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January 16, 2022



Our Lady of Lourdes
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A Vicarious Descant

On this Lord's Day when the Church gives thanks to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we recall the manifestation of Our Lord through the miracle at the wedding at Cana. It is an opportune time to review some of the fundamental instructions which apply to the sacrament of Marriage.

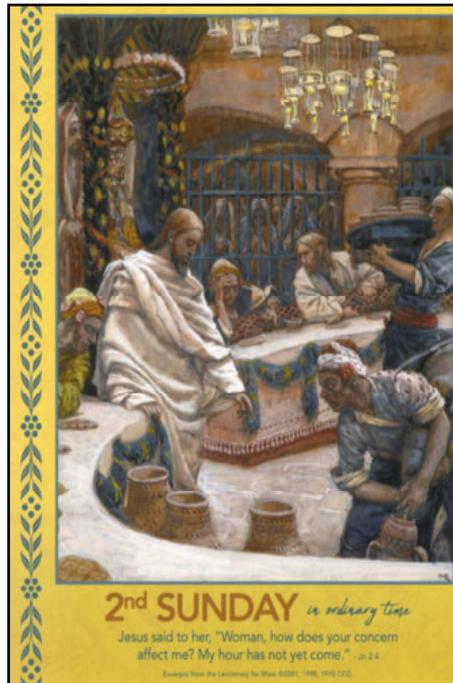
In speaking of marriage and the single state, St. Paul writes in First Corinthians, "let every one lead the life which the Lord has assigned to him, and in which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches" (1 Cor 7:17).

St. Paul does not say "let every one lead the life which he or she has chosen by his or her free will" but "the life which the Lord has assigned to him and in which God has called him."

Does this mean we are predestined to lead a married life or single life?

Not predestined, but called. And God will not call a person to the life of marriage or consecrated life without first providing the grace of discernment. This is usually not granted in an instant, but over a period of time for the benefit of the person that they might know stability in their desires and that as God has called, so will He sustain a person in that call for their entire life.

Although the Church teaches virginity as the higher calling in life, St. Paul especially reminds the married that in times of trial and tribulation, do not think that you have been led into something by mistake, but believe that since the gift of your state in



life is not of man, but of God, and since it is of God, then God is already providing the grace necessary to overcome these times of testing and difficulty no matter how great or small.

Are there any Christians who don't believe there is a war underway against marriage and family? And if that war was hidden and tactical in the early 20th century, it is open and global in its scale today. It has many fronts. One of the least discussed, least considered, least understood and therefore least defended fronts is the psychological warfare that is directed at young people. It leverages media and education, immaturity and inexperience, all to its advantage—sowing perceptions and misunderstandings, fears and uncertainty all

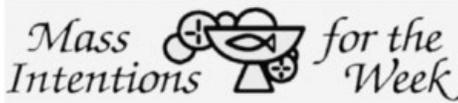
at key stages of development and all for the purpose of diminishing and even destroying the desire to even consider marriage and family, let alone choose it and live it faithfully.

Modern music, video, movies, sitcoms, evening news, popular children's books especially the ones issued as a series, textbooks, school activities, theater, sports, corporate sponsorships, judicial rulings, legislation, secular youth organizations—take your pick. You will find an effective message that often diminishes the beauty and grace of motherhood and the honor and dedication of fatherhood.

The word "matrimony" has long been the more proper term for marriage in the Catholic Church. It comes from two Latin words: *matris munus*, which means "the office or duty of a mother." But the word also means "gift of motherhood."

Matrimony is then an exclusive, covenanted, indissoluble and conjugal union of man and woman ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children. (CCT, p. 310). The word "conjugal" coming from the Latin *coniugium* meaning "to yoke or join together." Broadly speaking, matrimony

Matrimony is reserved to one man and one woman who have no impediments to entering into marriage. In our age, the impediment of consanguinity or affinity—that is being related to one another by birth or through marriage—extends to the third degree of the collateral line. Canon law allows marriage when a man or woman has reached adulthood.



