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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

### July 10, 2022



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### A Vicarious Descent

The first reading in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite comes from the closing chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy. It is an exhortation by Moses to the people to remain faithful to what has been handed on to them as written in the previous 25 chapters. At the end of Chapter four, we read: “This is the law which Moses set before the Israelites. These are the ordinances, statutes and decrees which he proclaimed to them when they had come out of Egypt...” (Deuteronomy 4:44-45). This law is then given in chapters five through 30—nearly the whole of the Book of Deuteronomy. Following the Law is a promise of blessings for the people’s obedience and punishment for disobedience and infidelity. But after this warning is the message of mercy on those who repent. This is where we hear today’s first reading that includes a familiar pro-life admonition: “I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

The words of the scholar of the law in today’s Gospel are also found in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6. It is the “great commandment”—the *Shema Yisrael*—“Hear, O Israel, the Lord is One. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”



The Lord teaches that it is not about who has legal membership or how meticulously one can observe the Law, but rather, what is in the heart of the followers of Christ and how it is expressed in what they think, say and do.

It would seem that the scholar reveals his contempt for Samaritans indirectly by not even saying the word “Samaritan” when Jesus asked who the man’s neighbor was, so much were the Jews at enmity with the Samaritans.

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches the right understanding of our obligations to our neighbor. St. Augustine saw this parable as teaching both of corporal and spiritual things. The man who fell in with robbers, St. Augustine said, is symbolic of mankind, of Adam, who fell into sin and lost God’s protec-

tion. Man was stripped of his dignity and heavenly home and left for dead, far from the city of Jerusalem—the city of God, while Jericho was a city of poverty, of sin, and of slavery.

The Levite and Priest who passed by had nothing to offer. Symbolically, the Mosaic Law could not save man, but only refrain him from falling deeper into evil. In Romans 3:20, St. Paul says that no man is justified in God’s eyes by observing the law. The law is powerless in saving the man from the robbers, let alone rescuing him from death.

The Good Samaritan—a man held in no esteem, acquainted with infirmity, one held in contempt—the suffering servant in Isaiah—saves the man who had been robbed.

For Augustine, the oil and wine likewise symbolize the sacraments of healing—the oil of anointing—and the Holy Eucharist. Oil is a symbol of both strength and healing. We are anointed with oil at our Baptism and when we receive the Anointing of the Sick. The wine symbolizes the Eucharist for strength and healing unto Eternal Life.

The coins that the Good Samaritan took out remind us that there we are obligated to provide spiritual help, but also, in some cases, material help. It is not enough to offer best wishes, as St. James tells us, “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them,

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, July 11, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Michael Voris (L)

**Tuesday, - July 12, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Addis (D)

**Wednesday, - July 13, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Jillian M. Haid (L)

**Thursday July 14, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Sacaro Family (L&D)

**Friday, - July 15, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Kathleen Addis (D)

**Saturday, -July 16, 2022**

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

4:00 p.m. – Cardinal Burke (L)

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

6:30 a.m. – Richard & Mary Decker (D)

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

12:00 p.m. – Diriex & Garety Families (L&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 16, 2022**

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

**Sunday, July 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 July 10, 2022**

**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

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

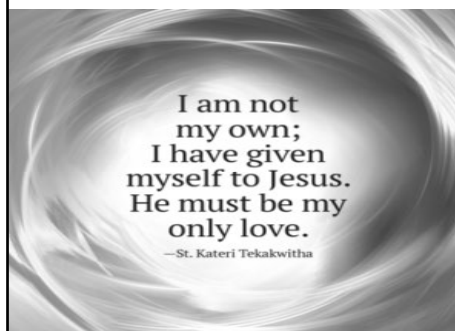
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Baptism**

**Viktor Immanuel Eli - July 2, 2022**



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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)**

"Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:14-17).

Each year the 33-day preparation for the Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary begins on July 13. Many parishioners make or renew their Consecration on August 15. This preparation is not precisely a novena, but a month of prayer that precedes the Consecration as recommended by St. Louis de Montfort in his work, *True Devotion to Mary with Preparation for Total Consecration*. The book is available in the Gift Shop and can even be downloaded for free from several websites. Although you can prepare for as long or as little as you choose, this particular Preparation for Total Consecration was given to us by a saint with a profound love for Jesus and Mary and guides you through a series of readings from sacred scripture and the spiritual classic, *The Imitation of Christ*. The book itself explains this remarkable way to best prepare for the Total Consecration saying, "St. Louis de Montfort's formula of total consecration to Jesus through Mary is not to be taken lightly. This is evidenced from the fact that the Saint himself advocates a serious preparation consisting of twelve preliminary days, in which the soul endeavors to rid itself of the spirit of the world as opposed to the spirit of Christ. This is followed by three weeks of prayer and meditation during which the soul strives to acquire a better knowledge of self (First Week), of Mary (Second Week), and of Jesus Christ (Third Week). Though this preliminary period is strongly recommended, it is obvious that the length of time devoted to such a preparation may vary according to one's personal needs and circumstances. This culminates in the final Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin that you may renew yearly or monthly, or even every day by giving all your actions to Mary. One of the most fruitful ways to carry out this consecration in your every-day

life is to say the Holy Rosary every day" (*True Devotion to Mary*).

As our patronal feast day approaches, we are always in need of volunteers to help with the many activities before, during and after August 15. Volunteers, of course, are still greatly needed for our annual celebration. If you are able to assist in any way, contact the rectory office. The used religious goods sale will also be held in the lounge on our feast day and one or two Sundays before and after. Contact Amy in the Gift Shop if you have something to donate. As has been mentioned many times, please be as involved as you are able in our patronal feast day—first and foremost in the prayers and devotions. There has been a steady group of parishioners helping year-after-year at great cost of their time, energy and resources and it is a tremendous encouragement to everyone when there are more volunteers than tasks on the list of things to do.

**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](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.

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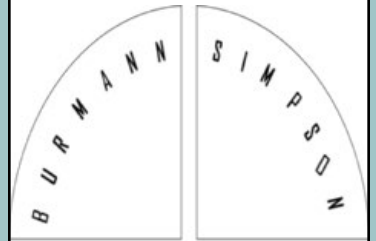
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