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April 10, 2022



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A Vicarious Descant

It can be difficult to get a sense of the time and place of events in the Bible, especially the Old Testament. You might not know this, but the prophets Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel and Daniel were all contemporaries of one another. In fact, all four were alive but living in different places at the time of the first Babylonian exile around the year 605 B.C. We read in the Book of Daniel how Habakkuk was carried by an angel to bring food to Daniel when he was cast into the lions' den.

Perhaps the most famous prophesy of the coming of the Messiah in the Old Testament is the prophesy of the 70 weeks found in the Book of Daniel, Chapter Nine. Daniel was praying to understand the meaning of the prophesy of Jeremiah found in Chapter 25 of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The Prophet Daniel wrote, "I was still occupied with my prayer, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, presenting my petition to the Lord, my God, ...when Gabriel, the one whom I had seen before in vision, came to me in rapid flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. The Archangel Gabriel said, "Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and for your holy city: then transgression will stop and sin will end, guilt will be expiated, Everlasting justice will be introduced, vision and prophecy ratified, and a "most holy" (that word in Latin is "sanctissimum") will be anointed. The prophesy goes on to divide the "seventy weeks" of years into three parts.

Over time the ancient scholars studying the words of the prophets realized that the "Seventy Weeks" actually meant "seventy weeks of years," that is, 490 years. Daniel wrote down this prophesy somewhere around the year 600 B.C.—that was 143 years before what you read in the Book of Nehemiah. So, from the time that the "utterance of the word that Jerusalem was to rebuilt until the coming of the Messiah," 490 years would elapse. The account we read in the Book of Nehemiah happens right at the beginning of those 490 years. Artaxerxes, King of Persia had given the word to rebuild Jerusalem and sent Ezra the Scribe to Jerusalem that same year. Nehemiah, Artaxerxes's administrator, followed to oversee the rebuilding. The year was 457 BC. If you add 490 years to that you arrive at the year of the Lord, Anno Domini 33—the year Our Lord entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The very week He atoned for the sins of all of mankind.

This is not an exact calculation. At that time, the Jewish year was only 360 days, and the prophesy is more detailed, but the actual fulfillment of the 70 weeks of years coincides with Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. The Pharisees would likely have known this. So would have the Chief Priests, and Scribes and Elders.

Many believe that the last so-called "Week" of this prophesy has still not been completely fulfilled, since it speaks of things that will follow the Messiah's coming. 69 of the 70 weeks have been fulfilled, but the last week of the 70

weeks of years seems to be paused—perhaps by our Blessed Mother's intercession and the prayers of the religious and those holy souls who, like Daniel, have offered much prayer and patiently endured much suffering. Whatever the reason, we can be assured it is by the Divine Mercy of God.

We learn in the Book of Nehemiah that although the exiles had returned from Babylon to Jerusalem 100 years earlier, they had lost the faith and were no longer observing the precepts of the Law. They wept as Ezra the scribe read the Law because they realized how much time had passed and how little faith remained among the people.

There are a lot of us discouraged about a similar state of affairs in our time. But we should rejoice and know that conversion and repentance must not be a one-time event, but something that we are resolved to accomplish in our lives each day by God's grace in ways great and small.

Holy Week has arrived. Holy Mother Church is calling us to be particularly attentive to repentance through prayer, fasting and almsdeeds—that is, works of mercy. Progress in the spiritual life cannot take place without progress in prayer. Although very few are able to advance through all nine stages of prayer to arrive at the "Prayer of Transforming Union," all of us are nonetheless called to holiness. St. Teresa of Avila wrote, "The highest perfection consists not in interior favors or in great raptures or in visions or in the spirit of prophecy, but in the bringing of our wills so closely into conformity with the



Monday, April 11, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Janina Wilczek (D)

Tuesday, - April 12, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Patrick Doneth (D)

Wednesday, - April 13, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Stanley Smigielski (D)

Thursday April 14, 2022

No Morning Mass

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass of The Lord’s Supper (EF)

Friday, - April 15, 2022

No Morning Mass

12:00 p.m. – Tre Ore (three hours) Services

Saturday, -April 16, 2022

No Morning Mass or 4PM Mass

8:15 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass (EF)

Sunday, April 17, 2022

6:30 a.m. – English Low Mass

9:30 a.m. - Latin Solemn Choral Mass (EF)