Monday, January 17, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Aurelia Klemmer (L)

Tuesday, - January 18, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Lingsch Family (L)

Wednesday, - January 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Robert Adair (L)

Thursday January 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Lisa Hall (L)

Friday, - January 21, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Helpers of God’s Precious Infants

Saturday, -January 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Helpers of God’s Precious Infants

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Dolores Patterson (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – Margaret Calabrese & Family (L)

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 22, 2022

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

Sunday, January 23, 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 01-16-22

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

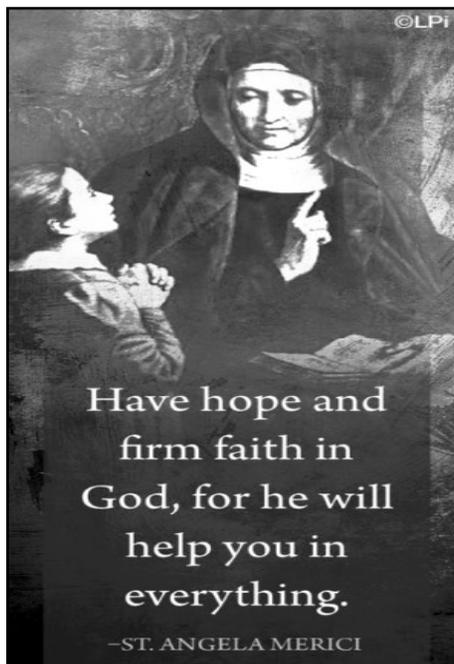
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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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.

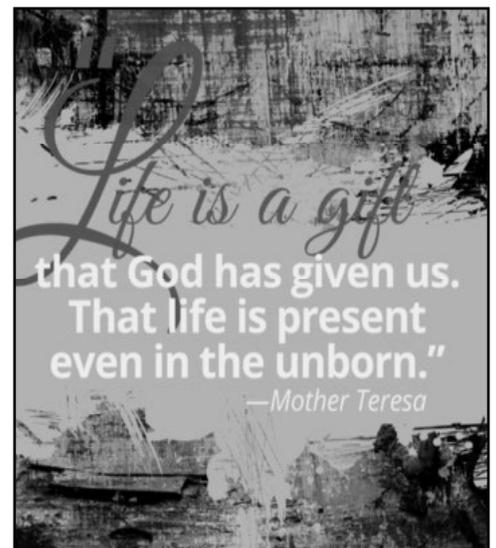
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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 Church teaches that “marriage is gifted with great and divine blessings, so much so as truly and properly to hold a place among the other Sacraments of the Catholic Church, and as its celebration was honored by the presence of our Lord Himself (at Cana)” (Catechism of the Council of Trent, Baronius, 2019, p. 309).

The Blessed Virgin Mary told her Divine Son, “They have no wine” and then turned to the servants and instructed them, “Do whatever He tells you.” Perhaps in our time we could ask our Blessed Mother to tell her Divine Son, “They have no faith. They have no hope. They have no love.” She could then turn to us and the world and say, “Do whatever He tells you” and we would be assured that whatever is lacking will be provided in abundance. Let us continue to pray for families, for those preparing for marriage, for the young people for whom marriage is far away but whose experiences will influence their understanding of it profoundly. Let us ask our Lord for the grace to make our culture a Culture of Life that values fatherhood and motherhood and families.

On Saturday we will commemorate again the scourge of scourges on our nation: Roe v. Wade. It is a day of prayer and penance. Let us never stop seeking to end this evil and avert the blows of justice that already seem to have begun.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:15 PM.

Tuesday Evening Adult Catechism

Join us for adult catechism class every Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the school lounge. Each week Fr. John walks through a lesson from the Baltimore Catechism Number Three book. Books available at the class.

Virtual Pilgrimage

The North American Lourdes Volunteers will offer a “Virtual Pilgrimage” to Lourdes at Assumption Grotto on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Friday, February 11 at 5:00 PM. There will be Holy Mass to start the day at 7:30 AM and to end the day at 7:00 PM. The morning session is for children and our Home Educators and their families. If you wish to spend the day with us, you are invited to join us starting at 12 PM for Benediction of the blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of the sick in the church. A bake sale and a potluck vegetable chili, or salad luncheon is also planned. A free will offering is appreciated. For more information, please see the flyers on the side tables in the church or contact the parish office at (313) 372-0762.

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 24 at 1:00 PM. RCA is a hybrid academy, serving students in grades Preschool-12th 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 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 inde-

pendent living. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today at 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

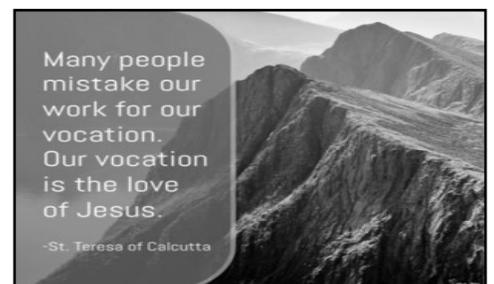
The Next Altar Boy Training will be on Saturday, February 12 at 1PM.

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

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

<http://te-deum.blogspot.com>



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