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ASSUMPTION GROTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTO CHURCH

October 24, 2021



*Our Lady of Lourdes
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A Vicarious Descant

Today's Gospel passage takes place two days before Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

After his arrest and during His questioning before the Sanhedrin, His enemies kept trying to obtain false testimony to use against Him but found none. And when they did find those who would accuse Him falsely, their testimony did not agree. The next day they would be falsely accusing Our Lord before Pilate of teaching the people that it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Today's Gospel is an example of how premeditated their efforts to kill Jesus really were. The empty words of flattery uttered by the Pharisees and Herodians only served to amplify their malice.

Rome always exacted tribute and taxes from every nation it conquered. Taxes were no light matter. If a leader opposed the collection of taxes then he gained the favor of the people, but incurred the wrath of the Roman Empire. If a leader supported the collection of taxes by finding clever ways to make the system work for themselves (like the Herodians, tax collectors and publicans), then they gained the favor of the Roman Empire, but the contempt of the people.

Here the Pharisees and Herodians were asking Our Lord a question that they believed no matter how He answered it, one or the other party would have an accusation to make against Him. Pilate and Herod were enemies (Luke 23:12) as were the Pharisees and Herodians. The Pharisees were opposed to Roman Rule but tolerated

it until the Jewish Kingdom could be reestablished. The Herodians were in favor of Roman Rule as it served their interests and maintained the illusion that Herod was actually the "practical" messiah that was awaited by Israel. The two parties at enmity with each other now join forces out of expediency to trap Jesus.

Their malice is better understood when you realize that they were likely trying to foment the same situation that had happened earlier when we read in the Gospel according to St. Luke about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had ordered mixed with their sacrifices (Luke 13). That group of Galileans had resisted Roman rule to the point of violence and, in but one of his many public displays of brutality, Pilate had the Galileans executed as they were offering sacrifice in the temple. This would also explain why the Apostles fled when Jesus was arrested, since in previous brutal suppressions, after Pilate had arrested the leader, he then immediately rounded up anyone involved with that leader and put them to death at the same time.

In our day many well-intentioned people have a hard time believing that people can be so malicious. Yet the most superficial knowledge of the various evil situations going on around the world today and throughout history should be enough to prove that people remain quite capable of great evil.

Our Lord's answer is not just responding perfectly to a question asked in bad faith

and intended to trap the Lord, but also taking a situation with bad motives and using it to teach something good and true and lasting.

First, we learn that true disciples of Christ are to render to the legitimate temporal authority what is lawfully due to that authority. In this specific case, the Lord chose a Roman coin and asked by whose authority that coin was made. Once they answered "Caesar" then he told them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. This means that the things which belong to Caesar are different from those which belong to God and that they can be easily known.

For the better part of 245 years, the demands of the State and our obligations before God enjoyed a remarkable compatibility. The State never demanded that we worship a Caesar as a deity and the Church never demanded that we stop paying taxes until the State stopped using the money to pay for bad things. Unfortunately, in our time, our obligations to God and the demands of the State seem to be more in conflict than in harmony. The broad freedoms enjoyed by Christians over the past two and a half centuries seem to be disappearing as the State appropriates more and more of the moral law previously left to the realm of faith.

Why now? Why is the State taking such an interest in matters previously relegated to one's religious affiliation or conscience? Because nature abhors a vacuum. As faith diminishes in the hearts of many, the very life and priorities of society changes and

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - October 25, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Jerry & Deanna Mayle (25th Anniversary)

Tuesday, - October 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Melody Binkard

Wednesday, - October 27, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Charles Chase (D)

Thursday October 28, 2021

7:30 a.m. – David Bates (D)

Friday, - October 29, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Canon Michael Stein (L)

Saturday, -October 30, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Canon Adrian Sequeira (L)

4:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Sunday, October 31, 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 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 30, 2021

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

Sunday, October 31, 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 10-24-21

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6 -7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

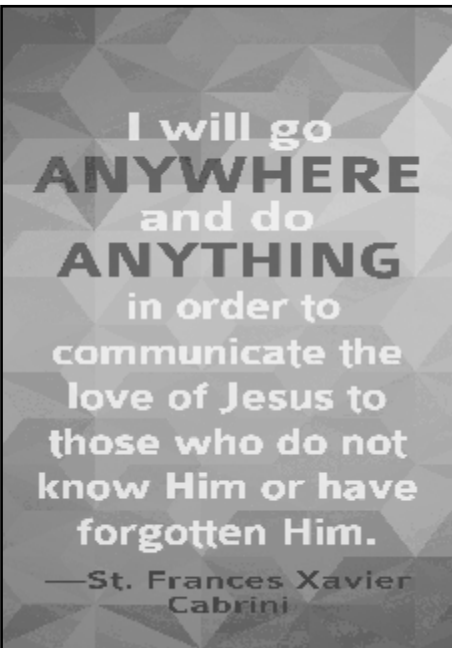
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



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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.

