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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

January 09, 2022



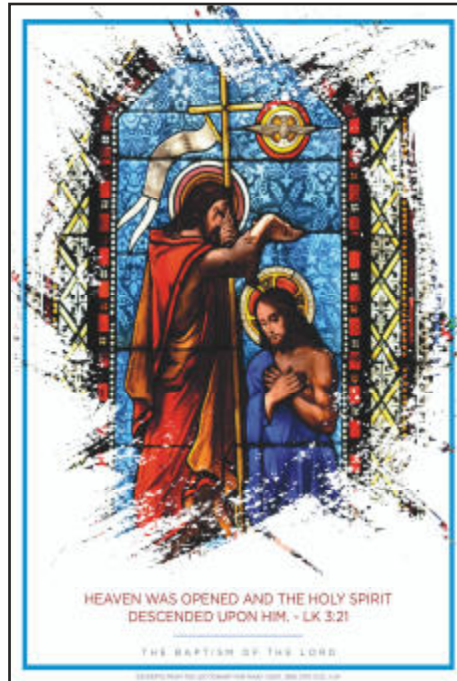
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### A Vicarious Descant

Throughout this season of Epiphany, the Church has called our attention to the manifestation of our Lord to all nations. Today we celebrate that great manifestation of our Lord in the waters of the Jordan when he was baptized by John and the heavens opened, the Spirit descended upon him and a voice came from the heavens saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” These same words would be spoken from the heavens at the Transfiguration, as recorded in chapter 17 of Matthew. The Transfiguration was again the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah and God: the Messiah awaited by the Jews and the God now being revealed to the Gentiles.

The Fathers of the Church saw the symbolism of the Incarnation in St. John the Baptist’s words about being unworthy to even loosen the straps of Jesus’ sandals. Sandals in that day were made out of leather, that is, dead animal skins. Mankind was dead in sin, and yet Christ came and assumed our dead humanity as one would put on a sandal made from the skins of a dead animal.

There is another symbol here. One of the first actions God took after the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, was to clothe them with the skins of animals. This required the shedding of animal blood—something that animal sacrifices commemorated from then on beginning with the sacrifice of Abel and continuing to Noah and Abraham—all in foreshadowing of the true sacrifice offered on the cross of Cal-



vary by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was clothed as Adam and Eve were clothed by God—with the skins of animals. The clothing covered over the shame of the first sin and the animal sacrifices that were commanded by God were an ongoing reminder of not only the first sin, but also a reminder of God’s intervention and mercy in providing a remedy for that sin—which itself foreshadowed something far greater—the Incarnation. John the Baptist would the last to be clothed in animal skins at God’s command—since man’s redemption was now at hand, the shame of the Original Sin was about to be removed.

The Fathers point out that the Baptist did not say he was unworthy to **remove** his

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” — Lk 3:16c

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 850M, 19M, 15W, 15C

sandals, but only **loosen** the straps—again this was understood as having a double-meaning. First, it was a symbol of the mystery of the Incarnation which the Baptist could not unlock for the priests and Levites who stood before him demanding an answer. He could not separate the mystery of the Incarnation whereby the Divine Person had assumed dead humanity by his own power as freely as a man would put on a sandal. Second, it symbolized not just the humility of John the Baptist, who was the last and greatest of the prophets of the Old Testament and represented all of them by being in the office of Elijah, but also it symbolized the fulfillment of what the prophets had foretold—that there would appear one day the Messiah whose greatness would exceed all other prophets.

The Church teaches us that with the Holy Eucharist, Baptism is one of the most direct commands of Christ to his Church—“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all



**Monday, January 10, 2022**

7:30 a.m. - Cecere Family (L&D)

**Tuesday, - January 11, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Holy Souls

**Wednesday, - January 12, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Michael & Flora D’Angelico (D)

**Thursday January 13, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – The Mayle Family Intentions (L)

**Friday, - January 14, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – The Ang Family (L)

**Saturday, -January 15, 2022**

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

4:00 p.m. - Alan Carp (D)

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

6:30 a.m. – Dolores Patterson (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – Mary Jane Sosnowski (D)

