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A Vicarious Descent

St. Paul's letter to the Colossians and the Gospel present two contrasting views of the Church. One—as God intended, and one as human weakness and sin have injured. One of teaching and admonishing its members in “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,” and the other of insidious weeds sown among the wheat. The Bible commentators point out that “It is a diabolical act to mix error with truth” and that the parable of the weeds among the wheat makes three points: “That the Church of God on earth consists of both good and bad, that God is not the author of evil, and that God does not always punish the wicked on the spot, but patiently bears with them” (Haydock).

The tare is a weed that in its early growth is virtually identical in appearance and almost indistinguishable from wheat. Mature wheat has large clusters of fruit, while the tares produce tiny imitations of wheat stalks which not only have no nutritional value, but in fact, are actually poisonous and must be sifted out at harvest time. They are, fortunately, easily separated with a sieve. The false fruit of the poisonous tares fall through the sieve and the larger wheat hulls remain.

Thus, the tare is not just a parasitic plant that robs the soil of nutrients which would otherwise nourish the wheat, but the false fruit of the tare is also poisonous. The tare, or cockle, or darnel is a surprising plant. The proper Latin name of the plant is *Lolium temulentum*—which means “the grass of drunkenness”—on account of the



effect on a person of the toxic fungus that lives in the small seeds of the plant.

First, the weed actually thrives not just anywhere, but specifically in wheat fields. The roots of the tare seek out the roots of the wheat plant and intertwine with them to make it impossible to pull them up without also completely uprooting the wheat. Second, once it is in the soil, it returns year after year and the only way to control it is to pull up both wheat and weed at harvest time, separate the wheat plant from the weed and burn the weeds—just as the master of the field instructed the laborers. Thirdly, the tare can only be clearly seen when the plants reach maturity and the grain appears. The fruit of the wheat plant is a healthy grain called for millennia “the

staff of life.” The fruit of the tare is a tiny toxic head that is not just worthless, but can be deadly. The analogy is clear here. Evil and sin thrive where they will do the most damage. Something sown by the evil one might even look good at first. It might be very prevalent. It may appear year after year essentially unchanged. It might even be difficult or impossible to get rid of it.

“Inimicus homo hoc fecit.” The enemy of man hath done this. Remember that the evil one will not waste time where there is no damage to be done, but goes directly to where the most damage can be done. The Fathers of the Church saw the tares as being those who spread evil within the Church. It is easy to point at the world and see the work of the enemy leading countless souls away from Christ. However, it is more troubling to know that the Evil One is sowing evil within the Church herself.

Error and evil may not always be evident at first. Sometimes it is known only after it has taken deep and intertwined root. The poisonous fruit of false teaching might remain unnoticed for a generation.

If there was a time to unite in prayer against the enemies not only of the Catholic Church, but society itself, it is certainly now. The attacks faced by Catholics in earlier times have far from lessened—they are not only more fierce, but also far more extensive—coming not only from cultures and ideologies, but also from within the fabric of society itself. It seems that every day brings more and greater threats to the very institutions established by God.

But there is an element of today's parable

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, November 08, 2021

7:30 a.m.— Lisa Hall (L)

Tuesday, - November 09, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Madesta Pinez (D)

Wednesday, - November 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Mary Margaret Stump (D)

Thursday November 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Veterans (L&D)

Friday, - November 12, 2021

7:30 a.m.— Amelia Lopez (D)

Saturday, -November 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Sunday, November 14, 2021

6:30 a.m. – The Pylar Family (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – Bruce Higgins & Family (L)

Holy Father’s Intention for November:

People Who Suffer from Depression

“We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.” (www.usccb.org/prayer-andworship/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, November 13, 2021

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

Sunday, November 14, 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 11-07-21

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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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.