12:00 p.m. – English Sung Mass

Holy Father’s Intention for April:

For Health Care Workers

“We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.” (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-monthly-prayer-intentions-2022.html>)

Banns of Marriage

II Bryan Bromley & Mary Margaret Eicher, Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel

Mass Servers

Saturday, April 16, 2022

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

Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, M. Grado, I. Charrette, A. Bustamante, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. A. & W. Remski, G. & G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

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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)

will of God that, as soon as we realize He wills anything, we desire it ourselves with all our might, and take the bitter with the sweet, knowing that to be His Majesty’s will” (see *Spiritual Theology* by Jordan Aumann, pp. 316ff).

If we choose to fast this week, let us simply follow the guidelines offered by holy Mother Church: one main meal and two smaller meals to maintain our strength. Let us also be watchful for the often subtle opportunities for almsdeeds.

We need to constantly rediscover the wonders that God has accomplished for us. Not wonders that took place for ancient peoples on the other side of the planet, but wonders being accomplished by God here and now. God is accomplishing salvation before our very eyes. We need only remain watchful and faithful to Jesus. Every age has struggles and challenges. Let us remain faithful by His grace and be redeemed by His mercy. Scripture, indeed is being fulfilled in our hearing, too.

Thank You

The Assumption Grotto Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of those who helped, contributed, and patronized the Feast of the Annunciation Dinner. Because of your generosity, the Council was able to raise \$1200 towards the K of C Ultrasound Initiative. Thank you for Rising Up and Answering the Call for Life!

Holy Face Devotion at St. Basil the Great in Eastpointe

There will be an evening of devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church in Eastpointe on Monday, April 11, beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be a brief presentation followed by prayers and the Litany to the Holy Face. The evening will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. Those who attend will be able to venerate a second-class relic of the Holy Face is-

sued by the Vatican in 1855. The relic was touched to the original Veronica’s Veil, to the True Cross, and to the Holy Lance. St. Basil the Great Catholic Church is located at 22851 Lexington Avenue, Eastpointe, MI 48021 (near 9 Mile and Gratiot).

2022 Confirmation & First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at Grotto this summer. First Holy Communion will be at the 9:30 AM Mass on May 8, 2022. Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion this year, please contact the rectory.

Altar Boy Rehearsals

Rehearsal #1 for Palm Sunday: Saturday, April 9: 1-2:00 PM.

Rehearsal #2 for Holy Thursday and Good Friday: Thursday, April 14: 9-11:00 AM.

Rehearsal #3 for Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16: 1-2:00 PM.

Please contact the rectory to confirm attendance.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:15PM.

Holy Face Novena

Our Novena to the Holy Face ended on Shrove Tuesday. However, the novena may be said anytime during Lent or when there is a great need. There is such a need now for World Peace. You may wish to say it again during Holy Week starting on Wednesday, April 6th, ending on Good Friday or Holy Saturday! Please return the parish booklets after Easter.

Fridays During Lent

- 7:30 AM High Mass followed by

Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

- 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Fish Fry sponsored by the Grotto Knights of Columbus (Adults \$12.00)
- 6:00 PM Lenten Reflection in gym
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross and Confessions in church
- 7:00 PM Low Mass

Easter Novena Cards

Easter Novena cards are available at the rectory.

Tuesday Evening Adult Catechism

The Tuesday Evening Adult Catechism continues each week and is open to parishioners interested in an hour of catechesis and matters spiritual and temporal. A chapter or two from the Baltimore Catechism #3 serves as the guide for each class. Books are available at the class. Class begins each Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the school lounge.

Marian Catechist Apostolate

We are planning a new 16-week Basic Course Group to meet during the summer months. Families with teens 16 and up are invited to take the time to deeply learn their Catholic faith so they can learn good apologetics defending the faith amongst their peers or even their college professors. We plan to begin the class the end of May or June. Leave your name at the rectory and if there is enough interest, we will schedule an Introductory Meeting to discuss class parameters and order materials.

Men’s Holy League

The Men’s Holy League will resume their previous schedule of every second Saturday at 6:30 AM, after Easter. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

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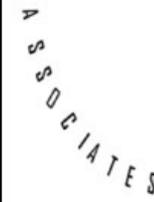
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Te Deum Laudamus!

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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