**Holy Father’s Intention for January:**

**True Human Fraternity**

*“We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.”* (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-monthly-prayer-intentions-2022.html>)

**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, January 15, 2022**

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

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

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 01-09-22**

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Requiescat in Pace**

**Gwendolyn Rosemary Reid**

**December 31, 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.

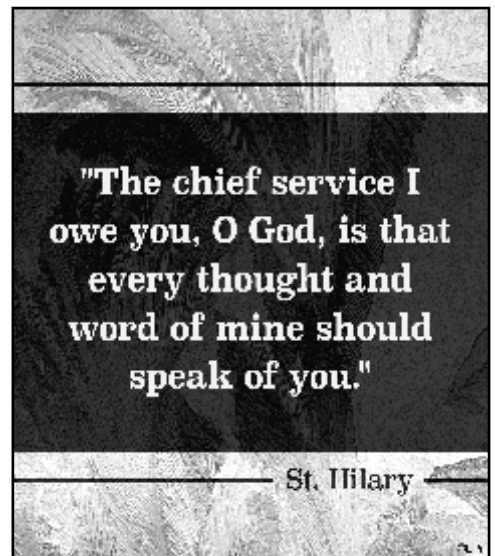
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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)**

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Church reminds us that these words of our Lord before his Ascension fulfilled the prophesy repeated during the Christmas season “They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us” (Mt 1:23).

The Compendium teaches us that since the very day of Pentecost, the Church has administered Baptism to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

Everyone who is baptized is required to make a profession of faith. This is done personally in the case of an adult baptism or by the parents and sponsors, who represent the Church in the case of infants. With this profession by parents for their child, however, comes their promise that they will instruct that child in the faith. The Church tells us that “To fulfill the true meaning of the sacrament, children must later be formed in the faith in which they have been baptized. The foundation of this formation will be the sacrament itself, which they have already received. Christian formation, which is their right, seeks to lead them gradually to learn God’s plan in Christ, so that they may ultimately accept for themselves the faith in which they have been baptized. Leaving such a matter up to a child to choose as is commonly heard today is nonsense. It is like leaving the decision of whether or not to learn the English language up to a child. A person cannot choose to follow Christ unless they have been given the opportunity to know who Jesus is, why he came and why we believe in Him.

Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a participant in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace, the grace of justification which incorporates one into

Christ and into his Church....A baptized person belongs forever to Christ. He is marked with the indelible seal of Christ, which is why it can be said: “once Catholic, always Catholic” or at the very least, “once Baptized, always baptized.”

Baptism is a preparation for the Most Holy Eucharist. Which is why at one time in the Church, the baptistries were outside the church proper, or at least in the back of the church as is ours, not in the main aisle let alone in the sanctuary. Many such meanings have been lost over the recent years often by those who never understood their importance in the first place.

Tomorrow we resume our observance of Ordinary Time—not ordinary in the sense of mundane or routine, but ordinary in the sense of “ordinal” or simply counting the weeks. This time, the weeks before our season of Lent, there are about 50 days before Ash Wednesday this year. It will go by quickly. May these weeks be weeks of grace and of renewal and the living of our baptismal promises.

**Regina Caeli Academy Open House**

We are pleased to invite you to our Open House at Regina Caeli Academy - 42259 Hayes Rd, Sterling Heights, January 24th at 1:00 p.m. RCA is a hybrid academy, serving students in grades Preschool -12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Catholic tradition. RCA provides fully accredited academic and extracurricular classes for homeschoolers. Students attend classes using the Socratic method two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days. For more information visit [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org) or call Keri Meteer, Center Coordinator of Education at 989.402.5109. We look forward to welcoming you to RCA!

**Gianna House**

Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence in Eastpointe provides critical services and housing for young mothers in the community, including education,

life-skills training, medical care, parenting classes and support and other vital resources for hundreds of young moms. We provide housing for up to one year after the baby's birth followed by assistance for a successful transition to independent living. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today at [www.giannahouse.org](http://www.giannahouse.org).

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help staff the St. Vincent de Paul office at St. Raymond’s Church. If interested, please contact the office at: 313-372-0437. The office runs Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

**Altar Boy Training**

The Next Altar Boy Training will be on Saturday, February 12 at 1PM.

**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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**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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