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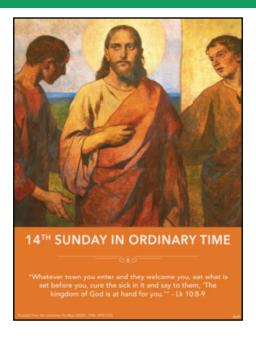
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A Vicarious Descant

ast week in the ordinary form of the △ Roman Rite we heard the Gospel of those who asked to follow the Lord but were really not ready and willing to follow. One man told our Lord, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have their dens, birds of the air have their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." Remember that our Lord spoke to those present and also to those who would hear His words in all the centuries that would follow until He comes again. Perhaps the man had a comfortable house, and our Lord was telling him directly it was a hinderance to him in spite of his petition. Imagine the difference between a home and a pile of twigs or a damp hole in the ground-and our Lord says that He does not even have the latter.

But the words are equally a call to many of us to set aside what has become comfortable and familiar whenever this is necessary to further the proclamation of the Gospel. Our prayer for vocations that we pray at each Mass reminds us of the call to young men to be willing to hear these words and the many other words of scripture whereby God speaks to their heart and calls them away from what is comfortable and successful to serve Him.

Likewise, another man asked to bury his father and the Lord responds, "Let the dead bury the dead." The Lord speaks of the spiritually dead. He is admonishing the man to serve God above all other things and to let nothing stand in the way of following Christ. Things spiritual must al-



ways be preferred to things temporal. Our devotion and dedication to Christ should be absolute and uncompromising and not hindered by those who choose not to seek the kingdom of God. But most importantly, our fidelity to God can bring about the conversion of sinners and accomplish a good that is eternal, not temporal.

To the man who asks the Lord to let him bid farewell to his family—a request that hearkens back to the call of Elisha by Elijah—the Lord replies, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These words may have been an admonition to let no concerns of family ties interfere with one's vocation. Perhaps, too, the man was thinking of the account of Elisha's call and thought that his circumstances would allow him to do

the same. The Lord certainly would have dispelled any pride on the man's part by these words.

Today is also the External Solemnity of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the entire month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Feast of the Precious Blood was established by Pope Pius IX in 1849. At that time, the pope, accompanied by one priest from the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood, had to flee Rome as the Papal States fell into the hands of the invading army. It was the French who came and drove out the invaders and restored the Pope to Rome and as head of the Papal States for a short time. Soon after his restoration, the Holy Father established the Feast dedicated to the Precious Blood which we observed until 1969, when it was removed from the new calendar. It is still observed in the Extraordinary Form.

There are many devotions to the Precious Blood of Jesus. In 2001, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued the document "Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy" which is meant to provide norms in observing the many forms of popular piety and worship in our time.

In this document there is a section on Devotion to the Precious Blood where we read, "The veneration of the Blood of Christ has passed from the Liturgy into popular piety where it has been widely diffused in numerous forms of devotional practices. Among these mention can be made of the following: The Chaplet of the



Monday, July 04, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Addis (D)

Tuesday, - July 05, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Scott Shawl (L)

Wednesday, - July 06, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Powell Family (L)

Thursday July 07, 2022

7:30 a.m. – James Garety (D)

Friday, - July 08, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Robert & Jean Reilly (L)

Saturday, -July 09, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – George Zanotti (D)

Sunday, July 10, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Kathleen Addis (D)

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 09, 2022

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

Sunday, July 10, 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 July 03, 2022

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

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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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).

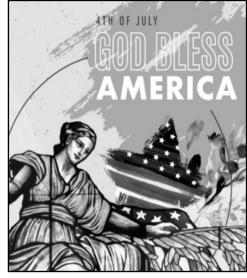
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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)

Most Precious Blood is a meditation on the seven "effusions of the Blood of Christ", implicitly or explicitly mentioned in the Gospels, are recalled in a series of biblical meditations and devotional prayers: the Blood of the Circumcision, the Blood of the Garden of Gethsemane, the Blood of the Scourging, the Blood of the Crowning of Thorns, the Blood of the Ascent to Calvary, the Blood flowing from Christ's side pierced by the lance."

Yet the greatest Devotion to the Precious Blood is to receive Holy Communion after careful preparation and true devotion. All our devotions should direct us to this greatest prayer before God: the one sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus: the spotless Lamb: the offering of the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity made to the Father for the remission of our sins.

Today's gospel ends with an admonition to avoid pride. Jesus says that he saw Satan "fall like lightning" from heaven. The angel to whom had been given such honor fell and was cast out of heaven so swiftly. The proclamation of the Gospel drives out evil from our midst and we must continually seek to further its proclamation. Yet the Lord admonishes His disciples not to take pride in the power given to them by God over Satan and his angels, but rather, to rejoice that their fidelity to the Gospel will merit salvation. Recall in Revelation the names of the apostles written on the twelve foundations of the heavenly city (Rev. 21) and the Book of Life upon which are written the names of those over whom the Beast has no authority (Rev. 13).

The Lord gives commands to the 72 and the very first command is to pray for vocations. "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Today this command is followed directly by all those in religious life and all the faithful by their prayers for vocations to

the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray for vocations in our Archdiocese and encourage our future priests to persevere in prayer and sacrifice.

May the Master of the Harvest hear our prayers and grant an abundant answer to them. Amen.

Adoration

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

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.

Fatima Devotions on July 13th

You are invited to Join us as we pray for World Peace through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima!

We will begin with a Holy Hour in the Church from 11:00 AM-12:00 noon. After Benediction, we will meet at the cemetery gate to form a procession to the Grotto with the Banners for Our Lady. We will recite the Rosary and petition Sts. Jacinta and Francesco. Please bring a bagged lunch and a salad or dish to share during our outdoor picnic. Keep the 13th of each month from June until

October open for our new parish Fatima Devotions. We'll have something different each month to present on the Fatima Message and how to help our Lady save poor sinners.

New Parish Email Address

The parish email address has changed. to **parish@assumptiongrotto.com**.

Gardening Volunteers

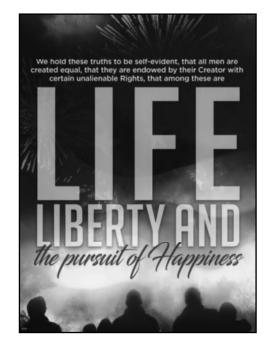
A number of parishioners have offered to help with the weeding, planting and gardening needs around the parish. If you are interested in helping for as little as an hour or on a weekly basis, please contact the parish office.

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.

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