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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

November 21, 2021



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## An Advent Descant

This Thursday is Thanksgiving, the beginning of what is known as "the Holiday Season". What would a visitor from some remote world make of this "holiday season"? Watching television and walking around town and city centers he would perhaps pick up that it is about giving gifts, a character called Santa Claus, decorating pine trees and celebrating with a bit too much food and drink. This should come as no surprise to us. The religious side of Christians has been on the margins of the holiday season a while now.

American Catholics are even more marginal. We insist on putting off Christmas until Christmas, and long after everyone else has put their decorations away, our churches are still full of poinsettias and wreaths and we're still singing Christmas carols. When we come to church during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, everything is purple, like Lent, and the readings are about things like the end of the world and repentance. Before we celebrate Christmas, we have to have Advent and, unfortunately, Advent is not part of our popular culture.

How do we observe Advent in our life of prayer, in our homes and with our families?

The Angelus is the perfect Advent prayer, along with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Some or all of the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours, together with the prayers and readings of Holy Mass, will focus our prayer on the meaning and spirit of Advent. The Book of Isaiah, the Prophet



who mystically foresaw the mysteries of the Incarnation, should be our daily reading.

Though Advent is not Lent, it does have a penitential side. Traditionally, Catholics have fasted and abstained from meat on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Advent and on Christmas Eve. Self-denial is a constitutive element of the Christian life, especially in preparation for the great feasts of the Church.

An Advent Wreath on the dinner table and the beautiful prayers associated with it is mainstay of Advent in the home. The prayers can be found easily online. Families with young children will want

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

Excerpt from the Ascension by Peter GDM, ©1961 GDM

to have one of the many beautiful Advent Calendars available in religious shops and online, opening a window every day to reveal a picture and perhaps a verse of scripture. There are dozens of beautiful hymns and carols for Advent available on YouTube and iTunes. Broaden your knowledge and love of this forgotten corner of Catholic tradition.

Hold back on putting up all the Christmas decorations right after Thanksgiving. Start with the lights outside and some greens around the house. Each day add a little more, saving the Christmas Tree for Christmas Eve and lighting it only after returning from Holy Mass. Let the stable stand empty for the first three weeks and then gradually add the figures until the Christ Child arrives at Christmas. And finally, keep the Christmas decorations up and the Christmas Carols playing for at least the Twelve Days of Christmas, culminating on 6 January, the Feast of the Epiphany. The full Christmas season is

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, November 22, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Thomas Suchy (L)

**Tuesday, - November 23, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

**Wednesday, - November 24, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Clara Rupp

**Thursday November 25, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Melody Binkard (L)

9:00 a.m. - Grotto Ushers

**Friday, - November 26, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Fr. Eduard Perrone & Fr. John Bustamante (L)

**Saturday, -November 27, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – The Deceased Family of Nancy McCauley

4:00 p.m. – Purgatorial Society Mass

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

6:30 a.m. – Barbara Tortomose

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

12:00 p.m. – Lorraine Medici (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. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).*

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, November 27, 2021**

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

**Sunday, November 28, 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 11-21-21**

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

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

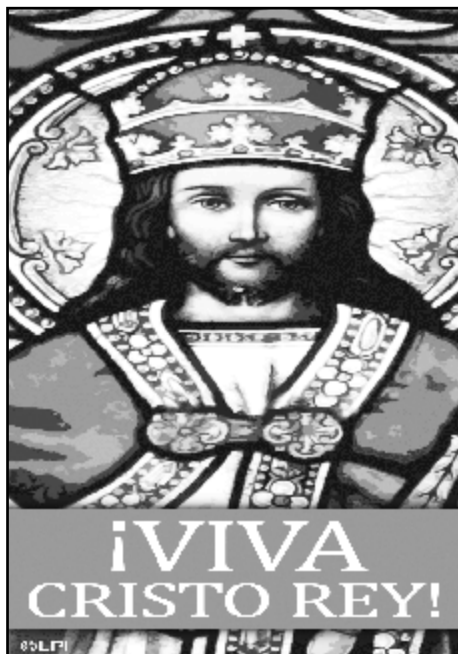
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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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.

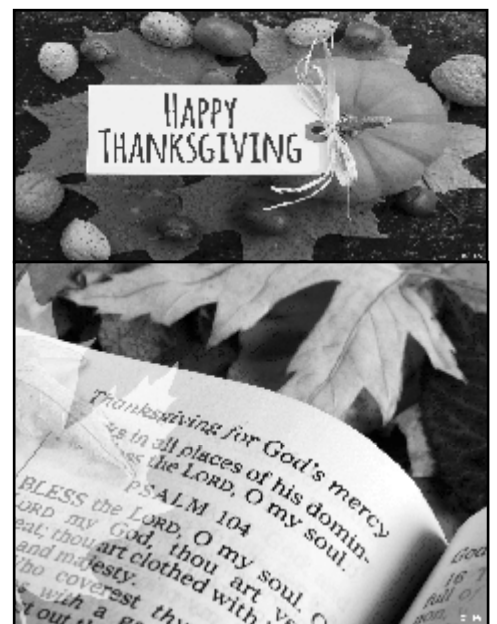
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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.



**An Advent Descant (continued)**

forty days long and concludes on 2 February with the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Catholic countries where the Crèche or Nativity Scene is the center of decoration and devotion it remains in place for the full forty days.

Observing Advent and Christmastide with the Church, at home and in the parish, transforms the Holiday Season into a time and an instrument of grace, revealing the glorious Light of Christ, born of Mary and revealed to all the world.

**The Collections for the Masses on Thanksgiving Day will go to fund the continued efforts of the St. Vincent Helpers**

**Day of Reflection, Sunday December 5. Preached by Fr. Eusebius Schwald, ORC of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross**

**Noon:** Opportunity for Holy Mass

**2:00 PM:** 1st Conference: (in the lounge) The 8 Beatitudes of Angels and Men (I)

**3:00 PM:** 2nd Conference: (in the lounge) The 8 Beatitudes of Angels and Men (II)

**Following Q/A**

**4:15 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with formal Reception of the Consecration to the Guardian Angel of those who have completed their formation.

**After the final ceremony:** Opportunity to sign up for the formation year towards the Consecration to the Guardian Angel

**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.**

**Grotto St. Vincent 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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**Morning Offering**

“O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers,

works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit (To Be Said Before Confession)**

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them, and firmly resolve to amend my life. Amen.

**Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**Act of Resolution (After Confession)**

My dear Jesus, how much I owe you! By the merits of Your precious blood I am confident that You have once again pardoned my sins. I thank You exceedingly and I hope to praise Your mercies forever in heaven. You deserve all my love; from now on I wish to love You in earnest. I promise to shun the occasions of sin, and to use this means (*here mention it*), for not falling again. But You know my weakness, O Jesus. Give me the grace to be faithful to You until death, and to have recourse to You in my temptations. Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me. You are the mother of perseverance. I place all my hope in your powerful intercession. Amen.



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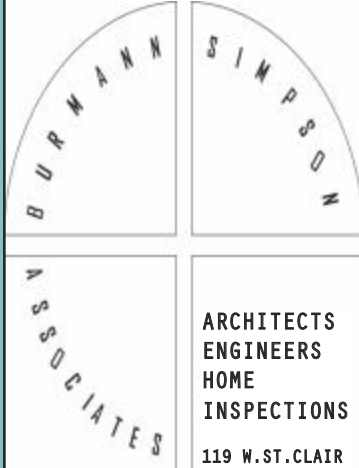
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner  
**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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