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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

November 14, 2021



Our Lady of Lourdes  
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### A Vocational Descant

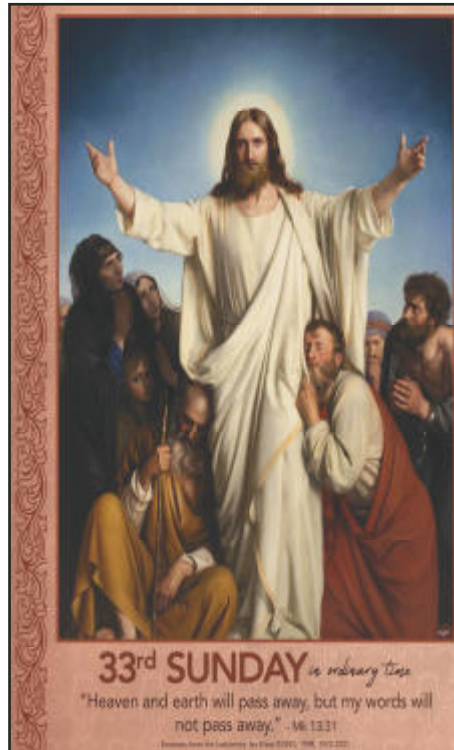
*“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you go and bear fruit that will remain.”* John 15:16

These words of our Lord addressed to the apostles are addressed to us. Probably most of us did not initially choose to be Catholic or even Christians. Rather, baptized as infants, we were, as they say, raised Catholic. On the other hand, you would not be reading this now if you had not, at one time or another, accepted the Catholic Faith.

But the fact is that whenever or wherever we were baptized, on that day we were MADE Catholic Christians. And that making of a Christian was completed and strengthened in the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

For what is a sacrament if not, first and foremost, something God does to us. The power of the sacraments is the power of God himself, the Holy Spirit living and active in the Church. In the sacraments we encounter Jesus Christ as truly as did the apostles and disciples two thousand years ago.

Now if God is the primary Actor in the Sacraments it goes without saying that no one is baptized by accident; that in the sacraments God purposely reaches out and touches us as individuals. And if God touches us we can never be the same. This is why, in those sacraments that can never be repeated the Church anoints us with Holy Oil. Oil stains. Oil on the skin is ab-



sorbed and can never be fully removed. One can never be un-baptized, un-confirmed or un-ordained.

We can reject our baptism or be excluded from the Christian community for a grave crime but we still remain Christians. A priest might, as they say, leave the priesthood or be deprived of the right to exercise his ministry because of a grave crime, but he is still a priest forever. And in both cases there is always the hope and possibility of return through confession of sins and amendment of life.

The sacrament are an objective fact. They are the gift and action of God. Our

*“And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” - Mt 13:24-27*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 82001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

role is simply to receive them with open and pure hearts and live out their consequences in our lives. *“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you go and bear fruit that will remain.”*

This gifts and call of God do not end with the sacraments that make us Christians. God also calls each of us throughout our lives. This ongoing call is our unique vocation. This unique vocation can be many faceted or fairly simple. But in every vocation the one essential element is self-sacrificing love like that of Christ himself. *“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* Luke 9: 23

For most men and women this call includes the Sacrament of Marriage when a man and a woman, surrendering their individual lives, are joined by God in a fruitful, life-fiving, unbreakable bond that reveals to the world just how close God is to us in Jesus Christ.



**Monday, November 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Pius Zammit (L)

**Tuesday, - November 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Alicia Penez (D)

**Wednesday, - November 17, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Helen Szumplawski (D)

**Thursday November 18 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Arthur Ackerman (D)

**Friday, - November 19, 2021**

7:30 a.m.– Rose Marshalek (D)

**Saturday, -November 20, 2021**

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

4:00 p.m. – Kevin Brys (D)

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Thomas Tortomose (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – Andrea Beckley (D)

**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.*

**Mass Servers**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021**

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

**Sunday, November 21, 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 11-14-21**

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

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

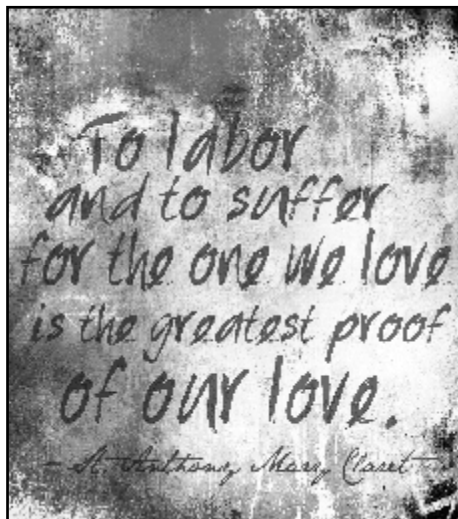
**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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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 Vocational Descant (continued)**

But some are called by God to something more radical. Some are called to witness to the world that this world, this cycle of life and death, is not all there is. This call may be to the consecrated life: that of a monk or nun separated from the world, or of a celibate brother or sister witnessing through teaching and works of mercy in the world. With Marriage all of these callings are essential to the mission and witness of the Church.

But of all the calls that God can give, the most vital to the Church is that call he gave specifically to the apostles, the call to the priesthood. Calling them to leave everything, mothers and fathers, wives and children, land and possessions to follow him. Just as marriage assures the continuation of the Church in time, so the priesthood assures the continuation of the gift of eternal life. *It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

If you are reading this and just discovering what really happened when you were baptized, just realizing that God is calling you to a particular vocation, these words of Jesus demand an open and generous heart, a total surrender, perhaps to something you never planned or even wanted, to something that might even scare you. If this is where you are and the priesthood or consecrated life is part of it:

- Spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, not just speaking to God but listening to him.
- Make a real effort to get to daily Mass.
- Go to confession regularly, and
- Start speaking with a priest you know and trust about your vocation.

If you are settled in your vocation recall the words of our Lord:

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* Matthew 9:27-28

**Sunday Social**

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

**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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**Meditation Needed to Know the Will of God**

We must apply ourselves to meditation, not for the sake of consolations, but chiefly in order to learn what is the will of God concerning us. "Speak, Lord," said Samuel to God," for thy servant heareth" (1 Kings 3:9). Lord, make me know what Thou wilt, that I may do it. *-Saint Alphonsus Liguori, "The Way of Salvation and of Perfection"*

**A Prayer for Choosing a State of Life**

O my God, Thou who art the God of wisdom and good counsel, Thou who reads in my heart a sincere desire to please Thee alone and to direct myself in regard to my choice of a state of life, in conformity with Thy holy will in all things; by the intercession of the most holy Virgin, my Mother, and of my Patron Saints, grant me the grace to know the state of life which I ought to choose, and to embrace it when known, in order that thus I may seek Thy glory and increase it, work out my own salvation and deserve the heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy holy will. Amen. *-From "Fr. Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book"*





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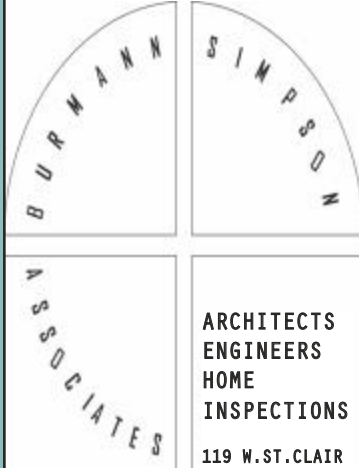
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**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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