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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

June 26, 2022



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### A Vicarious Descant

This External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is called “External” because it means that the proper day of its observance has been moved to the nearest Sunday. This is also the case with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and even the External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary in October. It was not a move made “after Vatican II” but in 1885 by Pope Leo XIII who desired that as many Catholics in America participate in the Solemnity as possible.

In 1925 Pope Pius XII wrote, “The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted at a time when men were oppressed by the sad and gloomy severity of Jansenism, which had made their hearts grow cold, and shut them out from the love of God and the hope of salvation.” Honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus became a universal devotion that brought countless souls closer to Christ through his Church.

Jansenism is word that has reappeared in some controversies recently. It was originally a heresy from the 17<sup>th</sup> century that led many into a false understanding of the Sacraments and God’s mercy. It was comprised primarily of a collection of propositions regarding grace and free will that resulted in a very severe and pessimistic view of God’s justice and mercy. In a 2017 article in *First Things*, Dr. Jessica Murdoch wrote on frequent reception of Holy Communion by Catholics:

Pope Pius X, who writes: “[T]he poison of Jansenism, which had infected even the souls of the good, under the appearance of



honor and veneration due to the Eucharist, has by no means entirely disappeared.” With this in view, Pius X instructs that it is “the desire (indeed) of Jesus Christ and of the Church, that all the Faithful of Christ approach the sacred banquet daily” in order to receive strength, precisely because Holy Eucharist is not “a reward or recompense for their virtues.” Yet, this same pontiff declared: “Let frequent and daily communion ... be available to all Christians of every order or condition, so that no one, who *is in the state of grace and approaches the sacred table with a right and pious mind*, may be prevented from this.” Pius X clearly sees himself in opposition to the Jansenists, whom he calls by name, and yet he judges that in order to receive Holy Eucharist worthily, “it is enough, nevertheless, that they be free from mortal sins, with the resolution that

they will never sin in the future. Thus, the criteria governing the worthy reception of communion are freedom from mortal sin and a firm purpose of avoiding sin in the future. Nothing more, nothing less.” (“The New Jansenism,” *First Things*, February 21, 2017).

It is a good admonition for our time to both recognize our unworthiness to receive so great a Sacrament, but still fulfill the command of the Lord as given through His one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

The hagiographical reading from the Office of Readings for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was chosen from St. Bonaventure’s work, *The Tree of Life*. In a short passage, St. Bonaventure shows the unity of Christ, His Church and devotion to the Sacred Heart: “It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open His sacred side with a lance. This was done so that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death on the cross, and so that the scripture might be fulfilled: *They shall look on him whom they pierced*. The blood and water which poured out at that moment were the prices of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord’s heart as a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting.”

Each First Friday is dedicated to the Sacred Heart with Adoration and particular prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart of

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Dirieux & Garety Families (L&D)

**Tuesday, - June 28, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Laura Kuzniar (D)

**Wednesday, - June 29, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Gino Calabrese (D)

**Thursday June 30, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Walker Buszek

**Friday, - July 01, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls

7:00 p.m. – Saccaro Family (L&D)

**Saturday, -July 02, 2022**

7:30 a.m. - Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m. – St. Monica Sodality

**Sunday, July 03, 2022**

6:30 a.m. – Wyatt Chase (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – James Garety (D)

**Holy Father’s Intention for July:**

**For the Elderly**

*“We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.”*

**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, July 02, 2022**

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

**Sunday, July 03, 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 June 26, 2022**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

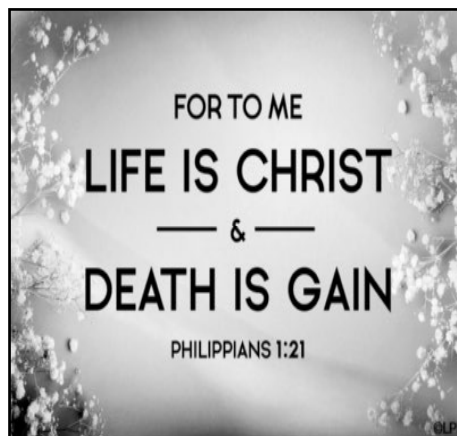
**Wednesday:** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



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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.