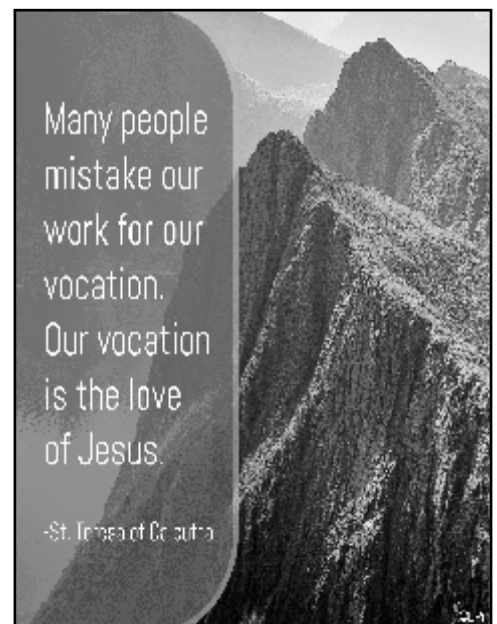
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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)

that might go unnoticed. It is that the faithful servants take the matter to their master, who tells them to be about their work and wait until the harvest. So, too for us: we must take these dangers to the Lord in prayer and be about the work of the Lord and not be discouraged or distracted by the presence of the tares around us. It is not for us to try to separate the evil from the good here, but for God to deal with it in His perfect justice. More directly, we must constantly pray for the Church and those entrusted with the authority of proclaiming the Gospel that the tares may not overwhelm the wheat and that in spite of the tares that there is an abundant harvest for the Lord at the proper time.

The Fathers of the Church also saw an important difference between the wheat and the tares: the tare was never a wheat plant nor the wheat plant ever a tare. The tare was always a poisonous weed. It had the appearance of wheat, but was from the start a weed.

That which is of God will always be good, while that which is of Satan will always be evil. This is what we call intrinsic evil—something that always and everywhere will be evil—like abortion and contraception and all the other sins that our society seems to be gradually embracing and putting into law one-by-one. Likewise with heresy within the Church—what was declared heretical in the early Church is heretical now. No amount of time will ever make heresy anything other than heresy.

Perhaps one of the most important reasons for leaving some matters in God's hands is because we don't want to fall into the error of treating a wayward soul the way we would treat an unwanted weed. God gives each person an entire lifetime to finally arrive at their heavenly destination. How are we to know that a person won't repent through God's grace and our good example? The tare, on the other hand is something intrinsically evil that may never be rooted out completely from society.

Does this mean we ignore wrongdoing? Of course not. We admonish the sinner. But it may mean that we must persevere at winning souls for Christ—especially in His Church—for as long as we can without growing weary.

Yes, there are numerous tares among the wheat. Yet God has permitted them to grow alongside the wheat. But He will separate them at the proper time. It is for us to receive the divine seed in our hearts and allow it to sprout into a life of virtue.

At the end of the Liturgical Cycle, the Church calls us to consider the “eschaton” that is the end of the world and the last things. It is not a lesson on what to fear, but more an admonition to continue our sincere efforts to repent and pray for the conversion of sinners.

Our 40 Hours Devotion begins this week. Adoration will be held Friday until 6:00 PM, Saturday until 6:00 PM and Sunday between the Masses. Please consider signing up for Adoration at an open hour or coming when you are able to spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

May God grant us abundant graces and mercy in this time that we may go about the work to which He has called each of us.

40 Hours Devotion Schedule 2021**Friday, November 12**

7:30 AM Opening Mass with Exposition, Litany and Procession

6:00 PM Benediction (no evening Mass)

Saturday, November 13

6:00 AM Exposition

7:30 AM Mass for Peace at side altar

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM English Mass (for Sunday)

6:00 PM Benediction

Sunday, November 14

6:00 AM Exposition

6:30 AM English Mass

9:30 AM Latin Novus Ordo

12:00 Noon Tridentine Latin Mass with Procession (inside church), Litany and Benediction

Sunday Social

There will be a social today. Donuts and coffee will be available.

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: [SLP-benefitdinner.eventbrite.com](https://slp-benefitdinner.eventbrite.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, December 11 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**


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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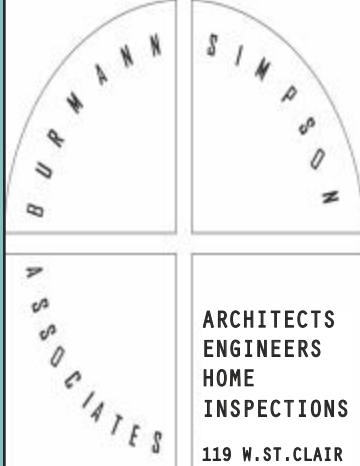
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