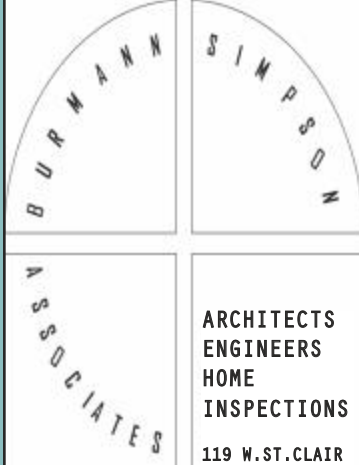
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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

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