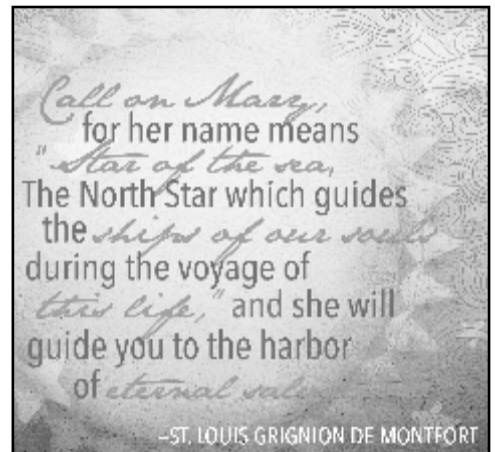
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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)

the State will step in and claim what's been abandoned.

In the face of this, the second part of Our Lord's answer must not be diminished: "render to God the things that are God's." While the demands of a Caesar can change on a daily basis in accord with the interests of the State, the demands of God never change. God Himself may recognize the rightful authority of lawful government, but that doesn't mean a particular government will recognize or respect what is due to God.

We can know what is due to the State and what is due to God by looking at the image stamped on every issue. Is it of man or is it of God?

The State creates a currency and laws and infrastructure for the good of the people. It has a right to administer what it lawfully establishes. God has established the moral law and natural law (not to mention the Laws of Nature) and made man in His image and likeness. He established the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church for His glory and the salvation of souls.

We must set about the work of proclaiming the Gospel and calling our society back to the only Answer to all that ails mankind: Jesus Christ. We must work to reclaim what has been abandoned and fill the vacuum in the hearts of so many with the fullness of the Faith. Even though the enemies of Christ seem to be banding together and pressing their advantage, God is still in control. Even though so many situations seem to be lose-lose, we must still look at the image of Jesus on the Cross and know that the victory has been won.

Let us constantly call upon our Blessed Mother for her intercession in everything we do. Let us call upon the Holy Angels and ask for their assistance as we labor in the vineyard of the Lord. Let us not forget that the Lord told us "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). Perhaps we should

go beyond that and not just ask but beg; not just seek but leave no stone unturned; and not just knock but pound with great urgency.

All Saints Day

There will be two Masses on Monday, November 1: 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM (both Tridentine). Although All Saints is usually a holy day of obligation, it is not this year, as it falls on a Monday.

All Souls Day

Masses for Tuesday, November 2, All Souls Day, will be as follows: 6:00 AM; 7:30 AM; & 7:00 PM. All Masses will be Tridentine.

Sunday Social Cancellation

There will not be a social on October 24.

Benefit Dinner

Suzanne Fisher and Debbie Bloomfield will be hosting a Benefit Dinner for Saint Luke Productions, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Park Place (23400 Park Street, Dearborn). The benefit will begin at 6:00 PM with an exclusive VIP Reception and Dinner: Meet Leonardo Defilippis, includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and dinner (served at 7:00 PM); at 8:00 PM see Leonardo's vision and clips of the movies. Tickets are required. RSVP: SLPbenefitdinner.eventbrite.com

St Vincent de Paul Helpers Annual Cookie Sale

The St. Vincent de Paul Helpers will be holding their annual cookie sale on November 21 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 Sat-**

urday, November 13 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

All Souls Day Detroit Historic Churches Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, November 2, *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 AM. With this pilgrimage, there is the opportunity to gain special indulgences for the poor souls in Purgatory. Deluxe motorcoach pickups from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights & Levagood Park in Dearborn with departure at 7:00 AM and return at 5:30 PM; St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit with departure at 9:00 AM and return at 5:30 PM. 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.

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 June 11. The renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place after Mass 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 info 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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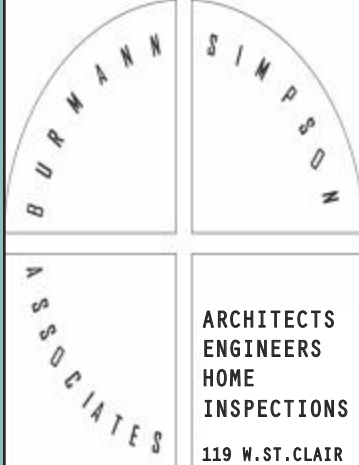
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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

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