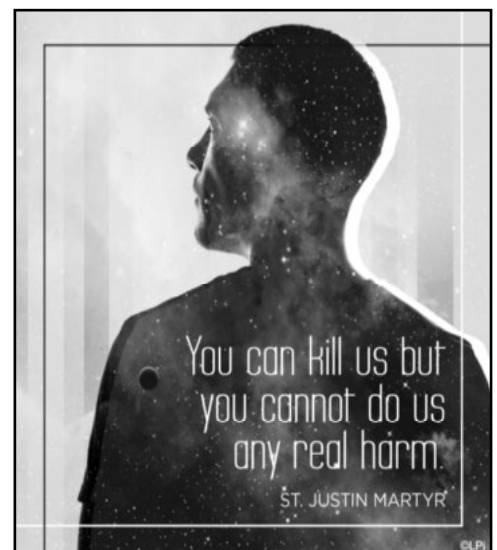
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**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**

Jesus. St. John Eudes (1602-1680) and St. Margaret Mary (1647-1690) were especially instrumental in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and each age has continued that devotion with great spiritual benefit.

Progress in the spiritual life is not made by simply being resolute in prayer and expecting measurable results according to some sort of timetable. Nor is progress in the spiritual life a matter of maximizing the return on your spiritual investment in prayer, penance and good works. God guides a soul through the "Three Ways" and the nine forms of prayer. But the first step is to turn away from sin and fervently petition the Lord to help you pray as He calls you to pray.

If you are not sure where you are spiritually and how you should pray, then begin by asking the Church those questions. You will find the answer in the spiritual writings of the saints which are constantly being recommended to us through the Magisterial documents that have been handed down to us for centuries.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is meant to help us to not only gain a deeper understanding of God's love for us, but to urge each of us to a greater love for Him. It is a wonderful day to draw close to the Heart of Jesus and draw from it many graces which will help you overcome sin, increase your love for God and neighbor and live the faithful discipleship God calls us to live.

And how important is the inseparable devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which was meant to be commemorated on the day following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to lead us to her divine Son as we honor her Immaculate Heart, the cause of our joy.

**Adoration**

Because the church is being cleaned on Mondays now, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved from Mon-

day to Tuesday. When we have enough Adorers on Monday, we will begin Adoration on Mondays in the convent. Please consider signing up for an hour of adoration between 9:00 AM and noon during the weekdays or adding your name to the substitute list who are called when there is a specific need.

**August 15th Vigil Candle Pre-Sale Order Forms**

Pre-Sale Vigil Candle order forms for the Feast of the Assumption are now available on the side tables in the church.

**New Parish Email Address**

The parish email address has changed. to [parish@assumptiongrotto.com](mailto:parish@assumptiongrotto.com).

**Gardening Volunteers**

A number of parishioners have offered to help with the weeding, planting and gardening needs around the parish. If you are interested in helping for as little as an hour or on a weekly basis, please contact the parish office.

**New Banners for Our Lady**

We need volunteers to assist in making new Banners to honor our Lady. Some of our older banners are worn and in need of replacement. This is a wonderful gift to our Blessed Mother. Banners may be made using any title from the Litany of Loretto. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the Rectory at 313-372-0762.

**Grotto St. Vincent Helpers**

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

**2022 CSA Forms**

CSA blank pledge forms are available on the side tables in church if you would like to contribute and did not receive a pledge card in the mail. All pledges and contributions should be mailed directly to the AOD CSA Processing Center.

**St. Oliver Plunkett | July 1**

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Sapienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible. © LPi



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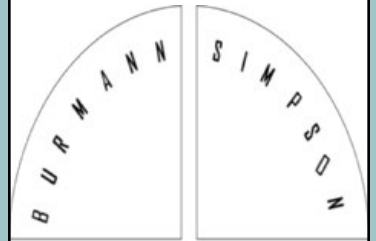
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